

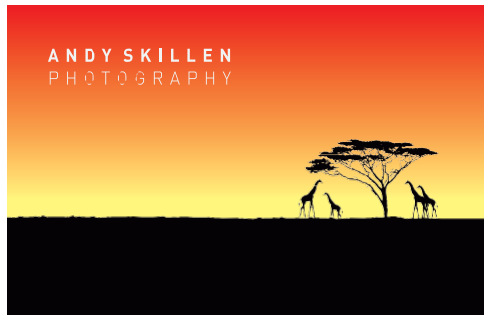
The Magic of Mana

D1: 24/8/27 – 1/9/27; D2: 1/9/27 – 9/9/27

Location: Mana Pools, Zimbabwe

Group size: 4; Cost GBP 9,495 per person

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AN 8 NIGHT, 9 DAY PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE TO ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING WILDLIFE AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS TRIP IS GEARED TO GIVE YOU A SUPERIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE IN UNCROWDED SHOOTING CONDITIONS AND THE CHANCE TO WORK ON FOOT WITH SOME OF THE CONTINENT'S MOST ICONIC WILDLIFE..YES, THAT INCLUDES LIONS!

WITH A GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4, YOU ARE GUARANTEED PLENTY OF ROOM IN WHICH TO WORK. THIS TRIP IS TIMED TO MAXIMISE YOUR POSSIBILITIES OF VIEWING AFRICA'S MOST ELUSIVE PREDATORS – WILD DOGS – AS THEY TRANSITION FROM THE DENNING PHASE TO HUNTING ON THE FLOODPLAIN. BY WORKING WITH THE RESEARCH TEAMS IN THE REGION, WE INCREASE OUR CHANCES OF SPECTACULAR ENCOUNTERS. WE WILL ALSO SEEK OUT THE PARK'S OTHER ICONIC WILDLIFE, INCLUDING – BUT NOT JUST! - ITS PROLIFIC LION POPULATION AND "STANDING" ELEPHANTS, AS WELL AS AN ENDLESS LIST OF OTHER POSSIBILITIES TO EXPAND THAT PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTFOLIO.

THE MAGIC OF MANA IS A PHOTOGRAPHIC SPELL THAT ONCE CAST, IS NEVER FORGOTTEN!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4 GUESTS
- 3 NIGHTS IN A REMOTE TENTED CAMP DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE NATIONAL PARK AT CHITAKE SPRINGS
- 5 NIGHTS IN OUR EXCLUSIVE TENTED CAMP ON THE BANKS OF THE ZAMBEZI RIVER
- ON-FOOT PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS FROM OUR PRIVATE-USE VEHICLE
- ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY MARK FRIEND – ZIMBABWE'S LEADING PRO-GUIDE AND WHO HAS WORKED WITH ME FOR MANY YEARS

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- Group size: 4 guests only
- **GBP 9,495** per person, based on twin-share accommodation
- Start point: Harare International airport
- End point: Harare International airport

Note: The price quoted includes a return bush-flight from Harare International, directly into Mana Pools (and of course, back again at the end of the trip!)

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- 3 nights accommodation at Chitake Springs bush camp
- 5 nights accommodation and exclusive use of Little Vundu tented camp
- All meals and drinks throughout
- Private vehicle throughout the trip
- All guiding fees, both for vehicle viewing and tracking on foot
- Bush flight transfers to/from Harare
- **Additional baggage allowance on the bush flights**

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate (if required, you pay these in cash on arrival at immigration)
- Departure tax for bush flights from either Harare or Vic Falls (usually US\$15, payable in cash)
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY

Days 1-3: Arrive in Mana Pools, Chitake Springs (3 nights)

You will be met at the “bush flight” base at Harare airport early in the morning (a night before in Harare is highly recommended and we can suggest a hotel or two for you). Here your pilot will escort you to the aircraft, load up and fly you the 70-90 minutes to Mana Pools. This is a spectacular start – flying down the Zambezi valley on the way, with Zambia on one side, and Zimbabwe on the other. On arrival, Mark will meet you at the airstrip, and we will transfer to our temporary, private tented camp at Chitake Springs for our first overnight stay. The journey will provide our first photo opportunities of course as you head inland towards the camp, and what is a very remote part of this special National Park. On arrival, you will settle in, head for a short walk to the nearby Springs, and start exercising those shutter fingers! The next two full days will be spent in the Chitake Springs area, and you will do game drives and walks around the hills and floodplains that ultimately lead to the eponymous spring, around our camp. This will be your first chance to get practicing with “on foot” photography in the park, and experimenting with angles and composition. The afternoons will be spent concentrating on the Springs themselves, which as the only source of perpetual water in the area at this time of year, prove a major draw for all the wildlife, both carnivore and herbivore. This is a fantastic, hidden part of Africa. With just FOUR people in the group, you will be assured of masses of space in which to work.

Days 4-8: Transfer to your tented camp by the Zambezi (5 nights)

Waking early to catch any local activity before heading off, today you will load up and wend our way towards the mighty Zambezi river, and our exclusive use tented camp right on the banks of the river...with no other guests. From this very special, unfenced base – through which it is not unusual to share with elephants during the day – you will explore the woodlands, floodplains, pools and drainages which make up the mosaic of Mana. It is in this period that you will be focusing even more on predators, particularly African wild dog and lion, as well as some of the most iconic bull elephants in southern Africa. In fact, sometimes you might get so close to the subjects...on foot...that we would almost be able to touch them. You will also have the opportunity for a boat trip one afternoon (wind permitting!), giving you the chance to be up close and personal to elephants, hippos, crocodiles and possibly carmine bee eaters which gives you the chance for some great wide angle shooting from an entirely different perspective.

Day 9: One last safari...and onward!

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. However, although this is our last day, we will do our best to find some opportunities to fill a few more cards before we make our way to the airstrip and your flight out (flight time permitting of course).

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP:

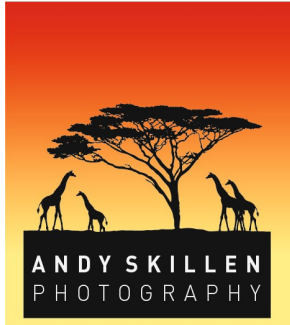
Looking for longer on site? Wanting to take in other locations too? Then simply let me know and we can work you out a private itinerary.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, simply send an email to
Andy@faunavista.com

Charity...a permanent winner

Andy's photography is all about giving something back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. Your holiday is not just therefore an adventure for yourself, your friends and your family, but a true contributor to the frontline of wildlife conservation.



CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...