

ZIMBABWE – MANA POOLS – WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI

WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI	Destination	WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI (CLASSIC) – RUCKOMECHI CONCESSION, MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK
	Unique Selling Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elephants abound at Wilderness Little Ruckomechi. Not only are these pachyderms attracted to the rich, nutritious pods of the albida trees that surround camp, the camp overlooks a favoured elephant crossing as well. ➤ Wilderness Little Ruckomechi's traversing area is home to large concentrations of buffalos and elephants, while predators such as lions, African wild dogs, leopards and cheetahs are often sighted. A range of antelopes can be seen on the surrounding plains, with hippos and crocodiles crowding the river. ➤ Birdlife is superb. Bee-eaters nest in the riverbanks and numerous local specials, like collared palm-thrush and racket-tailed roller, are present.
	Travel With Purpose	<p>Your Safari Makes An Impact ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With the increasing threat of poaching and human encroachment, our presence alongside Mana Pools National Park is an important buffer, expanding this haven for the Lower Zambezi's flora and fauna.
	Seasonal Operational Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seasonal Operational Periods (subject to change without prior notice – below are approximate guidelines only as operational dates fluctuate: availability at the time of booking to be advised by Travel Designers accordingly) ➤ Annual seasonal operational closure from 20 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 (inclusive). ➤ Annual seasonal operational period from 01 May 2025 to 19 November 2025 (inclusive). ➤ Annual seasonal operational closure from 19 November 2024 to 30 April 2025 (inclusive). ➤ Annual seasonal operational period from 01 May 2024 to 18 November 2024 (inclusive). ➤ Annual seasonal operational closure from 20 November 2023 to 30 April 2024 (inclusive). ➤ Annual seasonal operational period from 01 May 2023 to 19 November 2023 (inclusive). <p style="text-align: center;">❖ Operating seasonally as a result of access restrictions during the summer months.</p>
	GPS Coordinates Of Camp	<p>15°49'53.44"S 29°8'38.11"E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ These coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting on Google Earth only, and are NOT to be used for access, as in most cases this is restricted – i.e. by fly-in basis only and with Wilderness Air, or in other instances by preferred charter companies. Whilst in very few cases access by road.
Access Fly-In Basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Airstrip Name: Mana West Airstrip (NB: Another airstrip in the Zambezi Valley is called Ruckomechi and should not be confused with our Mana West Airstrip) ➤ Duration To Camp: Approximate 25 minute vehicle transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities en-route) ➤ Airstrip Coordinates: 15°50'.12"S 29°10'.50"E ➤ Altitude/Elevation: 1 300 Feet ➤ Runway Length: 1 000 Metres ➤ Runway Heading: 14/32 ➤ Airstrip Surface: Clay (may be used in dry weather conditions only, and no light landings – closed between November and March) ➤ Airstrip Services: Wilderness Little Ruckomechi & Wilderness Ruckomechi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Whilst weather patterns are unpredictable, in situations of late rains received in the area impacting operations, generally speaking in these seasonal situations (usually the month of April), Mana West Airstrip cannot be utilised. As such, the alternative of Mana Main Airstrip will be accessed with an approximate 1.5 hour vehicle transfer to Wilderness Ruckomechi. There is no effect on Wilderness Little Ruckomechi in those instances where the camp is not yet open for the season. ➤ Should inclement weather prevail for longer than norm periods, and in these likelihoods where Wilderness Air Zimbabwe Operations are unable to resume access of Mana West Airstrip for the remainder of the season (usually the month of November), Chirundu Airstrip may be utilised as the alternative. Transfer duration from Chirundu to Wilderness Little Ruckomechi/Wilderness Ruckomechi at approximately 1.0 hour (downstream, and with The Mana Pools Transfer Company (TMPTC)), and from Wilderness Little Ruckomechi/Wilderness Ruckomechi to Chirundu at approximately 01 hour and 30 minutes (upstream, as handled by Wilderness). From the boat drop-off point (pump station) to the Chirundu Airstrip is an approximate 10 minutes (vehicle transfer to be handled by Chirundu Safari Lodge). ➤ Please note that Wilderness Air Zimbabwe Operations monitors all aspects and may handle any last minute changes in arrangements directly on the ground should prior notice not be possible. 	

WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI	No. Of Tents & No. Of Beds	<p>03 tents [no family accommodation]</p> <p>06 beds (06 guests) (for FIT bookings) OR</p> <p>03 tents [no family accommodation]</p> <p>06 beds (06 guests) PLUS [01 Pilot/Guide (02 beds in total, on a shared accommodation basis, with one adjoining bathroom facility – of the same standard as guest accommodation)], thus, forming a total configuration of</p> <p>04 tents 08 beds (08 guests) (for SOLE USE bookings only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability (note that Pilot/Guide bed numbers do not affect these concession limits). ➤ 48 guests total in the concession between both camps (with the split as 06 guests at Wilderness Little Ruckomechi, 24 guests at Wilderness Ruckomechi and 18 guests at Wilderness Chikwenya)
	Land Or Water Based Activities	L & W
	Tent Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ En-suite facilities (comprises an indoor shower, double basin vanity and separate toilet) ➤ Writing desk and chair, as well as easy chairs ➤ Luggage rack ➤ Ottoman ➤ Ceiling fan ➤ Mosquito net ➤ During winter months hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided ➤ Electronic safe ➤ Tea and coffee making facilities (hot water will be provided in the mornings and on request) ➤ Complimentary in-tent Wi-Fi ➤ Two-way emergency radios to contact Camp Management in the event of an emergency and/or inter-tent regular communication between guest accommodations (during check-in and camp/lodge orientation, the various designated channels will be advised accordingly) ➤ Veranda with deck chairs
	Type Of Accommodation	<p>An Intimate Camp Experience ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Perfect for small groups or families, Wilderness Little Ruckomechi is a beautiful and intimate camp with airy and elegant tents, delightfully showcasing the romance of the bygone explorer era. ➤ The open and stylish public living spaces offer views over the fast-flowing Zambezi River –often bristling with swimming elephant – and beyond to the breathtaking Rift Valley escarpment on the Zambian side. <p>Canvas tented accommodation on low wooden decks, with sandy pathways on the ground (linking all the tents to the main areas).</p>
	Rates Basis	FI

WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI	Game Drives	<p>Yes, day and night in 01 x 07-seater open 4x4 vehicle [during winter months hot water bottles (on early morning game drives only), blankets and lined ponchos are provided – night drives with red filtered spotlight for nocturnal animals]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mana Pools National Park regulations to be adhered to which includes no off-road driving. ➤ Within Mana Pools National Park – with game drives in our private concession and therefore prime wildlife viewing exclusively for Wilderness guests.
	Other Possible Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Guided nature walks (available all year round, and recommended in the mornings with cooler temperatures – noting that during the summer months of December through to April with generally higher rainfall, and with the bush being thicker, walks may be shorter in duration) ➤ Water-based activities in 01 x 08-seater pontoon and 03 x 02-seater canoes (water levels permitting). ➤ River cruise (usually sunset cruise) ➤ Fishing on a catch and release basis from the bank or by boat for leisurely interests (not the sole purpose of the safari) is included as a standard camp activity (water levels permitting and at no extra cost), dependent on boat availability and/or guest numbers. Basic fishing tackle is available from the camp (rods/reels/line/sinkers/hooks/steel trace, as well as worms – which can be used to fish for bream (tilapia), barbel (catfish) and tigerfish. Fly fishing equipment is not stocked in camp and for serious fishermen requiring sole use of a boat, a per hour per boat cost (subject to change) will be levied, payable direct. Note that priority for the camp boats is game viewing activities for all guests. ➤ Birding ➤ Stargazing with a laser pointer <p>➤ Private Activities on offer (subject to vehicle availability which needs to be booked and paid for) may be requested in advance – note that the one private vehicle on the Ruckomechi Concession is shared between Wilderness Little Ruckomechi and Wilderness Ruckomechi.</p>
	Child Policy	<p>From 13 years (unless sole use is booked)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For further details, kindly refer to the manual Wilderness Policies & Procedures – Child Policy.
	Camp Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pool in main area ➤ Lounge/dining and bar areas under canvas on a raised wooden deck (with sandy pathways linking all the tents to the main areas) ➤ Reading area with a selection of reference books ➤ Swing bench ➤ Fire pit ➤ Guest toilet in main area <p>➤ Wilderness Little Ruckomechi may be sold in conjunction with Wilderness Ruckomechi for larger groups. However, it is approximately 4.0 kilometres apart which is an approximate 20 minute drive.</p>

WILDERNESS LITTLE RUCKOMECHI	Electricity & Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Combination power system as part solar with either hybrid, inverter-battery or back-up generator systems ➤ 220V generator as back-up and used for emergencies ➤ Water for showers as heated by solar geysers ➤ Solar units charge the batteries located at each tented accommodation providing sufficient 12V lights throughout the night (if used sensibly), as well as powering fans where available ➤ 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices (items running on 110V will need a converter) ➤ Additional charging facilities (available on request and prior notice essential) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare battery/ies, charging unit and adaptors) ➤ Plug outlets are either round 3-pin/2-pin plugs and/or square 3-pin/2-pin plugs on alternating current (AC) off an inverter
	Suggested Combinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wilderness Shumba (Kafue) ➤ Wilderness Toka Leya (Victoria Falls, Livingstone) ➤ Wilderness Little Makalolo (Hwange) ➤ Contact your Travel Designer for further alternatives ...
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