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SEMI-PARTICIPATORY SAFARIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Explorer Canoe Safaris are semi-participatory – meaning camps are not already set up for your arrival and that everyone helps.
- To put up tents each evening. Tents supplied are very easy to set up, two-man, dome tents.
- These safaris are self-contained – meaning all equipment and food is carried in the canoes and there is no vehicle back up.
- We take a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 people (special arrangements can be made for larger groups upon request).
- Our minimum age limit for canoe safaris is 14 years – there is no maximum age limit, but sound judgement should be used.
- No previous canoeing experience is necessary, but guests are required to be reasonably fit and healthy.
- The maximum luggage limit per client to take on the river is 10 kgs. A luggage room and safe facilities are provided for any extra luggage at the Kariba office.
- Animals seen on the trip usually include elephant, buffalo, impala, waterbuck, hippo, crocodile, and plentiful birdlife. Lions, leopards, painted hunting dog etc. are more rarely seen but are certainly in the area. We cannot guarantee plenty of game while on safari, particularly during the green (rainy) season.

Our semi-participatory Explorer Canoe Safari options begin and end in Kariba (unless by other arrangement) and we recommend clients spend the night prior to their safari's departure in Kariba town. We can assist with booking this accommodation. Safaris depart from our offices in Kariba, clients can self-drive there or, be picked up by us from their various hotels at 7:30am. Once at the office, clients may arrange for excess luggage and valuables to be locked away safely until their return. (We do not recommend taking passports or valuables on the river). A short briefing will then be given to help clients understand what the trip entails and any questions will be answered.

A shopping trip follows to allow the purchase of any additional groceries or personal items required, as well to purchase particular drinks clients may want. Clients will then be driven to the starting point of their safari.



DAILY ROUTINE

Generally, the day starts with tea/coffee and biscuits at sunrise. Camp is then packed up and the party sets off. Early mornings make for easy paddling as the wind is calm and it is not yet too hot. A stop will be made for breakfast, usually after a couple of hours. The trip continues after breakfast, until breaking for a light lunch and siesta to avoid the midday heat. The night stop is reached at approximately 5pm and the camp is unpacked and set up. Campsites are typically set up on islands and all sites are designated by National Parks.

ABLUTIONS

There are no ablution facilities on these safaris. Clients are provided with a spade, toilet paper and matches - with which to burn the toilet paper. Bathing is done from a bucket using water scooped out of the river.

BACK-UP STATUS

Explorer Safaris are self-contained. All equipment and food is carried in the canoes and there is no vehicle back-up apart from drop-off and pick-up. As these safaris are semi-participatory, clients are required to help setup tents and to assist the guide with the cooking and washing up.

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

All camping equipment is supplied. This includes gas stoves, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, plastic plates, mugs, tables, stools, camping mattresses, small camping pillow, sleeping bags and liners, candles, matches, cooler boxes and dome tents. Clients can bring their own sleeping bags if preferred. Fishing equipment is not supplied but clients may bring their own.

FOOD

All food is supplied (and is a set menu for logistical reasons), and meals are of a good standard. Meat and poultry dishes are precooked, frozen and stored in a cooler box during the safari. Some fresh produce, (fruit and vegetables)

are provided on the safari. Long safaris such as the Zambezi Classic Long are re-supplied in either Chirundu or Mana Pools.

- Breakfast usually consists of a Continental Breakfast (Cereals, Seasonal fresh fruit, yoghurt, and toast) – time allowing, we can do a Full English Breakfast on the last day
- Lunches are light and fresh, varying between meals like Tuna Wraps, Chicken Salad Pitas, Boerewors rolls etc.
- Dinner consists of a variety of pre-cooked meals for example Burgundy Beef and rice, Pork Chops and Mashed Potato etc.

DRINKS

Tea, coffee, cordials and imported wine with dinner are provided on Explorer Safaris. Processed water is provided on all our trips however we also provide 2 litres of bottled mineral water per person per day. Clients are therefore advised to bring their own soft drinks/sodas, beer and spirits. Clients will be able to purchase these before the trip when shopping prior to departure – if you feel that you will require more than the allocated mineral water per person per day, you are also able to purchase extra at the same time. Drinks must be bought in cans to reduce weight and space. A cooler box is set aside for keeping drinks cold. There are no opportunities to replenish stocks on the river.



WHAT TO BRING

Please keep all your luggage for the Safari to a maximum of 10kgs per person packed in a soft duffel bag, not a suitcase.

We recommend you pack the following for your Safari:

- Reusable Water Bottles
- Waterproof Bag
- Swimming/bathing costume
- Shorts and T-shirts
- Personal Toiletries
- Canvas shoes or rafting sandals
- Hat with a wide brim
- Jacket or sweater for the evenings
- Shirts (including a long sleeved one for sun protection)
- A kikoi (or sarong) to cover your legs to protect them from the sun.
- Torch or flashlight and extra batteries
- Camera, film and spare camera batteries
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Bath Towel
- Insect repellent
- Socks for winter nights
- Warm clothes to sleep in during winter.
- Waterproof bags for personal items.
- Money for National Parks Fees as well as identification documents where relevant. Natureways Safaris recommends clients take a course anti malaria medication before travelling to Africa, please consult with your doctor or GP. Please ensure that you advise Natureways Safaris or your travel agent of any medical or dietary requirements **at least 14 days before your trip departs.**

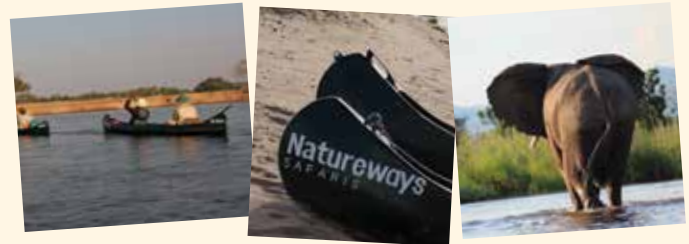
COSTS INCLUDE

- Road transfers from Kariba town to and from the safari – All transfers are in open 4x4 vehicles, please be advised that roads can be dusty and bumpy.
- All meals – We do cater for dietary preferences, such as vegetarian or diabetic however we require advance warning – at least 14 days.
- Drinks – including tea, coffee, cordials, imported wines with dinner and 2 litres of mineral water per person per day. We do supply adequate cooler boxes if guests would like to take their own alcohol, minerals and additional bottled water.
- All canoeing equipment – the canoes are two-man Canadian-style canoes, and the paddles are American Carlisle paddles.
- All camping equipment – two-man dome tents, sleeping bags, liners, mattress, flysheet.
- Fully qualified canoe guide.

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- Soft Drinks, Beers and Alcohol
- National Parks Fees
- Costs of a personal nature

PLEASE NOTE THAT COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE NATIONAL PARKS FEES WHICH ARE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO PARKS EN-ROUTE. PLEASE ASK YOUR AGENT OR CONTACT US FOR THE FEE BEFORE TRAVEL.





MOPANE CANOE SAFARI MANA POOLS TO CHEWORE (4 Days/3 Nights) SEMI-PARTICIPATORY CANOE SAFARI

DAY ONE (18 KM)

Natureways Safaris will collect you on the morning of your safari at 7:30am, in good time for a check-in at Natureways office, handing in extra luggage and valuables. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE YOUR PASSPORT ON THE RIVER.** There will be a short briefing to summarise what the safari entails and questions may be asked. Guests will be required to sign an indemnity form before leaving on the safari.

After the briefing, a visit to the shops will be made, purchasing any extra drinks wanted for the trip before setting off for the river. Please note that credit cards are not a recommended payment option in Zimbabwe.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits are taken after a more leisurely start to the day. Following breakfast, camp will be broken, and you will depart at approximately 8am. On arriving at Chewore at 10am, canoes and equipment will be loaded on to the vehicle for the return trip to Kariba – a packed lunch is served en route. Arrival time in Kariba is approximately 3pm.

Your group will be transferred in open 4x4 vehicles to Nyamepi (Mana Pools Main Camp) arriving at approximately 1:30pm. The canoes and kit will be off-loaded. The guide will give a safety talk and demonstration on how to paddle and lunch will be served before you begin canoeing. You will paddle until early evening reaching the first night's camp on Nyamatusi Island. There is time to have a bucket bath, relax and have dinner after a brief safety talk on camping by your guide.



DAY TWO (25 KM)

You will be woken early for tea, coffee, and biscuits before a short morning's paddle. Breakfast will be served either on the banks of the river or on an island. Afterwards the group will resume canoeing until around midday – stopping for lunch and a brief siesta on the riverbank till the midday heat passes. Canoeing will then continue until early evening. The second night's stop is made at 'G' Camp in the channels.

DAY THREE (20 KM)

The programme is as per day two. With the night's camp being set up at Chewore High Sand Bank.

DAY FOUR (7 KM)

Tea, coffee, and biscuits are taken after a more leisurely start to the day. Following breakfast, camp will be broken, and you will depart at approximately 8am. On arriving at Chewore at 10am, canoes and equipment will be loaded on to the vehicle for the return trip to Kariba – a packed lunch is served enroute. Arrival time in Kariba is approximately 3pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN EXPLORER CANOE SAFARI AND THERE ARE NO FIXED ABLUTION FACILITIES ALONG THE WAY. ALL TIMINGS GIVEN IN THIS TRIP DESCRIPTION ARE AN APPROXIMATION AND WILL VARY FROM TRIP TO TRIP.

THIS ITINERARY IS GUIDELINE AND MAY CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES i.e. WEATHER CONDITIONS.





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