

Good Morning Szilvia. It's 230 in the AM and I am ready to go!! I have been told that once you go to Africa, you can never get it out of your system. I'm a believer. Words cannot describe the astonishing beauty and diversity of Mana Pools and Hwange, the intensity of the experiences it offers, and the vibrancy of life which can disappear in an instant by the will of a powerful lion or other predator. Maybe this has to do with experiencing a land that has stopped in time. The bush, forests, grasslands, and mighty Zambezi River are how they were thousands and thousands of years ago. It's the magical sunsets with the hues of violet/lilac color that we never see in the Northern hemisphere. The animals in their natural environment. The magic of the people who live and love Zimbabwe who always willing to greet you with the warmest smiles.....

Thank you Szilvia for putting together an amazing trip and experience. I am so thankful that we ended up in Zimbabwe. It feels good knowing that we have helped the Zimbabweans by visiting them.

Thanks again,
Jesse Casey, July 2016

Our flight to Mana Pools was excellent. Giles, our pilot, also let Mark sit up front. They had a wonderful time talking 'flying' while I stared out the window at the scenery! We were met by our Vundu guide, Gaddy, at the airstrip. He gave us a game drive on the way to camp and we stopped for tea along the way. At camp, we met the famous Nick Murray. He was very down to earth. We were the only guests in camp, so we were well taken care of. The tent was spacious (that is an understatement), the outdoor showers terrific, and the view across the Zambezi was stunning. Our walks were unbelievable! Gaddy and Nick went with us to find the dog puppies. When we found the den, it was amazing to sit on the ground and watch them, then watch the adults return. Of course, they quickly spotted us. But we always felt safe.

Mana Pools was a little crowded while we were there, but we were not so affected by that because we hiked back in the bush so much. We were able to spend another day at the den with the 11 puppies and we spent one morning at another den where the young puppies did not come out. We met several elephants up close and personal, including the famous 'Fred Astaire' and walked near a pride of lions. One day Mark went on a canoe trip with Nick. I chose to go on a walk with Gaddy. We both had great experiences and ended up in the same spot where the terrific staff had prepared a bush dinner for us. What a lovely surprise. Nick is so knowledgeable about the animals and his sense of humor is great. Gaddy is just one of the nicest people you ever want to meet, not as outgoing as Nick, but I think as knowledgeable. They have great respect for one another and that shows. Needless to say, this camp gave us some new experiences!

I appreciate all that you do and all that the various people at the camps do. Some just do it better than others.

Darlene and Mark Knott, July 2016

Next was Linkwasha. The facilities and service were simply outstanding, as was our tracker guide, Opheus. I think this was the overall favorite stop for the family..we got up and close to a pride of 14 lions (which included 7 babies), herds of all the other animals there, good food, fabulous rooms, beautiful sundowners etc.

Ryna Mehr, June 2016

Vundu was, of course, totally different as a smaller family-run rather than corporate camp...The resident managers, Marie and Alex, were wonderful. They went overboard in making us feel at home. In fact, Marie found out that we would be celebrating our anniversary later in the week. She organized a surprise candlelight dinner for 2 in front of our tent along the Zambezi. It was amazing. They set up a little bar (a little of everything from spirits to sparkling wine) and appetizers by a fire and 2 chairs. They brought a 3 course meal down to a candlelight table they had carried down.

Our guide joined us briefly as an elephant decided to eat his way walking by our tent mid dinner... Henry was an excellent guide and took us canoeing; we had a brief moment of excitement when a bull hippo turned around and decided to chase us. Henry's approach to walking was to drive around until we saw something interesting then get out and approach it by foot so we had lots of short walks. We walked up to the painted dog den...

Linkwasha Camp was excellent and a good transition... All 3 of our main guides were great - especially our walking guide, Sam. His pre-walk prep talk bordered on humorous (he showed us how to load, chamber, and shoot his gun...he showed us how to use his GPS to find the jeep...). Walking was an event here - it was basically the day's drive. Linkwasha had a red light night drive and the guides worked together to find animals for us. The food was good - for the animals too ... an elephant ate outside our tent at night. There were a lot of animal noises as many things wandered through the camp on the way to the nearby watering hole. I would definitely recommend them.

Gerald and Karen Striph, June 2016

