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## A Slice of paradise

I have always tried to imagine the Garden of Eden. How it would have felt living in such a peaceful and breathtaking place?

The only place that has come close to giving me an idea of this is the Eastern Highlands. The rolling hills, lush forests, cascading waterfalls and incredible panoramic views, leaving one with a total sense of freedom that is unparalleled.

The Eastern Highlands are an adventure lover's dream because of activities such as hiking at Mount Nyangani; ziplining at Mtarazi Falls, trout fishing and visiting some of the renowned tea estates to name a few things.

So what's holding you back from exploring this little slice of heaven? Save up, rent a 4x4, book a place to stay at, get a bike and make a bucket list with friends and family of all of the places you can visit. Most importantly make the most of your trip, because believe me, it will be one of the most unforgettable trips you will ever have the privilege of going on.

Juliet

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# MEET ME IN *Honde Valley*

Article **Ropafadzo Dunira**  
Images **Allen Meki and Afronomads**

Honde Valley is undoubtedly one of the most stunning, peaceful and lively places to explore in the Eastern Highlands. It offers stunning scenery of the tea estates, tea factory tours, sunset nature walks, excellent birdwatching and great outdoors. Whether it's a family vacation, honeymoon or group travel, there is always something on offer for you. I have personally been there on a number of occasions and I loved it. It is home to massive banana plantations and avocados, with locals always selling along the road to travellers.

## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

### TEA ESTATES AND TEA FACTORY TOUR •

Honde Valley is well known for the stunning tea estate plantations that belong to Eastern Highlands Plantations Ltd. (EHPL). The meandering road to the tea estates is very accessible with any type of vehicle. The last stretch is a dust road that is approximately 7km and it leads to the Aberfoyle lodge, nestled in the estates. I recommend a tour of the tea estates in the morning, where you will get a chance to learn how fresh leaves are transformed into a cup of tea within 24 hours, it is quite an interesting tour for tea lovers; tea tasting is available at the Wamba Tea Factory. The tour lasts for approximately 1-2 hours. Always book this experience in advance with the management at the factory. They love hosting and educating people about tea processing.

### TREE CANOPY TOUR •

This is for the adrenalin lovers. Participants go through a number of platforms on this experience which runs along the Nyamkombe river. You can book and pay for this experience in advance with Aberfoyle lodge team.

### BIRD WATCHING •

This is truly an amazing birding paradise where visitors get an opportunity to see and hear sounds of unique bird species that include the Red-faced Crimson wing, Barred Long Tailed Cuckoo, Barratt's warbler just to mention a few. This experience is best done early morning and always get a guide to accompany you.

### SUNSET NATURE WALKS •

Undoubtedly the best way to wind off your day especially when you visit in summer. I love these nature walks; they bring some rejuvenation to my life. Walking through the forests, hearing birds singing, watching the sunset in the beautiful tea estates is an unforgettable experience. Pass through the mermaid pool and a waterfall in the forest, lie down and relax.

### SPORT ACTIVITIES •

Those who love sport are in for a treat as they enjoy white water rafting that starts at Pungwe river, fishing at Wamba dam and a challenging 9-hole golf course that awaits you at Aberfoyle lodge.



## TRAVEL TIPS

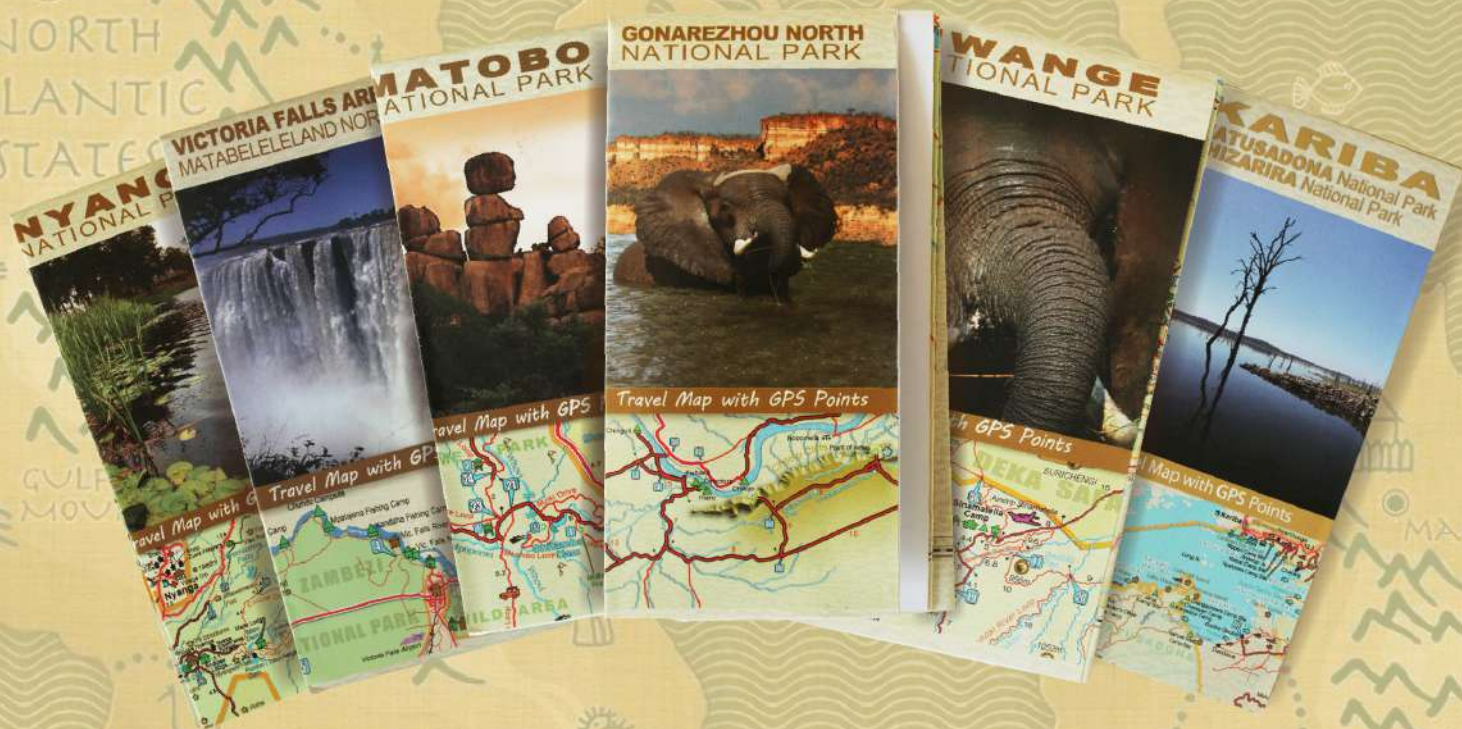
- Travel during daylight; you wouldn't want to miss the stunning tea estate views.
- Experiences are mainly outdoor; whether you love adventure or you are in search of relaxation, the terrain requires you to have light weight, multi-use and comfortable walking shoes.
- Select and book your tours in advance to avoid disappointments.
- Bring your own camera to capture the memories.
- Always pack warm clothing for the evenings and lightweight pants for the tours.
- Bring appropriate wear for rafting, kayaking.
- Bring a backpack for nature walks and picnics.
- Book at least 2 nights and 3 days for a great experience.

*Whenever you take a road trip to Honde, save a life, times are difficult due to covid-19 pandemic, support your own, buy local produce. The community needs your support more now than ever.*





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## Beef Fillet Pepper Steak with Roasted Vegetables and Braised Basmati Rice

Recipe **Chef Moyo**  
Images **African Sun**



### METHOD

- Marinate beef fillet with fresh herbs, garlic , cooking oil, whole grain mustard , soya sauce, beef spice ,sea salt and roll on crushed black peppercorns
- Cut vegetables into desired shape, carrots, onion, broccoli, cauliflower ,cherry tomatoes and green beans
- Roast the vegetables in hot shallow olive oil
- Sprinkle vegetables with balsamic vinegar
- Sweat rice in butter with chopped onions and add chicken stock and cook well
- Grill the beef to your liking
- Serve on a bed of grilled vegetables with rice
- Garnish with butternut puree flavoured with nutmeg

### MUSHROOM SAUCE

- Sweat finely chopped onions ,diced mushroom and flambe with brandy
- Add gravy and finally fresh cream

### INGREDIENTS

- 250g cleaned beef fillet
- 120g basmati rice
- 150g butternut puree
- 5g nutmeg
- 5g beef spice
- 5g sea salt
- 2 cloves garlic
- 10g ginger
- ½ tout brandy
- 20g crushed peppercorns
- Pinch of thyme
- Pinch of rosemary
- Pinch of parsley
- ¼ teaspoon whole grain mustard
- Red onion
- 50g mushroom
- 80g carrots
- 50g broccoli
- 50g cauliflower
- 50g green beans
- 50g cherry tomato
- 100ml fresh cream
- 100ml gravy







**Zambezi  
ELEPHANT  
FUND**

## Run for the Wild!

Register for the Saving the  
Elephants 5 & 10K Virtual Run/Walk  
– 19-26 September 2020



[Register now](#) and play your part in tackling the devastating impact of Covid-19 on our conservation partners. Follow #STER on social media for more updates over the coming weeks or email [jazzy@zambezielephantfund.org](mailto:jazzy@zambezielephantfund.org) for more information.

### ELEPHANTS AND WILD DOGS

The Mukuvisi March, benefiting the Zambezi Elephant Fund (ZEF) has been held in conjunction with the Saving the Elephants Run in New York for the last two years. Hundreds of Zimbabweans descended upon the beautiful woodlands to walk or run on the very same day that our fellow conservation-minded friends in New York met in Central Park! But the coronavirus has put a stop to both these events this year. So the Zambezi Elephant Fund's biggest annual fundraiser will now go ahead virtually!

*"I love the idea that the run allows a lot of like-minded people to join together for a cause they care about, and to be able to help no matter where they are in the world." Laura Robertson, founder of STER*

### WILL YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

Zambezi Elephant Fund is inviting you, wherever you are in Zimbabwe or the world, to run or walk 5 or 10km – on the streets in your neighbourhood, in parks, around tracks, along rivers, on a treadmill! Together (but apart!) we can help keep the hope for Zimbabwe's elephants alive.

Join the Saving the Elephants 5 & 10K Virtual Run/Walk global challenge – with your support, the Zambezi Elephant Fund can continue to actively build a future where animals and people thrive.

The Covid-19 pandemic has seen tourism revenues plummet and conservation funding slow down, whilst wildlife crime and poaching is on the rise. We cannot stand by and watch this happen. Ensuring that one of the world's last truly wild areas remains safeguarded and rich with biodiversity means supporting the rangers, who are the first line of defence against poachers. It means protecting habitats for the unhindered movement of wildlife and it means helping communities, so that they can grow sustainably.

### THE ZAMBEZI ELEPHANT FUND AT A GLANCE

The Zambezi Elephant Fund (ZEF) works to actively protect elephants in the Zambezi Valley, Zimbabwe by putting a stop to poaching and developing and putting in place systems that ensure the long-term safety of these incredible animals and the security and growth of other wildlife in the area, together with the growth of local communities, protection of the environment and the improvement and sustainability of these efforts.





# EASTERN HIGHLANDS

## *Checklist*

- ☐ Mutarazi Skywalk and Skyline (Nyanga )
- ☐ Mount Nyangani Hike
- ☐ Chimanimani Bridal Veil Falls
- ☐ Honde Valley Tea Estates
- ☐ Chirinda Forest Big Tree (Chipinge)
- ☐ Canoeing Along Udu Dam (Nyanga)
- ☐ Birchenough Bridge (Chipinge )
- ☐ Tony's Cafe ( Vumba )
- ☐ Nyamoro Dairy Farm and Tea Garden
- ☐ Whitewater Rafting (Honde Valley )
- ☐ Tree Canopy Tour ( Honde Valley )





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