



FACT SHEET

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MANA POOLS SAFARI LODGE – BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Mana Pools Safari Lodge is situated on the lower mighty Zambezi river floodplain in the north of Zimbabwe in the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mana Pools National Park. Nestled beneath a wild mango forest and surrounded by African acacias and mahogany trees the Lodge offers incredible landscape views. The fruit of these trees are highly sought after by both the resident larger and smaller wildlife species and they attract an abundant bird life making it a fantastic game viewing destination. The Lodge is home to twelve thatched comfortable chalets including a presidential suite, all with the necessary convenient amenities to provide an enjoyable stay. In our own efforts to reduce our carbon footprint by using renewable resources, the lodge is fully powered by solar.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Charter flight to mana pools main airstrip - 25km road trip to camp on a game viewer
- Road transfer from Kariba international to camp - 180km in closed transfer vehicle.
- Boat transfer from Chirundu to camp - approx 1.30 boat drive - the fleet consists of two boats, a 16 seater aluminum riverboat for large groups and a smaller 8 seater of similar design.
- Self Drive - 400km from Harare, 4x4 vehicle required (90km dirt road). When self driving to Mana Pools please ensure you stop at Marongora office to collect your Entry Permit. The latest time is 3.30 pm. After Marongora you would need to stop at the 1st Boom gate showing them your Entry Permit. If you do not have the permit you will be sent back to Marongora.

ACCOMMODATION

12 thatched chalets - 11 standard rooms and 1 presidential suite

ROOM AMENITIES

Each room has 2 double beds with mosquito nets

En-suite bathrooms

Double showers

Double basin

Toilet / bath and Bidet.

1 ceiling fan and 1 standing fan per room.

Safe facilities

Dressing Gowns

Slippers

PLUG POINTS

Each room has 6 square plugs and usb ports

KEEPING IT GREEN

The Lodge has a certified water filtration plant and reverse osmosis- no plastic water bottles allowed. The Lodge will always be stocked with cold drinking water in glass bottles. Game drive vehicles will have stainless steel 500ml water bottles.

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

Game Drives

Bush Walks - accompanied by fully qualified professional guide

Sunset gin bar on the banks of the Zambezi

Fly fishing on the banks of the Zambezi

Spa Treatments (on request - additional costs not included in the rates)

NB* November - February motor boating is allowed in mana pools and we will offer tiger fishing safaris - with an experienced fishing guide on a small motorboat.

The Lodge has :

2 game drive vehicles seating 10 pax each

2 pontoon boats available max pax 8 on each excl driver

2 speedboats available max pax 4 on each excl driver

WILDLIFE

Wildlife often seen in Mana Pools include elephants, buffalo, impala, waterbuck, eland, kudu, nyala, warthog, zebra, lion, leopard, wild dogs, hyena, crocodiles, hippopotamus and much more...

Bird life - Narina Trogon, Giant Kingfisher, spotted creepers, pittas, Lilian's lovebirds, grey headed parrots, meyers parrots, ground hornbills, marabou stalks, crested and helmeted guineafowl,

various spur fowls and an abundance of raptors and vultures as well as many aquatic herons and other birds.

CHILD POLICY

No children under the age of 12 years old, unless otherwise arranged on request with management. Please note any child policy allowances will be at the discretion of management.

WEATHER

Mana Pools is generally warm and hot. The winter season is from mid-May to mid-August, where evenings and early mornings can be chilly at around 12°C (54°F). Days are clear and warm at 28°C (82°F). August to October are the hottest, driest months, with temperatures soaring to between 40°C and 50°C (104°F - 122°F). November usually sees the first rains, which bring high humidity levels in their wake. December to February is the peak rainy season, which usually consists of afternoon thundershowers or a steady drizzle that can last for days. Average temperatures range from 21°C -31°C (70°F -88°F). March and April see rains slowing down, with evenings and early mornings becoming cooler. Average temperatures 19°C -31°C (66°F - 88°F).

TIPS / GRATUITIES

Tips / gratuities may be left in appreciation of good service, with the sum entirely at your own discretion.

TSETSE FLIES & MALARIA

Mana Pools National Park is in a tsetse fly and malaria region. Tsetse fly and mosquito bites can sometimes be irritating, so please bring along antihistamine tablets, cream or other appropriate medication, if you are prone to allergic reactions from insect bites. Wear loose fitting clothing on game drives, a light waterproof jacket may also help. We strongly suggest that you avoid wearing black and dark blue clothing during the day, as these colours do tend to attract the flies.

The highest risk of transmission of malaria is during the rainy season from October to May. It is strongly advisable to take malaria prophylactics before, during and after your visit. We advise that you consult a medical practitioner at least six weeks prior to travel on malaria preventions and which prophylactics will be suitable for you.

In addition to the recommendations of your medical practitioner, you may also consider the following proactive preventative measures:

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin.
- Wear long-sleeved clothing and long pants at dawn and dusk, as well as closed shoes.
- Use a mosquito net and spray repellent before going to bed.

WHAT TO BRING

- Camera
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Lightweight cool clothing
- Hats (preferably wide brimmed)
- Light jacket for winter evenings
- Good pair of walking shoes
- Torch
- Swimming Costume

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