

# EQUESTRIAN WORKING HOLIDAY N ZAMBIA

**An amazing opportunity for serious riders!** Our equestrian working holiday experience is targeted at GAP year students and adult riders looking to work with horses for an extended time, develop their riding skills and discover the culture of Zambia.

**01 JANUARY TO 31 MAY - USD 90 PER DAY**

**HANDS-ON HORSE EXPERIENCE  
AT CHUNDUKWA RIVER LODGE**

**01 JUNE TO 31 DECEMBER - USD 130 PER DAY**

**HANDS-ON HORSE EXPERIENCE  
AT CHUNDUKWA RIVER LODGE AND ZAMBIAN HORSEBACK SAFARIS**



**Enjoy our busy stables, working horses, living on a farm and partaking in the exquisite natural surroundings and beauty of the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls... right on your doorstep.**

During the first half of the year (January to the end of May) participants on our equestrian working holiday experience will be based exclusively at our beautiful Chundukwa River Lodge. The lodge is a small boutique riverside retreat on the Zambezi River 25km outside of Livingstone Town. This is where we run an active stable yard with approximately 50 horses.

Under the guidance of Doug and Fred, your time will be split between round-pen training, schooling and bush outrides, helping to gentle and condition the horses in preparation for safari season. Your days will be full and spent mostly in the saddle, immersed in the daily operations of our working yard.

**This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your horsemanship, gain hands-on experience with safari horses, and be part of a passionate, horse-loving team in the heart of Zambia.**

## **Your responsibilities will include:**

- Exercising and training horses daily
- Herding horses in and out to grazing pastures daily
- Helping with daily vet checks and basic veterinary care
- Deep cleaning of all tack and saddle blankets (weekly task)
- Supporting the overall care and upkeep of the horses and guest areas
- Bush outrides and sometimes accompanying guest riders on trails

## **Criteria**

- Mature riders who want to develop their horsemanship skills
- Must enjoy their own company and be self-motivated.
- Work and character references
- Please provide a short video showing your riding / or horse working skills
- Medical insurance with medivac added to it

**Be in touch! [reservations@chundukwa.com](mailto:reservations@chundukwa.com)**

“Time working with Chundukwa’s horses and their team is a privilege. Never have I been somewhere, where I have had such opportunities for a wide ranging, all encompassing and enhancing horsemanship experience, including invaluable learning outside of the saddle. I am blessed I was lucky enough to have been told about this place.”

SARA, APRIL 2025

DAILY ITINERARY AT CHUNDUKWA STABLES

7:00 – 7:30 AM

- Morning feed
- Veterinary checks
- Groom horses
- First ride of the day

7:30 – 8:30 AM

- Exercise and train horses

8:30 – 10:00 AM

- Move horses to grazing land

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Continue horse work
- Yard duties and maintenance tasks

12:00 – 2:00 PM

- Lunch break and rest

2:00 – 3:30 PM

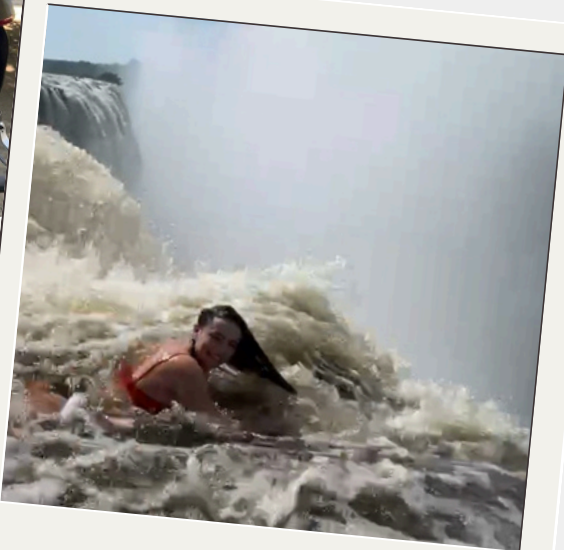
- Bring horses back from grazing
- Continue yard work

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- Afternoon horse training and rides

4:30 – 5:30 PM

- Evening feed
- Final vet checks
- Night-time stabling and preparations



“I had an amazing time at my Chundukwa working holiday. It was the perfect mix of purpose, learning, laughter and doing what i love the most everyday while in being in one of the most beautiful places in the world.”

ABI, APRIL 2025

# Accommodation & Experience Overview

Stay in a comfortable ensuite room within a shared 2-bedroom house, complete with a communal lounge and kitchen area. Depending on availability, you may be asked to share your room with one other person.

Enjoy the convenience of one main meal provided daily, plus we'll take you shopping to stock up on provisions for breakfast and dinner. Throughout your stay, tea, coffee, and mineral drinking water are freely available.

## **Included Amenities:**

- Unlimited Wi-Fi
- Housekeeping and laundry services every second day
- All riding activities on site
- Access to our meaningful community projects, including the Donkey Project, local school initiatives, and Zambezi Animal Welfare Services

You'll be working 6 days a week, with one day off to explore the wonders of Livingstone, Victoria Falls, and the surrounding areas. You will have the opportunity to visit Victoria Falls with our guide and driver for a day – explore Livingstone town and meet the locals. There's a lot to do and see in our area - and Livingstone has a thriving community, with many events and experiences on offer.

During the winter months, don't be surprised to see elephants wandering through the property - a magical and unforgettable experience!

## **What's Not Included**

Please note that the following items are not included in your stay and should be arranged at your own expense:

- All items of a personal nature
- Medical insurance, including emergency evacuation by road and air
- Airline tickets and visas required.\*
- Excursions beyond Chundukwa River Lodge - you may also want to visit Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls Town, or pop across to Chobe National Park to see the big five or do a Walking Safari in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park to see the magnificent white rhinos
- Soft drinks and any additional beverages or items not specified above

## **Visa Information**

Let us know whether you plan to stay for a month or less - or up to 3 months!

We will help advise the best way forward with regards to your entrance visa for Zambia.

# June to December: Safari Season in the Simalaha Wildlife Conservancy

From June through to December, participants are invited to join our seasonal Horse Safari Camp, located in the heart of the Simalaha Community and Wildlife Conservancy — a truly unique wilderness experience.

**This phase of the program offers a deeper immersion into bush life and the logistics of running a remote safari camp — a rare opportunity for those eager to experience the rhythm of deep and remote Africa from the saddle.**

During this period, our horse safari operations are in full swing. Participants will assist behind the scenes with camp operations and all horse-related activities.

If a safari is booked during your stay, you may ride out with guests and assist with hosting them and representing Zambian Horseback Safaris on all rides. Per each month stay, you will spend at least seven days up at camp - either on safari with guests or exercising horses when there are no guests in camp.

The remainder of your time will be spent at Chundukwa River Lodge (refer to the January to end of May notes for details of your stay at Chundukwa River Lodge)



## What to Expect at Camp

- Support duties: Assisting with horse care, stable maintenance and general camp operations while guests are present
- Shared accommodation in our guide tent - this is very basic but comfortable - complete with well-appointed shared bathroom facilities!
- Self-sufficiency: when there no guests at the camp and the chef is offsite, participants need to be comfortable preparing their own meals of which food will be provided. We have a quaint little container kitchen that will be available for use at this time.
- You'll always be accompanied by either Doug or Fred, ensuring guidance and safety throughout your stay