

John's Camp, Mana Pools National Park

John's Camp, also known as The Mana Pools Safari Company, is 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 10-bed camp offers an intimate experience with exceptional service, game viewing and guides.

Established in 1983, John's Camp is now part of the Robin Pope Safaris portfolio.

The camp

Accommodation

5 twin/double ensuite 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.

Meals & Drinks

Rate is fully inclusive and a wide selection of soft drinks, beers and extraordinaires upon 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 1 April to 31 November. High Season 1 July to 31 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 charter from either Victoria Falls (1 hour 30 mins) or Harare (1 hour 10 minutes) depending on your aircraft.

Drive/Road transfer to Chirundu from Harare (4 hours) or from the Zambian Border (15 minutes) and boat transfer into Mana (1 hours 15 minutes).

Self – drive (however, this is not suggested as the road into Mana Pools is in very bad condition).

Arriving in the Park

Either by private charter into Mana Main airstrip or by river transfer to Nyakasanga river mouth from Chirundu after a road transfer from either Lusaka 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

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)

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 (35°C plus), warm nights (25C)

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