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BACKED UP SAFARIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Odyssey Safaris are fully backed-up safaris - meaning clients can sit back and relax while everything is taken care of.
- 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 is 14 years - there is no maximum age limit but common-sense should be used.
- No previous canoeing experience is necessary, but guests should be reasonably fit and healthy.
- There is no maximum luggage weight, as luggage will be transferred by vehicle from camp to camp.

Animals seen on the trip usually include elephant, buffalo, impala, waterbuck, hippo, crocodile, and plentiful birdlife. Lion, leopard, 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.

As Odyssey Safaris are fully backed-up they are more luxurious than our Explorer (semi-participatory) Safaris. Guests enjoy the services of a fully qualified professional guide who as well as guiding clients on the Zambezi River, can take clients for guided walks or game drives through National Parks.

Odyssey Safaris do NOT include transfers. Clients are able to charter return flights to Mana Pools National Park to maximise time spent on safari. Commercial flights can be arranged to and from Harare, Kariba, Victoria Falls, Hwange, Lusaka, or Livingstone. Please contact us for assistance booking charter flights or transfers. Alternatively, guests may make their own way to Mana Pools by driving. For all canoe safaris, please arrive by 11:30am at the latest to be able to fit an afternoon of canoeing.

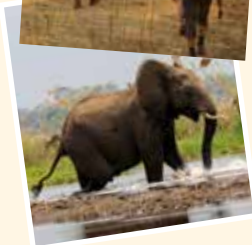
Additional nights can be added to any safari - for example, start a safari with a Camp Zambezi so you are well rested, before starting a 3-day Mana Shoreline Canoe Safari, or alternatively end a canoe safari with a Camp Zambezi so that you have an extra day to relax on the shores of the Zambezi. Please contact us with any special requests so that Natureways is able to tailor a safari to your needs.





DAILY ROUTINE

Generally, the Odyssey routine is similar to that of an Explorer Canoe Safari, however, with a few deserved luxuries. You will be awakened early, warm water will be placed in a basin outside your tent, while freshly brewed coffee awaits you on the campfire. All will have the opportunity to have something to eat before setting out on safari. There is the option of going for an early morning walk or game drive before breakfast or, for the avid fisherman, there is time to pull out a rod. Odyssey Safaris are tailored to suite the individual. Camp is set up and taken down by our staff to ensure that guests spend as much time as possible doing safari activities or simply enjoying their surroundings.



ABLUTIONS

Natureways Odyssey Safari Camps have no permanent ablution facilities, however camps are served by the luxury of long drop toilets, and, for night-use, all tents have ensuite chemical toilets. Guests can also revel in a luxurious hot shower underneath the star-studded expanse of the African sky.

BACK-UP STATUS

All Odyssey Safaris are fully backed up with a Natureways team and 4x4 vehicle. The team will take care of all our guests' needs and camp chores. During our mobile safaris the camp will be taken down and all equipment and guest luggage will be transferred to the next campsite by vehicle after guests have left for their day's activity be it canoeing or walking.

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

All camping equipment is supplied.

Our Odyssey Safaris are true bush camps but offer a little rustic luxury – there is no electricity or plumbing and there are no permanent structures. It is a taste of the way a safari used to be – a truly authentic, African bush experience. Camps are eco-friendly, designed to be erected and dismantled within hours, leaving no trace on the environment.

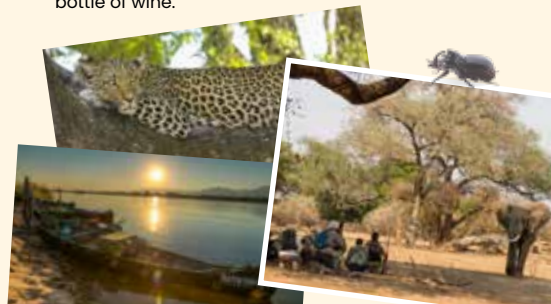
Natureways has custom-built tents to guarantee guest comfort: they are spacious walk-in style tents supplied with ensuite toilet facilities for night-use and comfortable beds with fresh linen. Stationary camp tents are mosquito-proof with mosquito gauzed rooves so guests can lie in bed and enjoy the night sky. (All our tents have fly sheets to ensure no one gets wet if it does rain! They also provide shade should one want an afternoon sleep).

Odyssey camps are fully equipped with a mobile kitchen run by an experienced bush cook, bar facilities and a dining area with full waiter service.

FOOD

All produce is brought in fresh, and meals are prepared in camp by one of our famed bush cooks. All breads and pastries are freshly baked on the open campfire. Vegetarian or other dietary preferences can be catered to providing Natureways is advised 14 days prior to the safari.

- Breakfast may consist of cereals, yoghurt, muffins, biscuits, pancakes, toast, and jams. On the last day of safari, a full English breakfast will be laid on for clients to enjoy.
- Lunch is usually fresh quiche, lasagne or similar with a varied selection of freshly baked bread, salads, and cheeses.
- Dinners are full 3-course meals with various starters, delicious main courses and sumptuous desserts all eaten by candlelight under the stars, accompanied by an imported bottle of wine.



DRINKS

All Odyssey Safaris include a supply of local beers, spirits, imported wines, minerals, cordials, mineral water, tea, and coffee. Drinks are served by our friendly camp staff whilst guests relax. We recommend you contact Natureways with any drink preferences i.e., if a particular brand of local beer is preferred. Clients are also free to bring their own beverages, cooler boxes can be set aside for this purpose. There is no limit to the number of beverages you may bring.

WHAT TO BRING

We recommend you pack the following for your Safari:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Swimming/bathing costume
- Shorts and T-shirts
- Personal Toiletries
- Canvas shoes or rafting sandals, a comfortable pair of hiking shoes for those on a walking safari
- 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
- Film and spare camera batteries
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Socks for winter nights
- Warm clothes to sleep in on winter nights.
- 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

- All transfers from Main Camp - Nyamepi or airstrips 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 local beers, spirits, imported wines, minerals, cordials, mineral water, tea, and coffee. Guests are free to bring their own drinks.
- All canoeing equipment - Canoes are two-man, Canadian-style canoes, and the paddles are American Carlisle paddles.
- All camping equipment.
- Professional guide.

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CAMP ZAMBEZI SAFARI MANA POOLS SHORELINE (4 Days / 3 Nights) ODYSSEY SAFARI



ABOUT MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Mana Pools National Park extends along 80kms of the Zambezi River, making for the best game viewing on the lower Zambezi. Mana Pools is the only game park in Zimbabwe to be granted World Heritage Status and encompasses some of Africa's largest areas of acacia and mahogany woodland, combined with spectacular, full canopy mopane forest. Mana is part of a 300 million year old rift valley, supporting a large variety of mammals and over 400 bird species. The over 200 square kms of this park has been set aside to be kept as wild as possible with only non-invasive, zero-impact tourism allowed. Here one can participate in canoeing, walking and/ or game drives – or simply relax and take in the breathtaking beauty. Mana Pools is consistently rated in the top ten of Africa's National Parks. Here there are no safari lodges, generators, electric fences or other structures often associated with safari camps as these are banned by law. All our camps must be taken down the day after our clients depart to ensure minimal damage to the ecosystem.

Wildlife is abundant in the valley especially from June through to late October. The Zambezi runs through the Urungwe Safari Area, Mana Pools National Park, Sapi Safari, Chewore Safari and Dande Safari Areas respectively. Game is seen on every trip, most commonly impala, waterbuck, hippo, crocodiles, elephant, and buffalo. Animals such as lion and leopard are more difficult to find but are certainly present. Wildlife is more abundant in Mana Pools, especially during the height of the dry season (July to October) when the game viewing can be fantastic.

Games drives are in open 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers. These drives may take you away from the river, to investigate the diverse inland habitats and occupants that make up the ecology of the area. Walking to explore and learn about the area, with your professional guide it is the best way to experience Mana Pools. The guide carries a weapon at all times. Mana can provide some amazing

experiences, if guests are looking for close encounters with game. It is famous for its bull elephants and an encounter with one of these gentle giants is an experience never to forget!

Canoeing is a wonderful way to take in the bush – gliding silently past herds of animals often unaware of your presence. Canoeing is done in 5.5m (18ft) Canadian style canoes, fitted with comfortable seats and cushions.

We are only too happy to cater for guests with any particular special interests, such as birding, photography, botany etc. Please advise us of any special interests prior to arrival. Ideally each guest should have his or her own set of binoculars to maximise the safari experience.

Fishing is also a popular activity from Camp Zambezi, particularly towards the end of the dry season – Sept/Oct, when the tiger fish are biting. Camp Zambezi is the perfect launch point each day for fishing enthusiasts. You can canoe out from the camp to explore the surrounding islands and channels or spend the whole day fishing. There is no pressure to get to the next canoe camp down-river, as on a canoe trail safari.

Camp Zambezi is a true bush camp – no electricity, no permanent structures, no plumbing – a taste of the way safaris used to be. The camp is designed to be erected or dismantled within hours, leaving no trace of its existence on the environment. The camp has comfortable beds furnished with linen and duvets. The large tents have en suite toilet facilities for night-use as well as an en suite shower (with plenty of hot water available). A long drop toilet is also provided for day-use. Our staff service your tents daily. All water used in camp has been filtered and bottled water is also available. Each morning, staff will fill the wash basin outside your tent with hot water for washing or shaving. Lighting is by solar lamps but guests should bring their own torch or headlight.

The romantic light thrown by candelabra makes a bush dinner, surrounded by the sounds of evening and a million stars, a truly special African occasion.



CAMP ZAMBEZI SAFARI MANA POOLS SHORELINE (4 Days / 3 Nights) ODYSSEY SAFARI

DAY ONE

Fly by air charter into Mana Pools or drive into Nyamepi Mana Main Camp. into Mana Pools National Park where you will be met by your guide with ice cold drinks. You will then embark on a half hour drive through Jesse bush and mopane scrub to Camp Zambezi arriving in time for lunch. You may, by then, already have met a few of your new neighbours – elephant, kudu, zebra, impala and many birds!

A mobile tented camp will have been set up by the camp staff – walk-in mosquito proof tents with en-suite chemical toilet with hot showers, external long-drop toilets and a dining area next to the fire where iced drinks and sumptuous bush-prepared meals will be served. Our chef will have prepared a delicious lunch to give you strength for the first afternoon's walk – a familiarisation walk to see the lay of the land. Then back to camp for sundowners, a hot (or cold if you prefer) shower, and a fine dinner.

Although it is tempting to stay awake to listen to the neighbours going about their nightly activities, the beds are very comfortable and warm so it may be difficult to stay awake!

DAY TWO

To make the most of your day we suggest an early morning wake up, the hand basins outside each tent are filled with hot water before first light to allow you to shave or freshen up. Go straight out to check for spoor and animal activity around camp. Enjoy a beautiful sunrise and, on your return to camp, a light breakfast will be served with tea and freshly brewed coffee.

After breakfast, set off on your morning's activity, you may take to the river for the day (or morning), go by vehicle or on foot to explore the National Park. Whether you opt for land or water activities, half or full day, you can be assured



of incredible experiences. The guide will carry a weapon, a first aid kit, and you may take a packed lunch and extra water depending on how long you would like to be on your activity for. Clients may carry extra personal water and personal items for the day.

Finally, back to camp for the night where a wonderful meal, hot shower, cold drinks and friendly staff are waiting.

DAY THREE

Another day along the lines of day two – the choices are yours to make the most of this amazing spot. This third night will again be spent at Camp Zambezi – with all the trimmings.

DAY FOUR

Depending upon the guests time of departure, or if guests are moving on to a canoe trail or alternative camp, they may either take another early walk or drive before breakfast or have a bit of a sleep in! After that, there will be a short game drive to the airstrip or Nyamepi, Mana Main Camp, where we bid you farewell!

As you depart with your memories, we know that this experience will have enriched your life and touched your soul!

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SAFARI TIPS:

- Please note that Natureways also offer Mana Shoreline Walking and Canoeing Safaris.
- As an alternative, for group bookings, Natureways offers both Mana Shoreline Canoeing and Mana Shoreline Walking running simultaneously i.e., with up to 6 people on a Canoeing Safari and 6 people on a Walking Safari with everyone meeting up at sunset for drinks, dinner and overnighting in the same sites and then after breakfast recommencing their separate safaris.
- Walks are dependent on animal and weather conditions at the time and there will be a back-up vehicle available if required or if clients do not want to walk the entire distance between camps.

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