

Gane & Marshall

TAILOR-MADE DESTINATIONS

Stimela Star Overnight Sleeper Train

From Victoria Falls to Hwange, Zimbabwe

This private overnight sleeper train service was launched in February 2018. On designated dates, the sleeper carriages are connected to the regular Victoria Falls to Bulawayo passenger train, offering a unique way to travel from Victoria Falls to Hwange in luxurious comfort!



Introduction

The Stimela Star allows you to travel in complete comfort and in the style of a bygone age. The overnight journey begins in Victoria Falls, and sees you awake the following morning in Hwange, ready for your safari!

The Stimela comprises two lovingly restored 1950s train carriages, each of which carries up to 12 guests in twin or single compartments, in addition to dining and lounge/bar carriages. Beautifully furnished throughout, it recalls the heyday of luxury rail travel.

This short overnight itinerary is designed to be combined with a longer itinerary taking in Victoria Falls and Hwange National Park. It is also possible to extend your classic rail experience with a journey on the Elephant Express, which offers a unique rail-based safari in the Ngamo region of Hwange National Park.

Get in touch with our travel consultants on 01822 600 600 for itinerary suggestions.

Your Financial Protection

All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

For more information see our booking terms and conditions.

Accommodation

The Stimela Star's beautifully-restored carriages date back to the 1950s. They include two sleeper carriages, where a total of 24 passengers can be accommodated in twin or single compartments, with shared facilities located at the end of each carriage.

Each cabin is cosy but with enough space for two passengers. There are electric lights and power points. Luggage can be stored under the beds or in the overhead racks. The bathroom facilities comprise a flush toilet and basin at each end of the carriage, along with a shower.

A three-course dinner and a cooked breakfast are served in the kitchen & dining car. In addition, there is a bar/lounge car where you can relax with a drink between meals. Midnight snacks are also provided.

The Stimela Star is supported by an excellent staff, including a host manager and specialist trip guide, alongside restaurant & bar staff and railway guards.



Itinerary

The Stimela departs Victoria Falls station at 7pm, with boarding from 6pm.

Upon boarding, you will be offered a welcome drink in the lounge car, after which there will be a short orientation and safety talk while your luggage is delivered to your cabin.

Once you are on your way, pre-dinner drinks and canapes will be served in the bar & lounge, followed by dinner in the dining carriage. Dinner is a three-course meal, prepared in the on-board kitchen.



Following supper, coffee and liqueurs are served in the lounge carriage, where the guides will entertain you with tales of Hwange, Victoria Falls and the wider region.

It's then time to retire to your compartment for a good night's rest. During the night the train will travel along the northern border of Hwange National Park, with the final destination being Dete, a small railway town. Arriving in the early hours, the Stimela Star will be moved into a siding at Dete Station while you continue to sleep.

After a hearty breakfast, you will be collected from Dete and transferred to your safari lodge in Hwange, or, if continuing your rail journey, to the Elephant Express, which departs from Dete.

Price Guide

The cost of this itinerary is **£375 per person** in a shared twin cabin, inclusive of dinner and breakfast; entertainment as described; soft drinks, beers, wines & local spirits while on board the train.

The Stimela Star departs on irregular dates. For the latest rates and availability, please [contact us](#).

Please note that children under 7 years of age cannot be accommodated on the Stimela Star, except by special arrangement. Full adult rates apply to children over the age of 7.