

# John's Camp, Mana Pools National Park

*John's Camp is a semi-permanent tented camp situated within Mana Pools on Zimbabwe's northern border with Zambia. The Zambezi River forms a natural boundary between the 2 countries with Mana on the southern banks. Declared a World Heritage Site in 1984, Mana Pools National Park is one of the most beautiful game reserves in Africa. It offers some of the most outstanding walking in Zimbabwe.*

*This charming 12-bed camp offers an intimate experience with exceptional service, game viewing and guides.*

## *The camp*

### **Accommodation**

6 twin/double en suite tents under fly sheets, with large gauze windows. Tents can be converted into a triple to accommodate a child.

### **Facilities**

Flush loo with overhanging bucket shower and full amenities. There is a running water basin inside the tent and a canvas hand basin on the verandah.

### **Activities**

Walking, day game drives, fishing, night spent in a gauze pop-tent star gazing, National Parks Headquarter tour, bush breakfasts and lunches.

No night drives. Activities are between 0600 & 1800hrs or depending on time of year (sunrise & sunset to determine this) 0630 & 1830hrs.

Note: Strictly no off road driving – however, guides are armed so have the privilege to walk guests out of the vehicle to get closer to a sighting if it is a distance off the road.

### **Meals & Drinks**

Rate is fully inclusive with premium drinks available on request e.g. champagne and exquisites.

### **Dining**

Al fresco under a shady tree or starlight sky.

### **Electricity & Water**

220 volt inverted from 12 volt solar available in the kitchen at all times for charging etc. Solar lighting in tents. Paraffin and candlelight in the dining area.

Bottled drinking water is provided free of charge. River water is used for showers, laundry and in the paddling pool.

### **Children's Policy**

No children under 12 unless prior arrangement made with management, or camp is booked on an exclusive basis.

### **Payments & Extras**

All payments for extras is to be made in cash in US Dollars.

## **Tipping**

Is not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the camp/lodge staff to the management to be shared out and tip your guide individually. Envelopes are provided in your tents.

## **Open**

From May to 15 November. High Season July to October.

## *Travel Information*

### **International Flights**

Comair (British Airways), South African Airways, Kenya Airways, Emirates and Ethiopian Airways fly into Harare and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

### **Getting into Mana**

- Scheduled charter from either Victoria Falls (2 hours 15 minutes) or Harare (1 hour 10 minutes) - private charters available but may take variable time depending on aircraft.
- Harare to Chirundu drive/road transfer (4 hours) then boat transfer to Nyamepi, Mana Pools (1 hours 15 minutes); from here the drive to camp is 20 minutes.
- Lusaka, Zambia to Chirundu Border (2.5 hours) then 5 minutes to boat and the boat transfer into Nyamepi, Mana Pools (1 hours 15 minutes); then drive to camp is 20 minutes.
- Self-drive option (this is however not recommended as the road into Mana Pools is in very bad condition).

### **Arriving in the Park**

Either by aircraft into Mana Main airstrip OR by river transfer to Nyamepi from Chirundu after a road transfer from either Lusaka, Zambia or Kariba/Harare.

### **Getting into Camp**

A leisurely game drive of approximately 45 minutes from either Mana Main or Mana West airstrips. You will be met by one of the camp guides.

### **Meet & Greet**

The Camp manager and team will meet you in camp. You will be given a safety talk, signing of indemnities and a camp walk-through/familiarisation.

If you have any problems, please call Robin Pope Safaris Zimbabwe on +263 772 361 712 or +263 716 385 700.

### **Visas**

Visas can be obtained at all Entry ports into Zimbabwe on arrival and fees differ according to country of residence.

Canadian passports: Single entry only - US\$75

British and Irish passports: Single entry - US\$55 (or equivalent in SA Rands or Pounds); Double entry - US\$70.

Other passports (USA, Europe, Australia, New Zealand): Single entry - US\$30 (or equivalent in SA Rands or Pounds); Double entry - US\$45 (or equivalent).

Zimbabwe immigration visa website link [www.evisa.gov.zw](http://www.evisa.gov.zw)

### **Airport Tax**

USD15 per person payable at the airport for all private internal charters only. Commercial airline airport tax will be included in all tickets upon initial travel booking. (Subject to change without notice)

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## **Health**

All visitors should be medically insured. We recommend that visitors to Zimbabwe take malaria prophylactics. Tetanus, polio, typhoid and hepatitis vaccinations are recommended. Guests travelling from Zambia and into South Africa are required to have a Yellow Fever certificate.

Please make sure you check with your local Health Authorities for the latest health updates and warnings. It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of emergency.

## **Insurance**

We highly recommend full Trip Cancellation Insurance – we do need to charge cancellation fees as stipulated. Robin Pope Safaris bears no responsibility for any delays, cancellation of flights or change of itinerary and retains the right to alter or cancel any activity with just reason.

## **Cancellation Policy**

Confirmation to 91 days 20% of accommodation only, then full invoice (excluding Park fees) 90-61days 25%, 60-31days 50%, 30-0 days 100%. Cancellation fees will be applied and so we highly recommend that you ensure full Trip Cancellation Insurance is bought at time of trip confirmation.

## *Additional Information*

### **Photography**

Please check with both camp and guide as to sensitive items/areas for people and/or government organisations, including both military and police, as well as people in their villages and natural environment.

### **What to bring**

Sunscreen, hat, good closed walking shoes, natural-coloured, safari-style clothing that can be layered - nothing bright, all charging cables and adaptors, binoculars, camera, medication you may have been prescribed including prophylactics. Depending on which time of the year you visit, a warm jacket and some gloves.

Dimensions for luggage are 25cm (10 inches) wide and 30cm (12 inches) high. No wheels / frames / rigid structures are allowed.

For safety reasons a luggage weight limit of 20kgs per person (for hand luggage, camera equipment and checked bags). Additional fees may apply to overweight luggage. Extra seats can be booked for heavier luggage – please speak to one of our consultants for more information on this.

Additional fees may apply to passengers weighing over 100kgs.

### **Climate**

April, May - chance of rain, warm days (28C), cool nights (15C)

June to August – no rain, cold mornings and evenings/nights (8C). Sunny days (26C)

September, October - dry and very hot days (35C plus), warm nights (25C)

November to March – hot days (30C plus), warm, balmy nights (23C), high chance of rain and thunderstorms