



MPOPO TRAILS CAMP, MARIRI INVESTIMENTOS



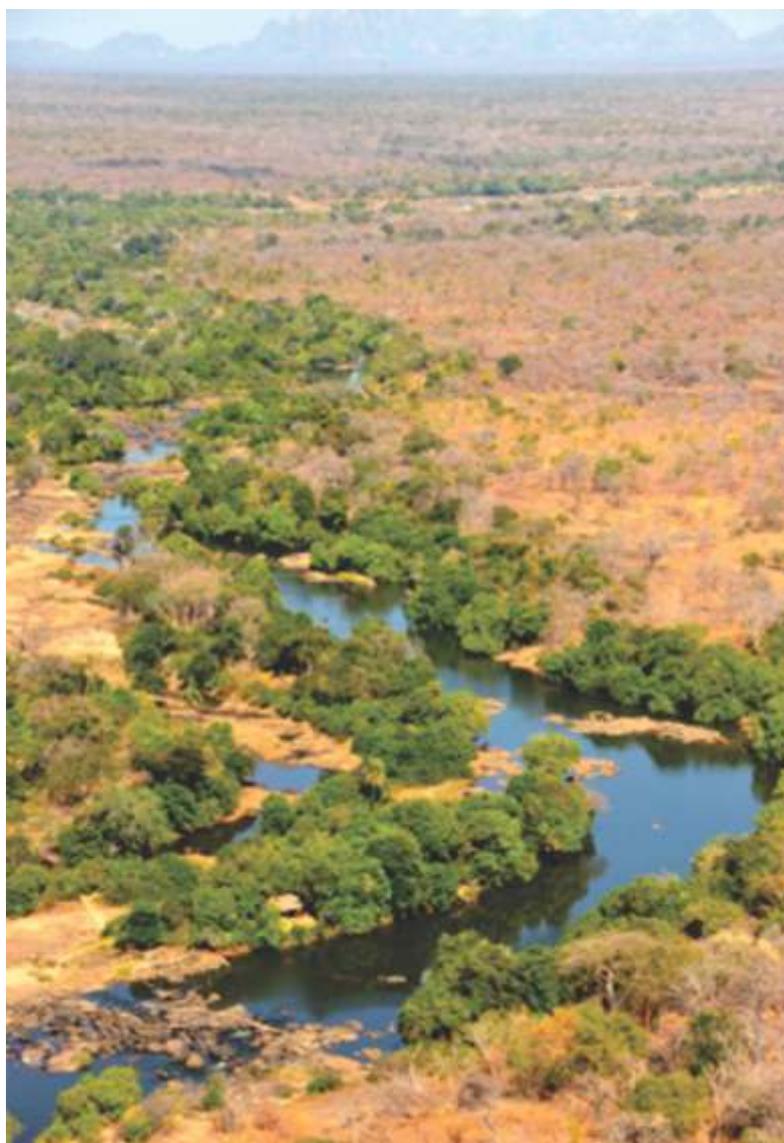
Thank-you for choosing to stay with us at Mpopo Trails Camp. Our vision is a unique wilderness of Niassa National Reserve where lions and other wildlife persist with the full participation and support of Niassa's local people. Our mission is to promote coexistence between Niassa's people and wildlife. We have a long term view. Our trails

camp is part of our conservation partnership agreement with Mbamba Village. The camp is designed to generate ongoing, sustainable employment and income for Mbamba as an alternative livelihood from conservation. It has been built with the full participation and support of Mbamba's people. We strive to

provide an ecologically, culturally and economically sustainable wilderness experience tightly linked to conservation and community development. More than 60,000 people live inside Niassa Reserve and have always been here. You may see fishermen and honey gatherers walking in the bush as part of your experience.



NIASSA NATIONAL RESERVE



Niassa National Reserve (NNR) is located in northern Mozambique, with its northern boundary the Ruvuma River bordering Tanzania. NNR is recognized as the most important protected area in Mozambique, a critical protected area left in Africa, and one of the last great wilderness areas on earth. It covers more than 16,000 mi² (42,000km²) and is larger than Switzerland. It is of profound importance for the global conservation of African wildlife, especially for the African lion, wild dog and elephant.

The Reserve is currently co-managed by ANAC (Department of National Conservation Areas) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). To assist in the

management, NNR is divided into 17 management concessions, with nine concessions designated for sport hunting and four currently leased for ecotourism / conservation Biodiversity surveys in Niassa Reserve have revealed a species-rich and largely intact ecosystem of miombo woodlands, rivers, inselbergs (granite "island" mountains), wetlands, and plains. However, more than 10 000 elephants have been lost to ivory poaching in the past eight years. NNR also supports rare birds like the Taita falcon, African skimmer, Dickinson's kestrel and Angola pitta as well as an indigenous reptile, the Mecula Girdled Lizard. Rhino are locally extinct in NNR and cheetah, caracal and roan antelope have not been recorded here.

NNR also supports a growing human population, currently more than 60 000 people spread across more than 42 villages. Necessarily, the future of NNR is as much about its people as it is about the wildlife. Herein lies the conservation challenge. Generations have raised their children here with living mainly a subsistence lifestyle although trade in wildlife products is increasing. NNR residents have little opportunity in their daily lives to see and experience the wilderness surrounding them. Wildlife is either food, a threat or a potential for substantial income through illegal wildlife trade. With limited educational services available to them, and few ways to acquire marketable skills for outside employment, most families rely primarily on consumptive use of the available natural resources, particularly by mining, fishing, gathering and selling honey, selling tobacco, trading in large cat and zebra skins, selling ivory and eating and selling bushmeat or wild meat.

Despite its size and importance, NNR is little known internationally and does not receive the same world-wide public support of other better-known protected areas of similar critical importance. Increases in elephant poaching, timber logging, habitat transformation, population growth and bush meat snaring are some of the pressures on the Reserve and its species.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEALS

Simple meals are cooked on a fire at the camp by local cooks using food bought from our livelihoods programs (rabbits, ducks, goats and chickens, honey from our elephant-beehive fences), local fields (cassava, peas, beans), our organic vegetable garden at the Environmental Centre with limited materials brought in. There is no restaurant and no choice of meals. While we can cater for vegans and vegetarians and food allergies if we are told ahead of time, our access to fresh food is limited as we are 12 hours drive away from the nearest town. We cannot cater for food preferences. We recommend you bring your own snacks to fill in the gaps. All drinks are included within the price within reason.

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WATER

Water is taken from the river, boiled and filtered. It is safe to drink. No bottled water will be provided as we are an environmentally friendly camp. You will be provided with a water bottle for you to use during the day and to take home with you.

LAUNDRY

Laundry can be washed each day and will be returned to your tent within 24 hrs provided there is sun to dry it. All clothes are roughly washed by hand. Any delicate items should be washed by hand.

WILL YOU NEED CASH?

The daily rate includes all meals, snacks, drinks (within reason), teas and coffees as well as laundry, and activities. Included in the price is a 20% community conservation fee per person per night which goes directly to Mbamba Village Community Conservation Fund for projects like their electric fence, maintenance of their well, buildings, community scouts etc.

We have a shop available where you can buy local crafts made through our Kushirika craft group. This includes items at the Mpopo Trails Camp including the handmade throw on your bed. There are no credit card facilities so all accounts must be settled in cash (USD or MT).



TIPS & DONATIONS

If you feel you would like to give a tip, this will be gratefully received by our team and will be divided amongst the staff that work at the camp (6 people). We do not

recommend individual tipping other than for the guide. You are also welcome to make a donation to our conservation and community programs and we are happy to provide more information on these programs for you or you can find out more on our website www.niassalion.org.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is recommended that you visit your GP prior to coming to Mozambique. Be sure to enquire about malaria prophylaxis as well as other vaccinations, which may be pertinent to travelling to other African countries before or after Mozambique.

All guests must have full emergency evacuation insurance in place before you visit. You will be required to sign an indemnity on arrival.

Please remember this is a wilderness area with large animals, crocodiles and hippo in the river and buffalo, lion, leopard, hyaena and elephant. Please be alert and do not go off by yourself, you must be accompanied by a scout or your guide when walking back to your deck or outside of the vehicle.

There are "creepy-crawlies" and insects at Mpopo and in the surrounding areas. Our staff regularly check all tents and clean out any that may be lurking and tents are completely enclosed in the mosquito netting tent but please close the door when you leave.

This is a malaria area so please come prepared with malaria prophylactics. Wear long sleeves and trousers at nights and bring mosquito repellent.

COMMUNICATION

There is no INTERNET at the camp and no cellphone coverage in the area. Please let your family and friends know you will not be able to be in touch at all time.

Emergency messages can be sent to admin@niassalion.org and we will make sure it gets to you. The camp is run entirely on solar lanterns. There are no charging facilities at Mpopo but video and camera batteries, mobile phones and iPods (etc.) can be recharged in our office at Mariri on a daily basis and will be brought to you.

Internet is available at Mariri Environmental Centre for emergencies.

VISA INFORMATION

For international guests we recommend that you obtain a Mozambique visa before you depart your home country. Please note that immigrations will not accept USD notes older than 2006. We will prepare a visa invitation letter for you as needed before your trip.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

As there is no guarantee that flights, taxi's or transfer companies will depart at the times stated on any itinerary or tickets which you receive (all timings are estimates only), Mariri does not accept any liability for any delay, however arising, or for any schedule alterations. It is therefore advised that adequate travel insurance is taken out to protect yourself in this regard.

CANCELLATION TERMS

A 50% non refundable deposit is due on booking. The 50% balance is due 30 days prior to arrival. Any bookings cancelled within 30 days of arrival, will be subject to 100% cancellation fee.

WHAT TO PACK

Sunscreen, hats, toiletries (we do not provide personal toiletries other than ecofriendly shampoo and soap), walking shoes, light summer clothing for day time, light longs for evening, jacket for colder evening, basic medicines, sunglasses, binoculars, camera with charger and spare SD cards, headlamps, daypack, spare pair of prescription glass.

BY AIR TO MARIRI

You can fly LAM or SA Airlink to Pemba or Nampula Mozambique were you will need to clear customs and immigration. You can then organize a charter flight directly to our airstrip behind Mariri Environmental Centre (S12.17037, E038.0936) and will be transferred from there in a game drive vehicle to Mpopo. Please remember soft bags are preferable for the charter flights and we recommend you keep your luggage to under 15kg.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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