

A photograph of a savanna landscape. In the foreground, a lion is lying down in tall grass. In the background, a herd of antelope is grazing. The text 'ZIMBABWE - MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK' is overlaid in large white letters.

ZIMBABWE - MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Valid: June to 31 October 2025

Highlights

Experience one of the last true wild destinations left in Africa - **MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK**

Discover the **ZAMBEZI RIVER AREA** - the lifeline of Mana Pools National Park, known for its rich, game-packed flood plains and four iconic permanent pools.

Iconic scenes of **ELEPHANT STANDING ON THEIR BACK LEGS** feeding on Albida trees.

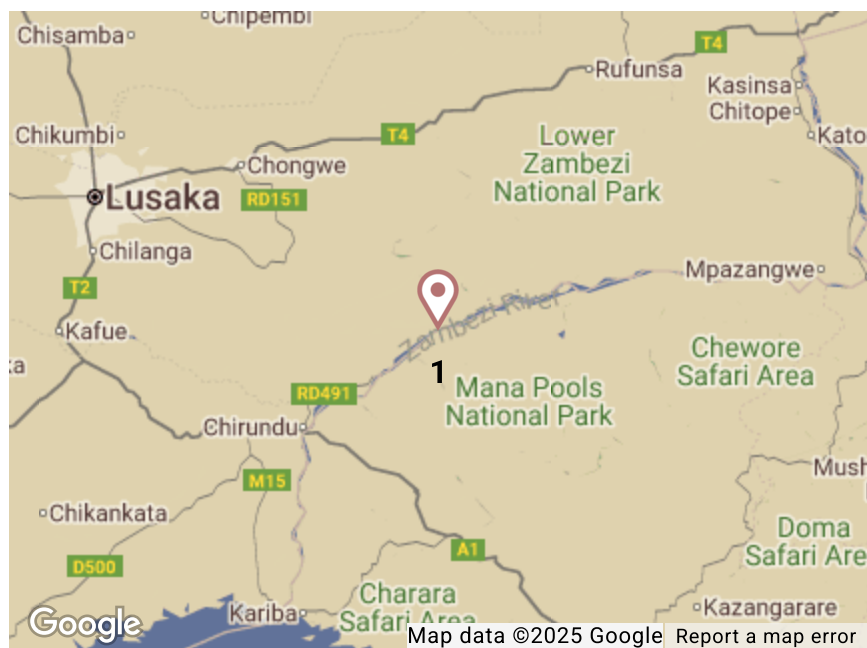
Numerous species including **WILD DOGS, LIONS** and an abundance of plains game.

Spend time on **FOOT** in the company of experienced safari guides.

OPEN SAFARI VEHICLES to conduct game drives, specially designed to give you the best game viewing experience.

Map

Visualize your journey



Summary

1) Day 1 - 5: Zambezi Expeditions, Mana Pools National Park

Safari Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1

JOHANNESBURG / HARARE AIRPORT / MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

- * Flight with Airlink from Johannesburg to Harare Airport.
- * Meet and greet at the airport by your representative.
- * Access to the Lounge at Harare Airport, where there is water, coffee and free Wi-Fi available.
- * Scheduled flight by light aircraft to Mana Main Airstrip in Mana Pools National Park.
- * Game drive transfer from the airstrip to the camp for check-in.
- * Afternoon activity.

Day 2 - 4

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Safari experiences (x2 per guest per day):

- * Morning and afternoon game drives.
- * Walking safaris (guides are armed for safety).
 - * Canoe safaris
- * Catch and release shore fishing.

Day 1 - 5

OVERNIGHT

Zambezi Expeditions

Luxury Tent

Lunch, dinner, breakfast

Selection of alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks

Laundry

4 Nights

Day 5

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK / HARARE AIRPORT / JOHANNESBURG

- * Morning activity.
- * Game drive transfer to the airstrip.
- * Scheduled flight by light aircraft to Harare Airport.
 - * Flight to Johannesburg.
- End of service

Zimbabwe Safari Costs

******Prices Quoted is Based on SA Resident Rates***

VALID FOR TRAVEL:

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COST OVERVIEW:

Total Per Person based on 2 guests in **Shared** accommodation: **R68,286.00**

Total Per Person based on 1 guest in **Single Room** accommodation: **R84,573.00**

(SA Resident Saving of R22,399.00 pp)

** Exchange rate used: R18.00 to US\$1.00*

*The quoted prices **include an airfare cost of R4,660.00***

This cost includes:

- Return economy airfares/airport taxes with **Airlink: Routing - Johannesburg to Harare Airport.**
- Meet and greet at Harare Airport by our representative.
- **Accommodation** as specified in the itinerary.
- **Meals, drinks** and **laundry** as specified.
- All **activities** specified.
- **Scheduled flights** by light aircraft as per the itinerary.
- Transport to and from the lodge airstrip
- Safari activities are shared with other guests at the lodge.
- Services of your professional and knowledgeable Zambia English-speaking driver/guide
- Zambia National Park fees / concession & conservancy fees.
- 24-hour support while you travel
- Travel information pack
- Free postage of travel documents in South Africa

This cost does not include:

- Visa fees for Zimbabwe (*SA passport DO NOT require a visa*)
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)

Zimbabwe Safari Costs

- Meals and drinks not specified
- Laundry services
- Gratuities to the driver/guide & hotel staff.
- All optional activities.
- All expenses of personal nature

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Exchange rate used (bank selling rate): R18.00 to US\$1.00.**
- As your package is partly in **US Dollars** all prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations and are subject to change without prior notice. The bank selling exchange rate on the date of **final payment** will be used to recalculate your package price.
- Prices quoted exclude any financial transaction charges. Please note that you are responsible for the cost of any and all bank charges incurred in any of the payment processes. All payments must be made in the currency in which the quotation was accepted.
- **Price quoted is per person sharing / single.**
- **Price quoted is valid for residents and citizens of SA & SADC member states.**
- Fares for international/regional flights, as quoted, are subject to change and will be updated when we issue your tickets.
- **Inter-camp flights:** Maximum baggage allowance on the flight is **20kg per person** – this allowance shall

INCLUDE all HAND BAGGAGE.

Day 1 | Mana Pools National Park



Area Overview

A rugged UNESCO World Heritage Site

Situated in the northern region of Zimbabwe, on the **southern banks of the Zambezi River**, Mana Pools National Park will leave you breathless with its beauty. **A paradise for walking and canoeing safaris**, Mana Pools is a wildlife-rich, biodiverse wonderland that will delight at every turn.

The landscapes are beautiful too, dotted with acacia trees, whose shade becomes vital to the parks' more than **12,000-strong elephant population** in the dry season, as well as a sprinkling of vibrant plant life. Far away from any human settlement, you'll relish the feeling of remoteness here. Surrounded only by extreme wilderness, and if you visit in winter, you'll find yourself exploring amongst the highest concentration of wildlife in Africa; an experience for which words can do no justice.

Wildlife

Elephant, eland, buffalo, impala, waterbuck, baboons, monkeys, zebra, warthog, and hippo are some of the larger herbivores to be seen regularly on the river terraces as they come out to eat the fallen albida fruit. Lions, leopards, spotted hyena, wild dogs, and cheetah are present in the area. **Birding is also phenomenal in this region.**

Day 1 | Mana Pools National Park

Seasonal Information

High Season: June - October

Mid Season: April, May & November

Green Season: December - March

Day 1 - 5 | Zambezi Expeditions



An Intimate Experience Overlooking the Majestic Zambezi River

Zambezi Expeditions showcases one of the most magnificent settings in Zimbabwe's iconic Mana Pools National Park. Comfortable yet classic, the camp offers the kind of intimacy with nature that can only be achieved by immersing yourself in the heart of the wild.

Fall asleep to the sound of the flowing river and chuckles of hippo and wake-up with the dawn chorus to a spectacular African sunrise. At Zambezi Expeditions you will connect with nature in a deep and meaningful way.

Day 1 - 5 | Zambezi Expeditions

Experience & Activities

With unique access to the Zambezi River, your days will be filled with adventurous canoeing safaris, tracking game along the shorelines by foot, and fishing for the iconic tiger fish. An absolute must, however, is a game drive along the flood plains and into the heart of the Mana Pools UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Accommodations

Luxury Tent

Set under the shade of winter thorn and ebony trees, each luxury tent has en-suite bathroom facilities with safari-style rain showers.

Fast Facts

Highlights

- Located on the banks of the Zambezi River
- Adventure filled days with a focus on walking safaris
- Some of the best wild-dog encounters on foot

Lodge facilities

- 6 luxury tents
- En-suite bathrooms with safari-style rain showers
- Main area plunge pool
- Child policy: 12+

Zimbabwe Travel Information

Best time to Travel

The **best time** to visit **Zimbabwe** and **Victoria Falls** depends on your preferences for weather, wildlife viewing, and activities.

Generally, the **dry season** from **May to October** is the most popular time to visit. During these months, the weather is cooler, making it ideal for exploring national parks like Hwange and Mana Pools, where wildlife congregates around waterholes, providing excellent viewing opportunities.

For those specifically interested in experiencing **Victoria Falls**, the falls are at their **peak flow** from **February to May** after the rainy season, presenting a magnificent spectacle. However, the spray can be intense during these months, sometimes obscuring the view.

From **June to August**, the water levels begin to drop, offering clearer views and better conditions for activities like white-water rafting. **September and October** are hot and dry, with lower water levels at the falls. However, this can offer unique perspectives and excellent game viewing as animals gather at the remaining water sources.

Overall, each period provides distinct advantages, depending on your interests.

Travel Insurance

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements (such as cancellation due to illness, accident or injury, personal accident and personal liability, loss of or damage to baggage and travel delays, etc.). It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel insurance that covers and is appropriate for your needs.

We will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE if you fail to take adequate insurance cover at all.

Passports & Visas

Please note that anyone travelling abroad is obliged to have a valid passport with a **minimum of six months** validity from the date of return with **at least 3 blank pages**.

Visas can be obtainable a point of entry or online - <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/home>.

South African passport holder – FREE visa on arrival.

Remember that visa requirements can change with little or no notice. Please note it's your responsibility to obtain a visa when required as we accept no liability for your failure to do so.

Zimbabwe Travel Information

Health & Vaccines

Zimbabwe is a malaria risk area - please consult your physician/travel clinic before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria. **You do NOT need a yellow fever vaccination to enter Zimbabwe**, except if you travel through an endemic country (or been in transit for 12 hours or more in such a country) you required presenting a yellow fever vaccination certificate. We recommend that you check the latest health information before departure.

Gratuities

Please consider tipping as part of your safari experience, as it is an excellent way to show appreciation for the great service you receive. Here are our recommended gratuity guidelines:

- **Safari Guides:** We suggest tipping US\$12 per person, per day.
- **Activity Guide:** We suggest tipping US\$10 per person, per day.
- **Hotel Staff:** Tipping is at your discretion, based on the service you receive.
- **Porters:** A recommended tip is US\$1 per suitcase for help with luggage.

Tipping on safari is not obligatory, but it is a thoughtful gesture.

Children Travelling

Travelling From South Africa:

All children under 18 years need to present an **unabridged birth certificate**, as well as a valid passport when entering or departing **South Africa**. We urge you to familiarise yourself with this legislation, as eXplore Plus Travel & Tours cannot be held responsible for any changes to or costs relating to your travel itinerary if you do not comply.