

ANTELOPE PARK - AT A GLANCE

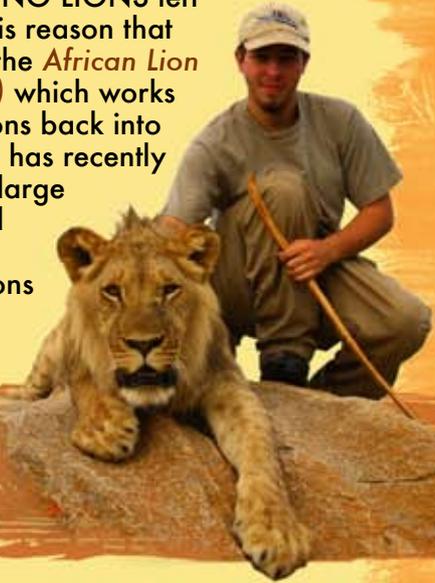


A 'special place'

Antelope Park is Zimbabwe's premier private wildlife reserve and visitors invariably agree that there is something 'very special' about the place. After all, how many places in the world can boast the selection of thrilling activities we have on offer such as walking with lions and game-viewing by elephant? Not to mention our swimming with elephants and exciting "Night Encounters" lion hunts which are both *world exclusives!* But Antelope Park is also special because it is a unique blend of tourist destination and conservation-in-action facility. There is important work being done here and this is something that many of our guests are drawn to.

It's all about the lions

At Antelope Park we are concerned about the future of the African Lion. As recently as 1975 over 200 000 lions may have roamed the African continent. In the last 30 years that figure has decreased dramatically. Estimates now put the lion population at between 23 000 and 39 000 - that's a decline of 80-90%! Incurable bovine tuberculosis will decimate the lion population of Kruger National Park by 75% in the next 20 years. It is also forecast that there will be NO LIONS left in Kenya in 20 years from now. It is for this reason that Antelope Park supports (and is home to) the *African Lion and Environmental Research Trust (ALERT)* which works to release the offspring of captive-bred lions back into the wild. As part of this program the park has recently taken a huge step forward by securing a large area adjacent to Antelope Park which will serve as a release site. This means guests will soon be able to observe a pride of lions roaming independently in their natural environment.



"The most fantastic time of my life - a dream come true! Keep doing what you are doing. Please keep trying to save our beautiful lions - the world needs them!"
- Lisa Wilson, Australia

where else in the world?

International recognition

Our work with ALERT has certainly not gone unnoticed - in fact it has become the subject of an ongoing ITV documentary series currently airing in the UK called *Lion Country*. With audiences of over 4 million viewers per week (that's more than Who Wants to be a Millionaire!) this series is doing a tremendous job of highlighting the plight of the African lion.

Recently Antelope Park has also been proudly recognized in other ways. It has been voted *One of Southern Africa's Top Ten Intriguing Destinations* while its partner and sister company, African Impact, has been nominated by the World Travel Awards for the second year running as *Africa's Leading Conservation Company*.





"Brilliant - exceptional camp-ground and facilities. Fantastic staff and unique activities. Definitely a highlight of our African Trip!" - Vicky Hawker, Australia



What can guests expect?

Situated on the banks of a beautiful waterway Antelope Park offers its guests a relaxing sanctuary far removed from the hustle and bustle. There are a variety of accommodation options to choose from, ranging from River Lodges, Island Lodges, River Tents, Family Lodges, Standard Rooms or our self-catering Hilltop Lodge. For those wishing to "rough it" and pitch a tent there are three wonderful campsites all with river views.

And then there are the activities. As mentioned guests are able to walk with lions - no collars, no leashes - just a natural, unique African experience! Or they can go game-viewing (by vehicle, horseback or elephant!) or glide gently down the river in a canoe - or go lion feeding, lion cub viewing, bush walking - the list goes on! The park is teeming with game and birdlife, making it heaven for anyone with a camera.

Looking after our guests is an absolute priority at Antelope Park - they really do mean the world to us. Most guests describe their stay as "wonderful", "relaxing", "unforgettable", "a unique experience". And the really great thing is that, during their stay, they have also been helping to ensure the survival of the African lion.

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