

Chikwenya



Chikwenya and Mana Pools National Park have to be one of the most beautiful sites for a safari anywhere in Southern Africa. The main focus at Chikwenya is the tranquil Zambezi River, its open floodplain, Chikwenya Island and the wonderful wildlife which lives in Mana Pools. It is a photographer's paradise as tall attractive acacia trees dot the open floodplains, with

the mountains of the Rift Valley providing the backdrop. Chikwenya Camp is owned and operated by Wilderness Safaris. There is a pub and lounge under thatch. Breakfasts are enjoyed outdoors under the shade of an enormous Mahogany tree and dinners are often on the deck under the stars. There is a pool as well. The camp is open all year.

The camp has 18 beds, in 9 superb tented rooms with en suite facilities, as well as either an outdoor shower or bath "under the stars". Each room has a panoramic view onto the floodplains of the Zambezi. One can lie in bed and watch Elephant and Buffalo stroll past your room.



This is a great multi-activity safari camp. The activities focus on enjoying the scenery and the game viewing in open 4x4 vehicles, in boats, on foot, from hides and in canoes. A 3-night canoe trip on the Zambezi River, The Mana Canoe & Walking Trail, is also available along the Mana Pools shoreline starting at Ruckomechi Camp and ending at Chikwenya Camp. The area is renowned for its large numbers of Elephant,

Buffalo, Hippo, Lions, Crocodiles and Eland, which concentrate along the river when the waterholes inland dry up during the winter months. Buffalo graze along the Zambezi River's edges and Elephant love the Acacia Albida forests. The seeds from the Albida are rich in protein and nutrients and they drop towards the end of the dry winter months when the animals need the nutrition the most. Leopard are common, although they are not seen as often as Lion. Birdlife is superb and many species are found here. The Angola Pitta is a birder's top prize; they nest in this area in December. Shelley's Sunbird, Narina Trogon, Livingstone Flycatcher and Western Banded Snake Eagle are some of the summer birding specials.