

Holman Fishing Group

Zambia & Seychelles

13 - 26 October 2018



...Fly fishing at Alphonse Island, Seychelles and along Zambia's Lower Zambezi River in Africa

Your journey starts with the tropical paradise of Alphonse Island, situated in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. This legendary fly fishing destination will put your right in the heart of a fishery that is renowned for its density of bonefish, Indo-Pacific Permit and the huge Giant Trevally to name a few of the 60 species that are worthy fly rod species. The professional guiding team will maximise your chances of getting into the fish each day by sharing their knowledge and passion of the area and its fish species and how best to target them.

There are few experiences as rewarding as being able to drift one of the world's largest rivers with a fly rod in hand and a back drop of true wilderness that is home to most of Africa's big game which you will next experience at Chiawa Camp in Zambia. Your main focus on the river will be to target the tiger fish. This species is well known as being pound for pound one of the best fighting fish in the world. These incredibly beautiful fish have a tendency to get airborne the second they are hooked and are a species that are a "must" for any serious fly fisherman. The bony jaws, interlocking teeth and lightning fast strike of a tiger fish makes it a formidable target and a worthy trophy for anyone who succeeds in landing one. Combining this opportunity with the chance to view Africa's big game in close proximity from the comfort of an open land-rover or from the boat as you drift the river, makes for an incredible blend of fly fishing and safari.

We trust that this encounter targeting some of the world's top fly fishing species alongside Africa's wildlife will be an unforgettable experience!

Regards,

John Holman and Essential Africa Guided Safaris

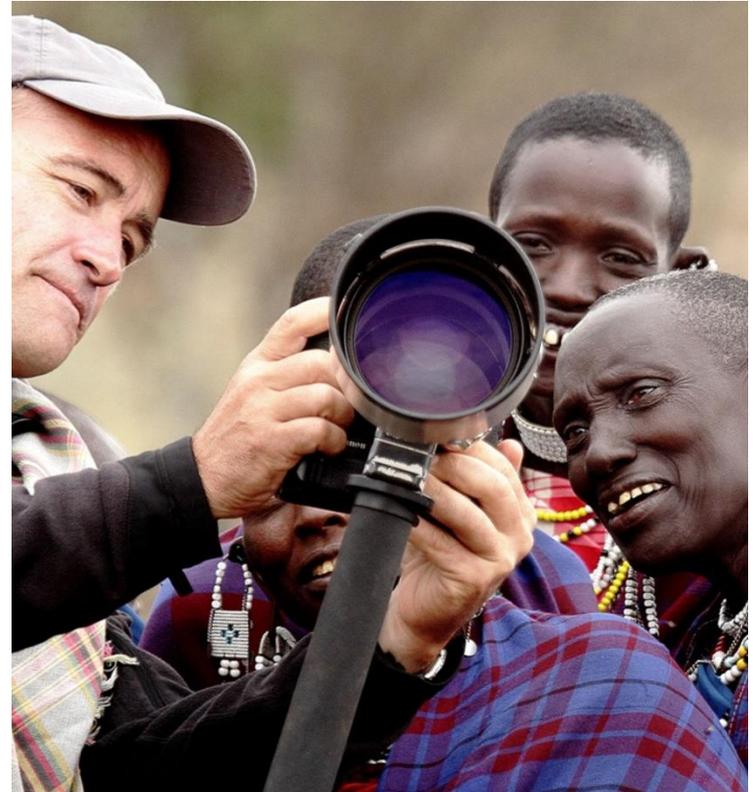


Lee Whittam

Lee was born in Zimbabwe and from an early age, spent as much time as he could in the bush. His guiding career began as soon as he left school, and from the outset he's been privileged to live and work in a number of southern Africa's most spectacular wildlife regions. After more than a decade and a half of managing and guiding at some of the best lodges in South Africa and Botswana, he realised his dream of having his own safari company, and co-founded Essential Africa back in 2009.

Between safaris, Lee is based at home in South Africa's Western Cape with his daughter Amy, giving him the perfect balance of life in the bush and time at home. He's a keen fly fisherman and wildlife photographer, with award-winning material published worldwide in magazines, newspapers and electronic media.

Lee personally guides all his trips where possible, and shares a wealth of experience and knowledge generously in his characteristically understated way. His photographic skills add another dimension to his safaris, and sharing this with his guests is one of the most rewarding aspects of life as a private guide. Lee's total involvement in every safari from the outset ensures that each one truly is a trip of a lifetime. Click [here](#) to 'meet' Lee on video.



Day	Date	Location
1	Saturday, 13 October 2018	Meet & greet on arrival at Seychelles International Airport, Mahe, Seychelles. Shared charter flight to Alphonse Island (<i>Flying time approx. 1 hour</i>)
1 – 8	13 – 20 October 2018	Alphonse Island
8	Saturday, 20 October 2018	Shared charter flight from Alphonse Island to Seychelles International Airport. Scheduled flight to OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg. Meet & assist to the InterContinental OR Tambo Hotel.
8 – 9	20 – 21 October 2018	InterContinental OR Tambo Hotel
9	Sunday, 21 October 2018	Scheduled flight from OR Tambo International Airport to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka. Meet & greet on arrival. Private charter flight to Royal Airstrip (<i>Flying time approx. 35 minutes</i>). Road and boat transfer to Chiawa Camp
9 – 14	21 – 26 October 2018	Chiawa Camp
14	Friday, 26 October 2018	Road and boat transfer to Royal Airstrip. Private charter to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka. Connect with your journey home (own arrangements)
14	Friday, 26 October 2018	End of arrangements



Saturday, 13 October 2018

Transfer:	Meet & greet on arrival at Seychelles International Airport, Mahe, Seychelles. Shared charter flight to Alphonse Island (<i>Flying time approx. 1 hour</i>)
Number of guests:	8 Guests + Host
Accommodation:	Alphonse Island
Accommodation based on:	7 Nights
Room:	4 x Beach Bungalows + host's accommodation
Dates:	Check in: 13 October 2018 Check out: 20 October 2018
Included:	Accommodation, all meals, complimentary water, tea & coffee, soft drinks during activities only, fly fishing rod and reel rental, fishing guides and skiffs non motorised and land based activities, snorkelling equipment, water sport equipment (Stand up paddle boards, kayaks, peddle boats) and an assortment of flies tied specifically for this trip.



View Alphonse Island [Website](#)

The Alphonse group of atolls is considered one of the most pristine, untouched Edens of the world, making it a nature lover's paradise. The magnificent island threesome comprising of Alphonse, St Francois and Bijoutier lies in the very heart of the Indian Ocean as part of the Seychelles outer islands. The Beach Bungalows are set amongst lush tropical plantation just metres from the beach. Located on the Eastern shoreline of the island, these Bungalows exude an understated elegance whilst offering all the comforts of home. With a layout that keeps guests' relaxation foremost in mind, the Beach Bungalows are ideally situated to make the most of the beautiful surroundings. Considered a fly-angler's paradise, the expansive flats surrounding the Alphonse atolls provide the fly-fishing experience of a lifetime. This spectacular wilderness has ten thousand acres of hard white sand flats which provide easy wading and world class sight-fishing. The Alphonse group is one of the most famed saltwater fly fishing destinations in the Indian Ocean and is one of the most prolific Bonefish fisheries in the world.



Saturday, 20 October 2018

Transfer:	Shared charter flight from Alphonse Island to Seychelles International Airport. Scheduled flight to OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg. Meet & assist to the InterContinental OR Tambo Hotel.
Number of guests:	8 Guests + Host
Accommodation:	Intercontinental Hotel
Accommodation based on:	1 Night
Rooms:	4 x Deluxe Rooms + host's accommodation
Dates:	Check in: 20 October 2018 Check out: 21 October 2018
Included:	Bed and Breakfast



Upon arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, you will be met and assisted to your hotel. Spend a night at Intercontinental OR Tambo International Airport hotel in a standard room with en-suite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast. This conveniently located hotel is situated at O.R Tambo International Airport. It is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of discerning business and leisure travelers requiring the ultimate comfort and personalized service combined with consistent world-class standards. This deluxe hotel has drawn its inspiration from the African continent capturing the culture and spirit of Africa through the use of simple shapes and symbolic artefacts. Enjoy delicious cuisine at the signature restaurant, Quills, where you will be treated to an entirely new taste sensation 'Aero African cuisine' a fusion of African concepts incorporating flavours from around the world. Other relaxation facilities include a massage facility, a fully equipped gym with steam baths, as well as an indoor heated swimming pool, which has panoramic views across the Johannesburg skyline.

View the Intercontinental [Website](#)

Sunday, 21 October 2018

Transfer:	Scheduled flight from OR Tambo International Airport to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka. Meet & greet on arrival. Private charter flight to Royal Airstrip (<i>Flying time approx. 35 minutes</i>). Road and boat transfer to Chiawa Camp
Number of guests:	8 Guests + Private Guide + Host
Accommodation:	Chiawa Camp
Accommodation based on:	5 Nights
Rooms:	4 x Superior Rooms + guide/host accommodation
Dates:	Check in: 21 October 2018 Check out: 26 October 2018
Included:	Transfers, accommodation, all meals, local drinks, laundry and activities, private vehicle, private guide, fishing guides & boats and an assortment of flies tied specifically for this trip. (The lodge offers spinning rods and tackle to guests)



On the banks of the Zambezi River, under a grove of evergreen Mahogany trees, Chiawa Camp holds the prime position in the heart of Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park. It is at this very spot where the Cumings Family first explored this area for themselves decades ago, where David Livingstone had ventured through nearly 150 years previously and through their efforts has since become one of Africa's most desirable, sought after safari destinations. A stunning thatched lounge/bar area with upstairs viewing deck provides one of the best views of the Zambezi, whilst after enjoying Chiawa's renowned cuisine on the al-fresco dining veranda, one can relax by the open camp fire with a cocktail in hand to reminisce of the day's adventures before retiring to the tents, each a sanctuary of luxury and peace to dream about what tomorrow may bring. Also available for guests' enjoyment and relaxation are two perfectly positioned game viewing hides and a plunge pool with timber sun deck overlooking the Zambezi.

View Chiawa Camp [Website](#)

Friday, 26 October 2018

Transfer: Road and boat transfer to Royal Airstrip. Private charter to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka. Connect with your journey home (own arrangements)

Number of guests: 8 Guests + Host

End of arrangements



Cost Breakdown

	Currency	Amount per guest
Price per person sharing	USD	17 700



GENERAL INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Lee Whittam & John Holman as your private guides/hosts in Zambia
- John Holman as your host in Seychelles
- Private game vehicle and boat on your safari.
- Personalized e-Book compiled by Essential Africa based on your safari.
- Meals and drinks as specified – drink inclusions may differ between camps/lodges
- Excursions and transfers as specified in the quote
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Relevant park fees and permits
- Laundry at Chiawa Camp
- Accommodation taxes, the applicable Tourism Levies and all relevant Value Added Tax (VAT) or Government Sales Tax (GST)
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS:

- Premium brand drinks at Chiawa and all alcoholic beverages at Alphonse
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Cancellation, baggage and medical insurance
- Any new Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control
- Visa fees
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry at Alphonse Island
- Airport departure taxes are applicable from manned airports in Zambia only. These taxes need to be paid in US\$ cash on departure unless included in the cost of your ticket. International departure tax is currently \$25 per person. Domestic departure tax is currently \$11 per person.
- Any items of a personal nature

PLEASE NOTE

- Services are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.
- All relevant [Terms and Conditions](#) of Essential Africa and/or any other booked services will apply to your travel arrangements.
- A 50% Deposit is required to secure your itinerary. The balance will be due 3 months prior to arrival date.
- It is required for you to have comprehensive travel, medical, cancellation, curtailment and default insurance for the duration of your trip. Due to the remote areas through which you may travel, it is vital that all guests are covered for emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances. We will not be held responsible for guest travelling without insurance.
- Travel insurance companies that we usually refer clients to are Travel Guard: <http://www.travelguard.com/whybuy/quickcompare/>. This company covers all eventualities such as medical, cancellation, natural disasters and so on. It also covers you in case we or operators go out of business in the time leading up to your safari. They will also cover your deposit and they will allow you to insure your trip as it progresses, i.e. when you pay the final balance you can then take out the full cover for that amount.
- The cancellation policy applies (as per the above Terms and Conditions) should you fail to join or start your safari/journey for any reason, including airline delays or missed connections. Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance for this purpose. You become liable for cancellation penalties immediately on confirmation of booking services.
- The above itinerary includes camps/lodges that are situated in Malaria areas. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist, and establish what precautions will be required for this.
- Airfare prices are subject to change without prior notice as well as to fare/class availability. Airfare prices may increase between the time of booking, payment and the ticket being issued.
- Essential Africa cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights or change scheduled times resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, I will re-quote accordingly.
- Passports must be valid (usually for at least 6 months after date of travel) and still have at least 3 blank visa (not endorsement) pages.
- All visa requirements must be fulfilled and these are your responsibility. If you have any queries about obtaining visas please contact us.
- Scheduled charter flights may stop at airstrips/airports en-route to your destination to collect/drop off other guests or to refuel. Guests may also be required to change planes at some of these stops. As a result of these stops, flight durations may vary.
- The itinerary is based on 2018 rates.