

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.

GPS Coordinates: 15°43'0.97" S 29°24'3.17" E

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.
- No WIFI or telephone reception.

Activities

- Walking, day game drives, canoeing, fishing, night spent in a gauze pop-tent star gazing, 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.
- Nut Allergies: While our kitchen is fully capable of catering for most dietary requests, we regrettably are unable to cater for people with severe nut allergies as we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment.

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 years.
- Younger children may be permitted by prior arrangement and based on exclusive use of camp.

Payments & Extras

All payments for extras are 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.

Travel Information

International Flights

Qatar, Comair (British Airways), South African Airways, Kenya Airways, Emirates and Ethiopian Airways.

Getting into Mana Pools

- 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 us 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. Please do verify at time of booking what the regulations are for your specific country from origin. Zimbabwe immigration visa website link www.evisa.gov.zw.

Current visa fees are:

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).

Airport Tax

Most airlines now include airport taxes in the tickets. But for charter flights these may still be payable, these will be communicated at the time of booking by our reservations team.

Health

- All visitors should be medically insured.
- We recommend that visitors to Zimbabwe take malaria prophylactics.
- Tetanus, polio, typhoid and hepatitis vaccinations are recommended.
- 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 ask that full insurance is put in place at point of confirmation. We highly recommend that every guest has insurance that covers the following as a minimum:

- Cancellation and curtailment.
- Medical costs (including full hospital costs should it be needed).
- Personal accident or death.
- Emergency evacuation from the point of evacuation to the nearest best hospital and then back to the guest's hometown. Family or traveling partner should also be covered for accompanying an evacuation.

We cannot emphasize how important it is to be fully covered. Private hospitals in Africa will not accept a patient until full medical insurance has been established.

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

You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).

Important items 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.

Generally accepted 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

Camp Layout:

