



AMERICAN FOUNDATION
for CHILDREN with AIDS

Vacation with a Purpose

Matopos and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

August 28 – September 5, 2027

Please join me in taking a *Vacation with a Purpose*!



This program supports the [American Foundation for Children with AIDS](#) (AFCA). It is designed to raise funds for AFCA's in-country program partners, while affording **you** the opportunity to experience the culture, food, landscape and people of Zimbabwe. Your contribution goes directly to providing life-saving anti-retroviral medication, food, livestock and seeds, training, and medical and humanitarian supplies for children affected by HIV/AIDS, by helping people help themselves.

What Will We Do?

Our team will spend most of our time at a special bush camp called Morning Star in Matopos—a gorgeous area of Zimbabwe, known for its unique rock formations, called kopjes. Matobo National Park, which we will visit, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcasing a rich cultural heritage in an area inhabited for thousands of years.

Think of Morning Star as an incubator for AFCA's Bee, Goat, Tree, Food and Sewing Projects, all of which help local families achieve self-sufficiency. The Zimbabwean couple who run Morning Star and their staff will feel like family by the end of our week!



Projects may include minor construction, electrical or plumbing work, repairing or building fences, cutting firebreaks, helping with livestock, working on gardens and greenhouses, painting, or even sewing projects. We'll find jobs for everyone!

The name of the game is FLEXIBILITY. We strive to help wherever we are needed. We'll also have time to explore the land, hike, rock climb, play games, take pictures, meditate, read, or relax blissfully off the grid.

Getting There

Our journey will begin and end in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city and principal industrial center, which is surprisingly attractive! We'll spend a couple nights here on our way to and from Matopos. We'll drive on both tarmac and unpaved roads but will have an excellent driver and be in a comfortable van. Be the lookout for giraffe on the way.

Be sure you arrive in Bulawayo no later than August 28. US citizens can purchase Zimbabwe visas online at www.evisa.gov.zw. Please check requirements if you are from another country.

Accommodation & Meals

In Bulawayo we'll stay at [Travellers Lodge](#) which offers charming décor in a tropical garden setting, a small swimming pool, free WiFi and power and water backup, all conveniently located close to shops and restaurants in town. We will have fun cooking dinner and breakfast at the start of our trip!

At Morning Star (pictured right), there are a mix of room styles including a male and female dormitory and some smaller quarters for families or married couples. Showers solar heated (so warm water unless there's no sun) will be shared and bathrooms are out-house style long-drop toilets. Basically, you'll sit like you do at home, but no flushing is required! Bring a flashlight! Meals are western-style food served family style. Purified water is always available.

Toward the end of our trip we will spend one night in Matopos National Park at the gorgeous [Matobo Hills Lodge](#) which includes White Rhino Tracking, lunch, Game Drive or explore Bushman Cave Art, enjoy a sunset with a view at Rhodes' Grave, dinner and breakfast before returning to Bulawayo.



Trip Cost \$2290



We work diligently with our host country partners to keep your cost reasonable while providing a comfortable, safe and interesting experience. Your trip fee covers, airport transfers, accommodation, meals, non-alcoholic drinks, in-country transportation, activities as listed in schedule, national park fee on R&R, donation to AFCA and host partner, some team leader expenses. [Trip cost is based on double occupancy.]

Trip fee **does not include** airfare from home to the host country, medical/emergency evacuation and trip cancellation insurance, alcoholic drinks, visa, vaccinations.

Upon registering a \$300 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required to hold your spot on the team. All fees must be paid in full 45 days prior to departure—July 14, 2027.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, YOU CAN FUNDRAISE! Many team members raise a portion of their fees through donations from family and friends. We strongly encourage you to fundraise as it raises awareness and donations over the trip fee go directly to support AFCA programs.

About American Foundation for Children with AIDS

AFCA is a non-profit organization providing comprehensive critical services to infected and affected HIV+ children and their caregivers. Since 2005, in collaboration with our in-country partners, we have served tens of thousands of families in some of the most underserved and marginalized communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

AFCA helps by providing medical support, income generation schemes, educational support, sanitation and emergency relief. For more information, visit our website at: www.AFCAids.org