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MANA RIVER CAMP (MWINILUNGA)

MANA POOLS
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MANA RIVER CAMP AT A GLANCE

WHERE IS MANA RIVER CAMP LOCATED?

Trichilia Camp – Mana Pools National Park GPS Co-Ordinates are 15°44'23.7"S 29°19'31.6"E

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK – (2196 square kilometres) is situated in the north of Zimbabwe on the banks of the Zambezi River, the fourth longest river in Africa. Mana Pools National Park enjoys the designation for being a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a RAMSAR site and also has the status of belonging to the UNESCO Middle Zambezi River Biosphere Reserve.

The RAMSAR Convention (held in 1971 in Ramsar in Iran) on wetlands of International Importance especially as waterfowl habitat – an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands “wetlands of International importance”

Wetland benefits depend on health –

1. Water purification – water cycle
2. Shoreline stabilization
3. Ground water re-charge and stream flow maintenance
4. Flood protection
5. Fish and Wildlife habitat maintenance
6. Economic benefits

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MANA POOLS - ATTRACTIONS

Mana Pools is known for its diverse and numerous species of flora and fauna, particularly those present on the "flood plain". Animals to be seen include elephant, eland, buffalo, kudu, lion, leopard painted dog, hippo, hyena and crocodiles. Birding enthusiasts have the opportunity of seeing "lifers" such as the Livingstone Flycatcher, Bohm's Spinetail, Racket Tailed Rollers, African Skimmers, Pels Fishing Owls, Three Banded Courser, Lilians Lovebirds, Narina Trogon and Orange Winged Pytilia amongst the approximately 400 species that visit the Park in the different seasons.

For all guests, particularly the photographers, a huge experience is enjoying the "Blue Haze/Gin Haze" a phenomenon created by the refraction of light through the trees and dust in the atmosphere. The magnificent, widely active Zambezi River offers an experience that words fail to describe with walks on the banks, canoeing, fishing (catch and release) or sundowners merely sitting watching the water and life passing by.

MANA RIVER CAMP

This camp originated as a family run safari business and the name Mwinilunga (pronounced Mwee-nee-loonga) is taken from the Mwinilunga district which is very close to the border where Zambia, Angola and the DRC meet. This is home to where the spring between the rocks and the water berry trees, forms the very beginning of the Mighty Zambezi River. Being a family run business, it was originally such named as it seemed appropriate that beginning of life begins with family.

THE CAMP

Mana River Camp is positioned on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River nestled between this enormous perennial river and a much visited water pan, particularly enjoyed by elephants for mud bathing.

Shade in the camp is provided by riverine forest predominately *Trichilia Emetica* and the fabled *Faidherbia Albida* (apple ring or Anna Tree)

The beauty of this camp is that it is a mobile tented camp known as a TEC – Temporary Extended Camp. The whole camp is taken down at the end of each season, before the wet season begins. This gives the feeling of the old, real bush, camping experience. The camp is unfenced and many different animals may be viewed from the camp, whilst enjoying the tranquil atmosphere. Common visitors into camp are elephants. These giant pachyderms seem to want to introduce themselves to guests.

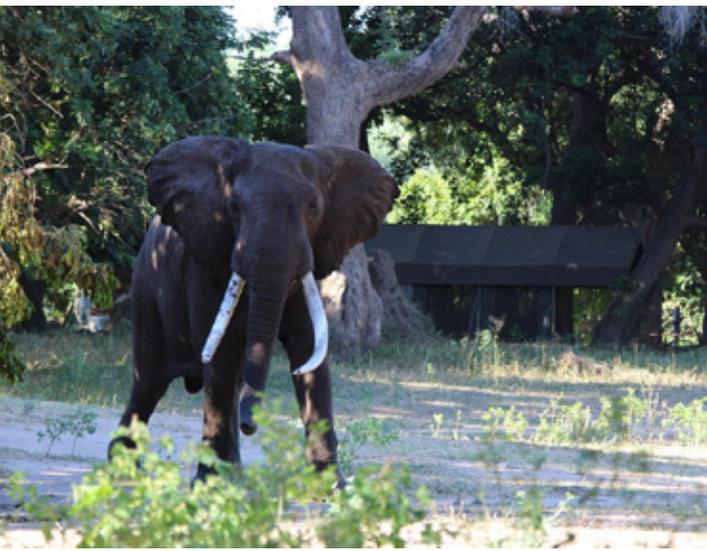
Being part of the Machaba Family, we have the great benefit of having our permanent sister camp, Ingwe Pan, based further inland at the Ingwe Pan in Mana Pools.

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INCLUDED & EXCLUDED IN OUR RATES?

- Rates are fully inclusive of accommodation, all meals, laundry, lodge activities (game walks, game drives and canoeing), return vehicle airstrip transfers, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages (excluding imported and premium drinks), levies & taxes. In-house guide (private guide available upon request at an extra charge), Medical Cover – Emergency evacuation, however, all guests must have their own travel insurance before travelling.
- Rates Exclude: Rates exclude, international flights, internal flight transfers, boat transfers, premium imports, travel insurance, visas, conservation and community levies, and discretionary tips.

GETTING TO MANA RIVER CAMP

Access is by air, road or boat. Chartered flights incredibly reduce travel time, although road and boat transfers are a great way to see Zimbabwe.

BY AIR

Mana Main Air-Strip (Certified by the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe) is

- Approx. 80 minutes flight time from Harare
- Approx. 1hr 45min flight time from Victoria Falls
- Approx. 1hr 55min flight time from Hwange
- Approx. 20min flight time from Kariba

(Note: flight times vary depending on type of aircraft)

- * Please Note: Passengers weighing more than 100Kgs will be expected to pay for 2 seats for safety reasons. Baggage allowance is 15kg per person in a soft bag and no wheels and 5kg "hand-luggage". Excess baggage must be declared and may attract an extra fee.

BY ROAD

- Guests have the choice to self-drive to camp. Directions, GPS Coordinates for the journey, and all instructions will be given to guests prior to their date of travel. Please note: No vehicle is allowed past the first gate later than 1600Hrs (4pm.) and Vehicle Entry permits must be obtained from Marangora no later than 1500Hrs (3pm). All Guests self-driving MUST be in camp by 1800Hrs (6pm).

BY ROAD/BOAT

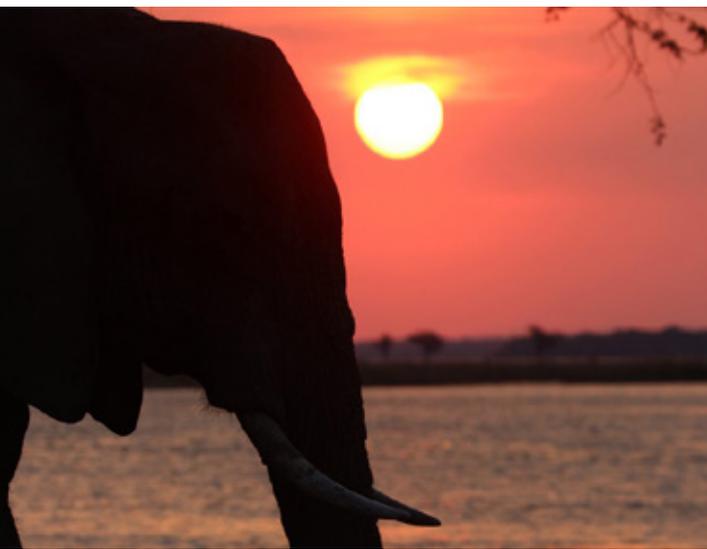
- Transfers can be arranged from Harare to Chirundu and then from Chirundu to Nyamepi. The river is a great way to see wildlife and the boat ride is both relaxing and extremely scenic.

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ACCOMMODATION – TENTED – NO DECKS

There are 6 tents in camp. Each tent is a 3-module Sahara lodge, canvas and gauze tent, with zipped entrances. The tents all have a view of the Zambezi River, and comprises of a veranda, with a folding chair. The sleeping area has twin single beds which can be converted to king-size on request, hotel quality linen and towels, and bedside tables. There is a table with a thermos of cold drinking water and glasses. The bathroom area has a flushing toilet, hot and cold shower, heated with chip boilers. There is a mirrored vanity with a porcelain basin and cold running water. A hot water flask is delivered each evening for washing in the morning. The usual amenities are supplied for your comforts i.e. shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and handwashing powder for personal laundry. The tent is powered with inverter and solar lighting system. There is no charging facility in the tent. This can be done in the central Media Tent where all laptops, cameras and mobile phones can be charged during daylight hours.

OTHER FACILITIES AT MANA RIVER CAMP

- Open air dining area with a relaxed family atmosphere.
- Evening campfires
- Stunning scenic views of the Zambezi River, pan and flood plain
- Game viewing from the comfort of camp
- Fenceless camp – animals may wonder through camp
- Magnificent sunrises and sunsets
- Media Tent – for charging requirements – camera batteries, etc
- Shoreline fishing on a catch and release basis (fishing equipment not provided)

WHAT GUESTS CAN EXPECT TO DO AT MANA RIVER CAMP

Every effort is made to tailor make the experience for guests.

- Morning and late afternoon game drives.
- Morning and/or late afternoon game walks with our experienced Zimbabwean guides who are highly regarded due to Zimbabwe's stringent examination procedures
- Canoeing on request

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A TYPICAL DAY IN CAMP

(Kindly note times may vary slightly)

All times will be discussed with the guide the previous evening and are flexible dependent on sightings and guest requests.

- 05h30 Wakeup call
- 05h30 Light breakfast (rusks and muffins, teas and coffees) in the main area
- 06h30 Depart for your morning activity: game drive or nature walk
- 11h00 Return from morning activity
- 11h30 Brunch
- Afternoon at Leisure - Game watching on the surrounding flood-plain or watching the beautiful and majestic Zambezi River
- 15h30 Afternoon Tea
- 16h00 Depart on afternoon game drive
- 18h30 Return from game drive
- Evening leisure, around the campfire - sharing stories of your day
- 19h30 Three Course Dinner in the main dining area at a communal table

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CHILD POLICY

- Mana River Camp accepts children aged 6 and above.
- Sole responsibility for their safety rests with the parent/guardian accompanying the child.
- Children 6 – 12 pay 50%
- Children under 12 are NOT permitted on Game Walks

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WHAT TO PACK?

- Conservative bush clothing (no bright colours) including long sleeved shirts to protect you both from the sun and insects.
- Fleece/warm sweater for morning and evening game drives, especially in winter. During the winter months, i.e. June and July, gloves and scarves are recommended.
- A pair of good walking shoes and a pair of comfortable shoes for around camp
- Hats and sunglasses
- Flash light with a high beam or head torch
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Insect Repellent
- Sunblock
- Adequate medication (if needed) for your entire trip

HEALTH

- Mana Pools is situated in a Malaria area and we advise you to consult your local physician on prophylactic information prior to your travel
- Mana River Camp does have a local medical health and evacuation policy in place, however, we strongly recommend our guests take out their own personal health and travel insurance prior to arrival

VISA AND TRAVEL

- Please contact your local travel agent for all visa and vaccination updates and requirements

FISHING

- Fishing is available to our guests from the shoreline, however, guests are requested to bring their own fishing equipment and bait.

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