

Two Rivers Photographic Safari

- **Itinerary** John's Camp 4 nights, Nsefu 3 nights & Nkwali 2 nights
 - **Included** All safari costs plus flights and transfers starting in Harare, Zimbabwe and ending in Lusaka, Zambia (as per trip itinerary).
 - **Not included** International flights, gratuities, visas and airport taxes
 - **Rates** from US\$8329 per person sharing
 - **Set departure** 02 November 2020
- **Minimum of 4 people for trip to go ahead****

Two renowned Parks set along two mighty rivers, Zambezi & Luangwa, sets the tone for this safari. Join **David Rogers Photographic** on a safari that tracks within Mana Pools and South Luangwa National Parks with this photographic workshop. David a well-known wildlife photographer and author of several books, including *Zambia Safari in Style* owns this company and will lead the safari. David will accompany you on all walks and game drives; give advice, analyze results, and look at how best to use Adobe Lightroom. In addition to wildlife, you will also look at landscapes, macro work, birds, insects, and people. This is a unique opportunity to benefit from the knowledge of a leading wildlife photographer and explore the beauty of this region and its game. Bring your own digital camera!

Mana Pools National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a beautiful 2,196 sq. km wildlife conservation area in northern Zimbabwe. Mana means "four" in Shona, (one of the main vernacular languages in Zimbabwe) and it refers to the number of large permanent pools left by the Zambezi River as it flows into the flood plain. Mana is known as one of Africa's best game viewing areas, as many large animals come here in search of water. It is also an excellent area for fishing, of course, and birdwatching, being rich in vegetation diversity from river frontage to forests of mahogany, wild fig, acacia alba and baobabs.

The Luangwa Valley, which marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoilt wilderness areas and possibly the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa. It covers an area of over 9000 sq. km. through which the meandering Luangwa River runs. The ox bow lagoons, woodland and plains of the valley host huge concentrations of game - including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, hippo - and over 450 species of birds.



Day 1 On arrival at Harare International Airport, Zimbabwe, you will connect onto your 1.5-hour domestic flight taking you to Mana Pools. A guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you and drive you through the Park to John's Camp, your base for the next few days.

Mana Pools National Park is a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. The name 'Mana' means 'four' in the local Shona language, this applies to the four large pools inland from the Zambezi River. Mana Pools is home to a wide range of mammals and over 350 bird species. **JOHN'S CAMP**



Day 2 - 4 A typical day on safari has guests woken at the crack of dawn for a quick cup of tea or coffee, a bowl of porridge or a muffin. You will head out on either a game walk or drive returning to camp for a late morning brunch. Midday siesta time is spent in camp and afternoon tea is served at 3.30pm. Head out again for an afternoon of game viewing as the day cools. Fishing from the banks of the river is also an option. Nothing is set in stone though as your day will be structured to fit in with what lessons David will have set based on several elements - weather, game, lighting, and similar.



Sundowners are usually enjoyed while out on afternoon activity or if preferred in camp. Warm bucket showers will be ready on your return. At the end of the day you will have a chance to gather around the campfire to share your stories and perhaps also review your takings for the day. **JOHN'S CAMP**

Day 5 Today you are off onto your next stop across the border, Zambia. An early morning will see you onto a boat transfer to Chirundu, border formalities then a road transfer to Lusaka, Zambia. On arrival at Lusaka International Airport, you will be met by a Robin Pope Safaris' representative who assist you check in for your flight to Mfuwe, South Luangwa.

Here you will have a game drive transfer to the Nsefu Sector. The Nsefu Sector has over the years been recognized as a phenomenal area and it still is. Robin Pope Safaris owns the only two camps in this sector of the Park.



Nsefu was the first game camp in Zambia and dates to the early fifties. There are six round rondavels, each room has a clear view of the sweeping bend of the Luangwa River through large windows and from the wooden verandahs. On arrival you will be shown to your rondavel and then if time permits an opportunity for an afternoon/evening game drive. **NSEFU CAMP**



Day 6&7 After breakfast around the campfire, your safari will continue with another relaxing day at Nsefu, with morning and evening game activities. Depending on time of year an all-day picnic drive to the salt pans that will cover different habitats comes highly recommended and is an exceptional day's safari. Nothing is set in stone and your days will be designed and planned bearing your interests in mind and best photographic opportunities. You can mix and match activities to maximize your experience in this game rich and remote area of the Luangwa. **NSEFU CAMP**



Day 8 Today you will set off after breakfast to the South of the Park, a game drive through the park and plenty of opportunities to stop along the way to Nkwali.

Nkwali Camp has a wide view of the Luangwa River. On Robin Pope Safaris' private land and overlooking the South Luangwa National Park. The six rooms all look out over the river and have open air bathrooms. Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the lagoon to the back of Nkwali or if in the afternoon for tea then onto afternoon and night game drive. **NKWALI CAMP**



Day 9 At dawn breakfast is served around the campfire. The porridge heated on the fire and toast cooked by the coals. The morning walk or drive will leave soon after, entering the park by boat from the camp or by the nearby pontoon. The game in the area is excellent - and you'll maximise your time in the park finding many subjects to photograph from the very small to the very big. After enjoying a delicious lunch, you can choose to relax during siesta or sort through your photographs and come to grips with Adobe Lightroom. After a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and scrumptious cake you go back to the park to find even more in the afternoon and evening, returning to camp for dinner around 20h30. Most evenings there will be a slideshow where you will get an illustration of some of the points taught or highlighted throughout the day, and you'll also have a chance to show off your best shots. **NKWALI CAMP**



Day 10 After an early breakfast you will be transferred back to Mfuwe Airport for your flight to Lusaka to meet your connecting flight. **END OF SAFARI**