

ZIMBABWE 11. - 20. NOVEMBER 2015

On the 11th of November the trip went to Zimbabwe.



We traveled with [Star Tour Tema](#). It is a division of Star Tour and they have various themes for the trips such as round trips, safari, wine travels, hiking and similar.

Itinerary from Norway to Zimbabwe:



Parked the car with [Dalen Parkering](#).



The trip started from [Oslo Airport](#), Gardermoen. [Wikipedia](#).



It was planned to fly with Lufthansa, but they were on strike, so we were re-booked to [SAS](#). [Wikipedia](#).



The airplane was a [Boeing 737-700](#). Departure Oslo 08.55. Arrival Frankfurt 11.05.



Stopover at the airport in Frankfurt, [Frankfurt Airport](#). [Wikipedia](#). It is the largest in Europe in terms of volume of goods and the second largest in number of people.



Moreover, from Frankfurt to Johannesburg and then on to Victoria Falls, we traveled with [South African Airways](#). [Wikipedia](#).



The airplane was an [Airbus A340-600](#). Departure Frankfurt 20.45. Arrival Johannesburg 08.30.



Stopover at the airport in Johannesburg. It's called [O.R. Tambo International Airport](#). [Wikipedia](#). It is named after [Oliver Tambo](#), former leader in [African National Congress](#) (ANC), and is Africa's largest airport.



The airplane further on was an [Airbus A319](#). Departure Johannesburg 10.50 Arrival Victoria Falls 12.30.



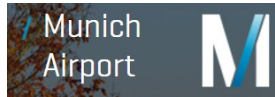
The final airport was [Victoria Falls International Airport](#). [Wikipedia](#).

Itinerary from Zimbabwe to Norway:

When we went back to Norway, it was roughly the same route.

Departure Victoria Falls 13.10. Arrival Johannesburg 14.45

Departure Johannesburg 21.15. Arrival Munchen 07:00.



Now the strike in Lufthansa was over, so we went by the original route to Munich.

[Munic Airport](#) is called [Franz Josef Strauß Airport](#). It is the second largest airport in Germany and the 7th largest in Europe.

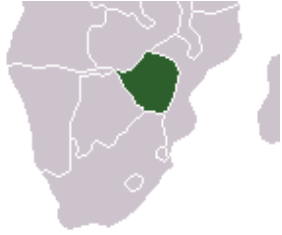
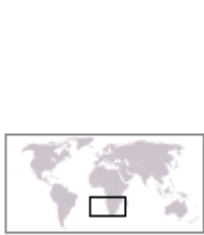


The flight was operated by [Lufthansa](#). [Wikipedia](#). It was an Airbus A319.

Departure Munchen 08.45. Arrival Oslo 11.00.

Then it was to pick up the car at Dalen Parkering and driving home to Kongsvinger.

Litt om Zimbabwe:



Location



Flag



Coat of arms

The Republic of Zimbabwe is named after [Great Zimbabwe](#), an ancient city that was the center of a large kingdom called [Kingdom of Mutapa](#). Former names was [Southern Rhodesia](#), [Rhodesia](#) and [Zimbabwe Rhodesia](#).

The earliest inhabitants of the area were [Khoisan](#) hunters and gatherers. They arrived there about 40,000 years ago. In the 1000s they were largely supplanted by [Bantu](#) tribes. The largest ethnic group in today's [Shona](#), who lives in the east. The second largest is the [Ndebele](#), who are descendants of the [Zulus](#) of South Africa. They live mainly in the western parts of the country.

From 1888 to 1923 the country was mostly ruled by [Cecil Rhodes'](#) firm, the [British South Africa Company](#).

1923 – 1953 self-governing British colony.

Southern Rhodesia, [Northern Rhodesia](#) (now called [Zambia](#)) and [Nyasaland](#) (now called [Malawi](#)) formed in 1953 the [Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland](#), also called the Central African Federation.

In 1955, the Prime Minister, [Ian Smith](#), declared Rhodesia independent. On the 18th of April 1980, this was internationally recognized.

[Robert Mugabe](#) is president today. He has been in power since 1980. He is now 91 years old.

About IMVELO:



Mark Butcher is a 5th generation British immigrant from Zimbabwe. He worked many years as a ranger in Hwange National Park where he saw the tourists just drove through the park, but not spent any money here. He wanted to do something about this, so in 1998 he invested his savings on something that everyone said would be unsuccessful; He started a company called Imvelo ("nature" in Ndebele) and built a safari lodge, Gorges, on a municipal land outside Victoria Falls National Park. He made it his policy to only employ locals. It went well, and he used the profits to build new lodges and to help locals, including improved education, schools and water supply for people and animals.

About Bomani Tented Lodge



[Bomani Tented Lodge](#) was the first place we would stay. It is just outside Hwange National Park in south-east, in an area called Sikumbi Forest Reserve. Here it is a main building and 9 tent.

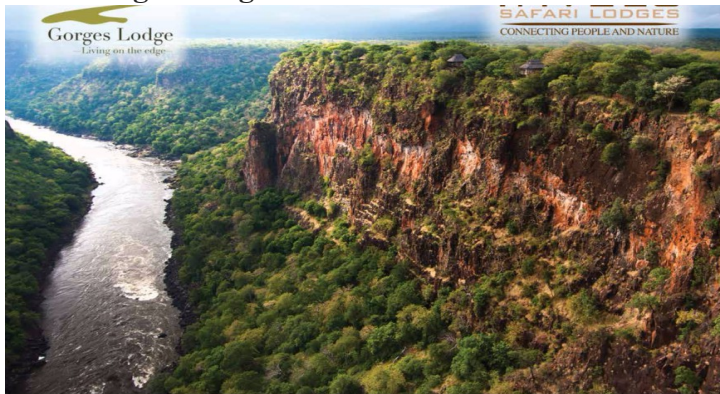


Inside the tent.



Outdoor dining area, not far from the water hole.

About Gorges Lodge



We would stay at [Gorges Lodge](#) after we had been on Bomani. It is located southeast of the Victoria Falls, on the edge of the gorge, which the Zambezi river runs through.



Inside the cabin



View from the bar.