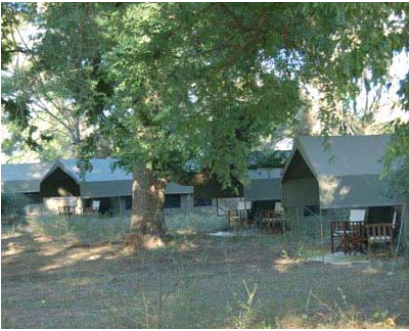


# Mandrare River Camp



Mandrare River Camp offers both nature and culture, in a stunning locale. This is a true luxury camping experience, with strong attention to local culture and ecotourism. The camp is set in the shade of Tamarind Trees, a strand of deciduous gallery forest in an area predominantly covered by spiny forest and sisal. Set in the grounds of an old colonial sisal plantation, the camp is three kilometres from the village of Ifotaka and opposite the sacred

ancestral forest of the Antandroy Tribe.

The six spacious tents are provided with extra large mosquito netted roof vents and side windows. The tents contain a mosquito netted 4-poster double bed or two single beds depending on your request. The tents were hand made to specifications in South Africa and are designed to withstand the daily stresses of the rugged local environment. Inside the main inner tent there is a canvas covered wardrobe, dressing table with mirror, bedside tables and a large baggage trunk. Each tent has a veranda with two comfortable canvas safari chairs and a small table, a great place to sit and relax away from the midday sun or with a gin & tonic in the evenings. The bathroom section is attached to the rear of the tent and includes a shower area, chemical toilet and wash stand with basin. Hot water for the basin is provided in the morning and evenings and the hot bucket showers are ready after your sundowners or delivered on demand.



There are a number of varied activities possible at Mandrare River Camp including day and night walks to find the five species of lemurs present here, astronomy, meeting and interacting with the local Antandroy tribe. By protecting the sacred forests, where the Antandroy's ancestors rest in their ornate tombs, the tribe has managed to preserve large wildlife areas and, through their traditions, they not only protect but also seem to genuinely live in harmony with their environment.

You can go to a local wrestling match known as a "ringa" and the local tribe sometimes comes to the camp to show off their traditional dance. Also, there are four species of lemur in the local area: ring-tailed, Verreaux's sifaka, mouse and white-footed sportive (the last two are both nocturnal). The birding is exceptional with at least 15 resident species in camp and many more in the surrounding wooded areas.