



## **MANA POOLS SAFARI LODGE, MANA POOLS – FACT SHEET**

### **LOCATION:**

Mana Pools Safari Lodge nestles close to the national park's eastern boundary, woven between riverine figs and albida trees. The lodge is accessible by air charter with a 45-minute drive from Mana West airport to the lodge, or by land with a 6-hour transfer from Harare to Chirundu. Here, you may take a boat transfer, approximately 90-minutes long, stopping along the way to observe riverine life of the mighty Zambezi.

### **GPS CO-ORDINATES:**

Mana Pools Safari Lodge, Mana Pools – 15.771903, 29.247842

### **CLIMATE:**

Summer months (November to March) tend to be quite hot and has the highest rainfall of the year. Cooler months (April to August) tend to be cool to warm days, with evening and night temperatures being rather chilly.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Mana was constructed on the ideals of immersion and space. Its 12 wooden and thatched chalets, built to blend into their surroundings, each sport two double beds and a large verandah, offering various spaces to relax from. Nestled beneath and amongst the trees, the lodge emanates an ambience of being one with nature, merely a veil between luxury and the wild.

### **CHILD POLICY:**

Children younger than 12 will be on a request basis.

\* Children aged 13 – 17 years (Maximum 2 children) stay free of charge when sharing with 2 adults

\* Children occupying their own chalet:

- children aged 13 – 17 years pay 75% of the adult rate; 18 years pay full adult rate

### **THE MAIN LODGE:**

The main dining area is large and open-aired, gifting privacy for guests even when full. A giant African Mango tree graces us with permanent presence, reminding us of our roots. There is a lounge for relaxation, a deck for daydreaming and game viewing, Wi-Fi for contacting the outside world and a pool for reprieve from the African heat.

### **SOLAR POWER AND USE OF ENERGY:**

We operate completely off the grid using 100% renewable solar energy systems, with power being generated by solar panels.

**FOOD:**

We utilise the surrounding villages to supply fresh produce to the lodge where possible. This will facilitate empowering the local farmers and support the villages in a continuous and sustainable way.

**GUEST AMENITIES:**

All guest amenities include shampoo, conditioner, foam bath, liquid gel and soaps and sourced from eco-friendly suppliers, using organic ingredients which are biodegradable, where possible.

**WATER SUPPLY:**

Water is supplied from the Zambezi and pumped with our solar pumps. It is then treated through a UV filtration system.

**ACTIVITIES OFFERED:****Game Drives:**

A game drive through Mana Pools National Park is a gift to the senses. Immersed beneath the Albida Forest, golden light streaming through the trees, one feels encased in magic. Mana Pools is wild - the perfect park to encounter the untamed and unpredictable in the safe presence of a professional guide, revealing its wonders as you traverse its terrain.

**Game Walks:**

Mana on foot is an invitation for adventure and immersion into the delicate nature of the ecosystem. Being a small park holding big treasures, Mana Pools offers much to explore, accessing the more remote locations by embarking on a walking safari. Explore the riverbanks in search of the elusive Carmine bee-eater, or walk beneath the trees along ancient animal corridors, following in the footsteps of giants.

**Sundowner Cruise:**

Chasing sunsets is an activity highly encouraged when in Zimbabwe. Sipping and cruising upon the Zambezi River just before dusk is a sure way to succeed in capturing an African sunset on camera and imprinted in memory.

**Boat Transfer:**

There is no better introduction to Mana Pools than a boat transfer from Chirundu to the lodge. Experiencing the wild surrounds from the water, witnessing life along the Zambezi Riverbank provides an understanding of the importance of its life source, for both humans and wildlife. Birdlife and wildlife welcome you to the national park, a biodiverse visual feast, stopping to take in whatever wild wonders present themselves to the Zambezi shoreline. This activity is complimentary when staying 4 nights or more.

<b>Activities: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
1. How long are the half-day game drives?	Half-day game drive: +- 3 hours
2. Are drinks/snacks provided on the game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives
3. Are children allowed on game activities? What is the age limit?	Yes, from 11 years for game drives & 17 years on game walks
4. Is there a fence around the concession?	No, there is no fence
5. Can I go for a walk on the concession without a guide?	No, guests are to be escorted by a guide. Guests can freely move around the lodge during the day
6. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Elephants, Leopard, Lion, Warthog, variety of birds, Buffalo, Painted Dog, Cheetah, Jackal, Hares, Hyaena, Mongoose, Civet, Genets, Honey Badger, Monkey, Bat-eared fox, Zebra, Pangolin, variety of antelope etc.

<b>Chalet Facilities: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
1. How many chalets are there?	12 thatched wooden chalets
2. Do chalets have electricity?	Yes
3. What view do the chalets have?	All chalets face the Zambezi River
4. How many people can fit in 1 suite?	4
5. Are there family chalets for children?	No family chalets
6. Which chalet is closest to the main area? Recommended for old people?	Chalet 1 - 3 is the closest
7. Is there internet in the chalet?	No, only in the main area
8. What are the chalet facilities?	Two double beds, mosquito net, en suite bathroom with bath and shower, inside his-and-hers shower, hot water bottle in winter, fan, tea & coffee facilities, mosquito repellent, emergency whistle.
9. Are there safes in each chalet?	Yes
10. Is there a fridge in the chalet?	No
11. Are there laundry services available?	Yes
12. What time does room service clean?	When guests are on game drives

<b>Main Area: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
13. Is there a spa?	No

14. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Dinner can be held outside, inside or at the boma area. Private dinners can be arranged on the deck or in-room.
15. Does the lodge have a pool?	Yes
16. What time is breakfast/lunch/dinner served?	Discussed with guests
17. Can I have a Boma dinner?	Yes
18. Is there a bar?	Yes

<b>Other Info:</b>	
1. Where are the Mana Pools Safari Lodge transfers to/from?	We offer road and air transfers to/from Mana Pools Safari Lodge
2. Can I self-drive?	No
3. What are the directions?	Directions provided on request
4. When is the best time to visit?	From March to November
5. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral-coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter
6. Can we charge phones?	Yes, charging station in main area as well as in each chalet, adapter available.
7. Check-in & check-out times	Check-in: after 12pm. Check-out: 11am Earlier check-in or late check-out can be arranged.
8. Mobility / Accessibility: are we geared for disabilities (wheelchairs, etc.)?	No, however older guests are placed in chalets 1-3 due to shortest walking distance
9. Can guest walk to their chalets?	Guests are escorted to their rooms, by a guide/camp staff.