



www.lastchancesafaris.earth
reservations@lastchancesafaris.earth
Grant +267 76 876 920
Phil +44 798 4051 138
P.O. Box 844, Kasane, Botswana

GONAREZHOU EXPEDITION 10-21 JUNE 2022

Last Chance Safaris is excited to announce the departure of its inaugural Gonarezhou Expedition to a bastion of Rhino and Elephant conservation in Zimbabwe's Gonarezhou National Park.

A land dominated by Africa's two giants, the Elephant and the Baobab, Gonarezhou translates from the Shona language as 'horn of elephant'. A fitting name considering the efforts put in to save both Rhino and Elephant in this remote wilderness. In partnership with the Frankfurt Zoological Society, The Gonarezhou Conservation Trust manages the national park with a model that epitomises every fibre of modern conservation thinking and mirrors the ethos that drives the design of Last Chance Safaris' expeditions. Last Chance Safaris will embark on its inaugural expedition to Gonarezhou in June 2022 to search for Africa's two most celebrated pachyderms and at the same time explore one of the continent's best kept wilderness secrets. Track Black Rhino on foot; sleep out on a moonlit platform above ghostly processions of elephants; explore the enigmatic Chilojo Cliffs and discover its wild riches, and languish in the luxury of a safari camp on one of the largest private game reserves in Africa. Phil Zappala, a dedicated and enthusiastic conservation gladiator, whose safari career has taken him across central and east Africa, will lead the expedition.



GONAREZHOU EXPEDITION 10-21 JUNE 2022

Day 1

Depart from home - destination Harare, Zimbabwe.

Day 2 (June 10 – Highlands House, Harare)

On arrival at Harare's International Airport, you will be welcomed by your expedition leader Phil Zappala and be transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Highlands House (40min) for an overnight stay that combines the right mix of comfort and hospitality to shake off the cobwebs of a long overseas flight. At dinner this evening meet up with your fellow travellers and Phil for an expedition briefing over a good meal and some excellent Cape wine (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast).

Days 3,4 & 5 (June 11,12 & 13—Masassanya Camp)

After breakfast transfer back to the airport for a charter flight (2 hours) to Chipinda Pools, the entrance to Gonarezhou NP. Here you will be met by one of Zimbabwe's premier wildlife guides, Doug McDonald. Doug knows every corner of Gonarezhou and there are few individuals more qualified to guide you through this amazing wilderness than him. A gentle game drive delivers you to the shores of Masassanya Dam, the site of your first expedition camp. Small, private and completely built and run by ladies from the local community, Masassanya is adventure wrapped up in luxury. From this camp you will venture out on foot and vehicle to search for and follow the tracks of Black Rhino that have been re-introduced to Gonarezhou to seed a new and better protected population. Who knows what else you may find?



Highlands House—Harare



Safari bucket shower par excellence



Masassanya—adventure wrapped in luxury



GONAREZHOU EXPEDITION 10-21 JUNE 2022

Day 6 (14 June—Fullmoon at Bhenji Weir Platform)

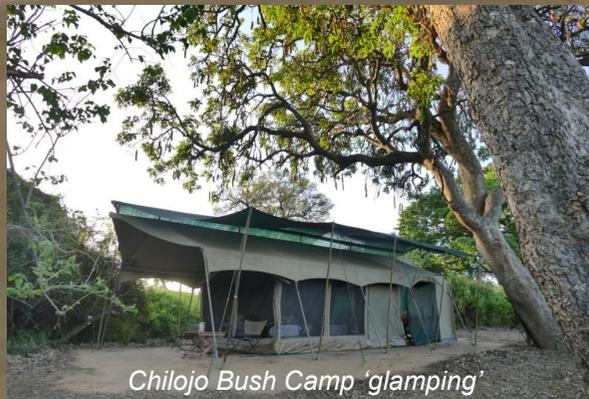
Today you will travel deeper into the national park to experience an overnight adventure that is Gonarezhou's best kept secret. Bhenji Weir is a natural water course that has been used as a source of water, food, and minerals by hundreds of generations of wildlife. To hear lions roar through this shallow gorge on a moonlit night is visceral and unforgettable. Your hosts will set up a temporary 'sleep out' on the platform that overlooks the valley and, under the silvery light of an African full moon, you can safely soak up the sounds, and sights, of this raw wilderness. The next morning explore the dry river bed on foot to see who passed by your bed in the night.

Day 7,8 & 9 (15,16 & 17 June—Chilojo Bush Camp)

For the next three nights you will lie in the shadow of Gonarezhou's towering Chilojo Cliffs at Chilojo Bush Camp. These giant sandstone bluffs plummet 200m down to the Runde River, dwarfing the planet's largest land mammal and providing a stunning backdrop to the procession of animals that slake their thirst in the cool clear waters below. The camp is a safari classic—canvas 'glamping' at its best. Hot bucket showers and soft linen are only bested by the view that each tent enjoys. Over the next three days you'll explore the varied habitats that makes the wildlife viewing of Gonarezhou so rewarding. Wild dog, lion, hyena and perhaps a secretive leopard will add their names to a long list of iconic wildlife sightings. And always there will be elephants.



Bhenji Weir Platform



Chilojo Bush Camp 'glamping'



Chilojo sundowner & dinner venue



GONAREZHOU EXPEDITION 10-21 JUNE 2022

Day 10,11 & 12 (18, 19 & 20 June)

An early morning game drive back to Chipinda Pools brings an end to the adventures within the national park. At the park entrance you will be met by an air-conditioned minibus that will whisk you off to the private Save Conservancy. This expansive private wildlife reserve is part of the massive contiguous, international conservation area known as the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park & Conservation Area that stretches across three countries and covers an area twice the size of Wales. Sango Dadiso Lodge within the reserve is a sumptuous, perhaps even decadent, finale to the expedition. Over the next three days you can revel in safari luxury, whilst enjoying some of the best 'close-up' Big Five wildlife viewing to be had anywhere in Africa. Black & White Rhino, cheetah, wildlog, lion and leopard are regularly encountered and offer up excellent photography. You may even have an opportunity to meet reknown cinematographer Kim Wolhuter, whose remarkable gift of working with the wildest of wildlife is unparalleled.

Day 13 (21 June)

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to head to the private airstrip for the chartered flight back to Harare and connection with your international flight home. *Hamba kahle*, travel safely.



Sango Dadiso Safari Camp



A Sango Dadiso Tented pavilion



The elusive Leopard



www.lastchancesafaris.earth
reservations@lastchancesafaris.earth
Grant +267 76 876 920
Phil +44 798 4051 138
P.O. Box 844, Kasane, Botswana

GONAREZHOU EXPEDITION 10-21 JUNE 2022

Max 6 sharing, Min 4 sharing, 1 single
Cost from — US\$10,700 pp sharing (US\$12,020 single)

Includes:

- All accommodations in safari camps with full en-suite facilities (bucket shower & 'bush loo');
- All activities unless otherwise specified;
- All meals unless otherwise specified;
- All refreshments, local spirits, house wines, beer & soft drinks
- All local and regional air and land transfers;
- All taxes, permits and tourism related fees;
- Emergency evacuation insurance;
- The services of Phil Zappala as safari specialist and tour leader.

Excludes:

- Visa entry fees
- Travel & medical insurance (compulsory)
- Gratuities for local guides and lodge staff
- Costs of a personal nature
- Champagne, cellar wines & imported spirits
- International flights
- Unforeseen price increases for air travel and government taxes/levies
- Covid related testing
- Day rooms in Harare on day of departure (can be arranged)

Extras:

- Walking is an integral part of the expedition. Although not overly strenuous, a reasonable level of fitness is required to enjoy tracking wildlife on foot.
- As conservation is a key message for all our expeditions, a visit to Gonarezhou Conservation Trust is arranged. Meet the rangers (two & four legged) and learn about the conservation success you are contributing towards.