



Mlevu Rhino Camp is nestled in woodland inside the Mlevu Rhino Sanctuary, the second and latest sanctuary in Imvelo's Community Rhino Conservation Initiative (CRCI). This is communal land, partnering with the local people, with the first and only white rhino on community land in Africa today.

The camp is the base of our Voluntourism initiative. Spending a few days, a week or longer here will give you the opportunity to learn first-hand what community-based conservation means and help implement some programmes at grass roots level! You will learn about the complexities involved in balancing conservation and community needs and contribute to local efforts that support both people and wildlife!

## Participation

- Basic language course
- Session on local craft making
- Preparing traditional meals
- Join the local sewing cooperative
- Support local young men herding cattle
- Support the Community Rhino Conservation Initiative k9 unit
- Support the Cobras scouts in patrols and snare recovery
- Rhino monitoring and research
- Workshops and activities with local school children
- Games and sport with local children

## Location

Situated close by the southern border of Hwange National Park in Mlevu Rhino Sanctuary. Lodge co-ordinates are: 19 13 47.65 South / 27 27 2.35 East

### BY ROAD AND ELEPHANT EXPRESS

Three hours by road from Victoria Falls to Dete Station, then three hours on the Elephant Express railcar from Dete to Ngamo. Road transfer in 4x4 vehicle from Camelthorn crossing to Mlevu 17 km.

### BY ROAD

Six hours by road from Victoria Falls. Distances Victoria Falls – Halfway House 225 km and 40 km 4x4 through Ngamo Forest then 18km through villages.

Four and a half hours by road from Bulawayo. Distances Bulawayo – Kenmaur 170 km and 68 km 4x4 via Somgolo and Gwayi Siding to Ngamo Siding, then 15 km to Mlevu Rhino Camp.

## Experiences

- A traditional homestead visit
- Our pumping water for wildlife programme
- Game drives to observe wildlife
- Animal tracking and spoor identification
- Nature walks to explore Hwange birdlife and insect life
- Cultural insights into the lives of local people
- Stories of wildlife and people round the campfire

### BY AIR

One hour by light aircraft from Victoria Falls or Bulawayo. Bomani Airstrip – South 19 07 30.0 / East 027 27 58.1 – gravel, subject to local conditions.

Sipepa Airstrip – South 19 16 45.0 / East 027 38 54.0 – gravel, open year-round. Two hours by road transfer from Mlevu Camp.

## Accommodation

**Main tent:** 250 sq m tented structure with large dining and lounge area and two bedrooms, one with a kingsize bed and the other with twin  $\frac{3}{4}$  beds. Both bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms with shower, and overhead fans. Meals can often be enjoyed alfresco with an outdoor seating area around the campfire.

Part of the central area of the main tent can be made into a dormitory to accommodate larger groups.

**3 x Rooms:** brick under thatch rooms, one with a queen bed and two rooms with two  $\frac{3}{4}$  beds, each with ensuite bathroom with shower.

**2 x Barrel Tents:** 20 sq m tents each with two  $\frac{3}{4}$  beds, open-air bathroom ensuite.



# Activities

Mlevu Camp is ideally placed to provide practical exposure to the real-life everyday issues facing conservation and community development in rural Africa today. Daily activities will be tailor-made to meet the objectives of your program, combining theory and fun with practical hands-on hard work.

**Community Rhino Conservation Initiative (CRCI)** – Imvelo partnered with the Mlevu community to set up a rhino sanctuary on their land, the second sanctuary in the growing CRCI program. Visitors can be given an overview of the scope and vision of this award-winning and ground-breaking project, as well as an understanding of Imvelo's broader community and conservation commitments.

**The Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Scouts** – Our four white rhino are guarded 24/7 by the Cobras Community Wildlife Protection Unit, an elite team of locally-recruited men following world class paramilitary training to protect these priceless animals. Visitors can get to know the Cobras on a run at dawn or a night patrol.

**The Community** – a short drive from the lodge live the people who live with the wildlife of the national park – this resource provides endless opportunities for cross cultural engagement filled with laughter, and developing an understanding of the real issues facing the villagers in their daily lives.

**On Safari** – An integral part of the program at Mlevu, Imvelo's neighbouring safari lodges provide a resource for game drives and walks; time spent with our guides will be highly rewarding in terms of wildlife experience as well as bushcraft such as the ancient skill of tracking.

# Facilities & Amenities

Fully solar / generator powered; free Wifi service; cell phone reception.  
All rooms have ceiling or standing fans.

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