

## 4-DAY SAFARI TO MANA POOLS

### Along Mana Pools National Park on the Lower Zambezi River

- Mana Pools covers a section of the Middle Zambezi Valley. During May-October, shortages of food and water force the animals back towards the Zambezi - a prime time to game view by canoe, foot and vehicle. From a canoe and on foot you will experience the thrill of approaching close to elephants and other wildlife.



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## ZIMBABWE GUIDE QUALIFICATION

The professional safari guides in Zimbabwe are the finest on the continent of Africa! Their education and experience is second to none which makes a safari to Zimbabwe a unique and thrilling adventure. It takes an average of 5-7 years to qualify as a fully licensed guide. Guides that you may encounter on your Zimbabwe safari include Nick Murray, Mark Friend, Steve Chinoyi and Henry Bandure.

### OPTION 1

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Arrive Mana Pools Afternoon activity	Little Vundu, Vundu Camp, John's Camp, Ruckomechi Camp or Chikwenya
02 + 03	Two days of game viewing activities Mana Pools	Little Vundu, Vundu Camp, John's Camp, Ruckomechi Camp or Chikwenya
04	Transfer to airstrip	

### OPTION 2

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Arrive Mana Pools Afternoon canoeing	Little Vundu
02	Full day canoeing Mana Pools	Ruwesi Mobile Camping
03	Full day canoeing Continue to next camp	Vundu Camp
04	Transfer to airstrip	



## **2019 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

**Option 1** - Based on 3 nights accommodation (in singular camp)

**Option 2** – Based on 1 nt Little Vundu/1 nt mobile/1 nt Vundu Tented Camp

	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul-Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
<b>Option 1 ~</b>				
Little Vundu	\$1950.00	\$1950.00	\$1950.00	\$1950.00
Vundu Camp	\$1650.00	\$1650.00	\$2375.00	\$1950 (Oct 16-Nov)
John's Camp	\$2295.00	\$2295.00	\$2295.00	Camp closure
Ruckomechi	\$2175.00	\$2950.00	\$2950.00	\$2950.00
Chikwenya	\$3595.00	\$3595.00	\$3595.00	\$3595.00
<b>Option 2 ~</b>				
Little Vundu + Mobile Canoeing trip	\$1950.00	\$1950.00	\$2095.00	\$1950 (Oct 16-Nov)

*\* All rates are per person sharing a room*

### **SCHEDULED CHARTER FLIGHTS: (APPROX.) - one way, minimum 2 people**

Victoria Falls/Mana Pools – scheduled charter	From \$575.00
Harare/Mana Pools – scheduled charter	From \$425.00
Hwange/Mana Pools – scheduled charter	From \$575.00

### **LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Accommodations
- All meals and safari activities (Full Board)
- Services of a fully professional guide who is licensed to walk in the park as well as canoe
- Park and guiding fees
- Local drinks and laundry in camps

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Tips to staff and guides
- Scheduled air charter flights to/from Mana Pools
- Other personal expenditures
- Travel insurance
- Departure and Airport taxes (payable directly)
- Zimbabwe visa

## **DEPARTURES: Canoeing starts days are Mon or Thu (MAY-NOV)**

### **NOTE:**

- 1) This safari is based on a minimum of two people traveling.
- 2) Please note that Mana Pools is closed from Jan-Mar/Dec. Vundu open May 1-Nov 30, John's Camp is open May-Oct, Ruckomechi is open April-Nov 19, Chikwenya is open Apr-Nov 15.
- 3) If your schedule allows, enjoy exclusive savings at Vundu Tented Camp or Little Vundu with a "Stay 7-Pay 6" special (May-Nov)
- 4) For families or a group of friends, Little Ruckomechi is an ideal option when booked as an exclusive experience. Please request details and pricing.

**Little Ruckomechi** is built under the iconic albida trees along the shores of the Zambezi River. The intimate camp features three canvas tents built on low wooden decks with ceiling fan, charging strip, coffee-tea making facilities, en suite bathroom and small private verandah. The main camp area includes a lounge and dining room as well as a small pool, all overlooking the river and Zambezi escarpment in the distance. Activities are varied and include morning and night game drives, boating on an 8-seater pontoon, canoeing, guided walks, birding, catch and release fishing and star gazing.  
Accommodation: Little Ruckomechi (Full Board)



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### **Trip Reports:**

The canoeing safari worked out perfectly. Mo didn't want to canoe so he slept late and hung out with Desiree and the kids while Raj and I canoed with Nick and Kyle. Nick's approach to possibly aggressive wildlife is careful and if you follow his subtle cues, passing hippos works like clockwork. The canoeing was not difficult. We canoed for about 6 hours with a stop for a full cooked English breakfast and a walk. We had elies cross in front of us; hippos pop up around us and a croc jump into the water 3 feet in front of our canoe. It felt a bit like I was driving in moderate snow on an icy road for 6 hours. You know you can do it and that you'll be fine, but it can make you a bit nervous. I am glad I did it since it is really the best way to see the river. I am especially glad I did it with an expert like Nick...

So, it was amazing. The words "thank you" are not big enough to express my gratitude for your expertise, professionalism and ability to put together very special itineraries with very special guides. Nevertheless, thank you.

**Ann Swinford**

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.

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!

**Darlene and Mark Knott**

