



MPOPO AND MARIRI ACCOMMODATION

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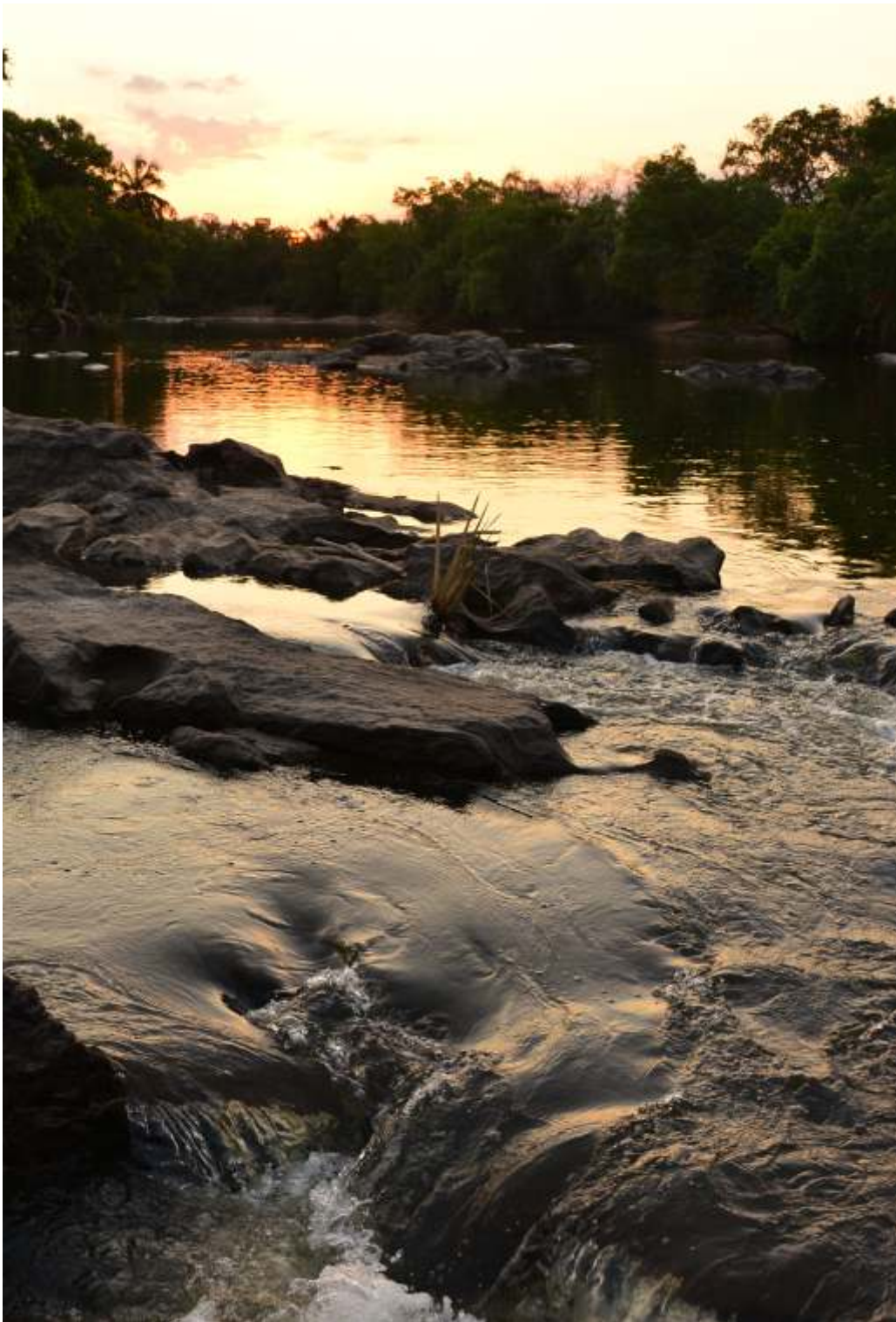
CONSERVATION TOURISM making the difference ...

Our vision, as the Niassa Carnivore Project, is a wilderness where lions and other wildlife persist with the full participation and support of Niassa's local people. Our mission is to conserve wildlife in Niassa Special Reserve by promoting coexistence through a shared respect for people, their culture, wildlife and the environment. As part of our conservation activities, we co-manage a small concession inside Niassa Special Reserve (L5 South, 58,000 hectares) through a conservation partnership agreement with Mbamba Village, a village of 2000 people and 450 households who live inside the protected area. Our conservation tourism offerings in this area are designed to generate revenue and employment for Mbamba Village and create a hopeful future that supports both the conservation of Niassa Special Reserve and the wellbeing and development of the Mbamba Village community.

This is community conservation in action. With Mbamba Village we aim to provide an ecologically, culturally and economically sustainable wilderness experience .

Niassa Special Reserve (NSR) lies in northern Mozambique, midway between the ocean and Lake Niassa with its northern boundary the Ruvuma River. Niassa Reserve 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, African wild dog and elephant. More than 60,000 people live inside Niassa Reserve and have always been here. This is their home and they are deeply connected to their land of their ancestors.

WELCOME TO NIASSA!



ALL PRICES INCLUDE:

Niassa Reserve entry fee
20% bed night levy paid to Mbamba Community Conservation Fund (our partners),
for their own community development programs.

All income is reinvested into conservation and community programs in L5 South. Conservation tourism support the Mbamba School lunch program that provide a daily meal for school going children to reduce food insecurity and supports local employment in conservation services like opening roads, grass collection and Mpopo camp annual refurbishment.

All visitors must have proof of own evacuation and medical travel insurance.

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There is no internet or cell phone coverage at any of Mpopo Trails Camp or wilderness campsites and no charging facilities. There is internet for emergency use at Mariri Environmental Centre only.

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All bookings to be made 60 days in advance.

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Children under 12 - not recommended as all unfenced wilderness camps.

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None of these experiences are luxury experiences, all are locally derived and community conservation tourism.

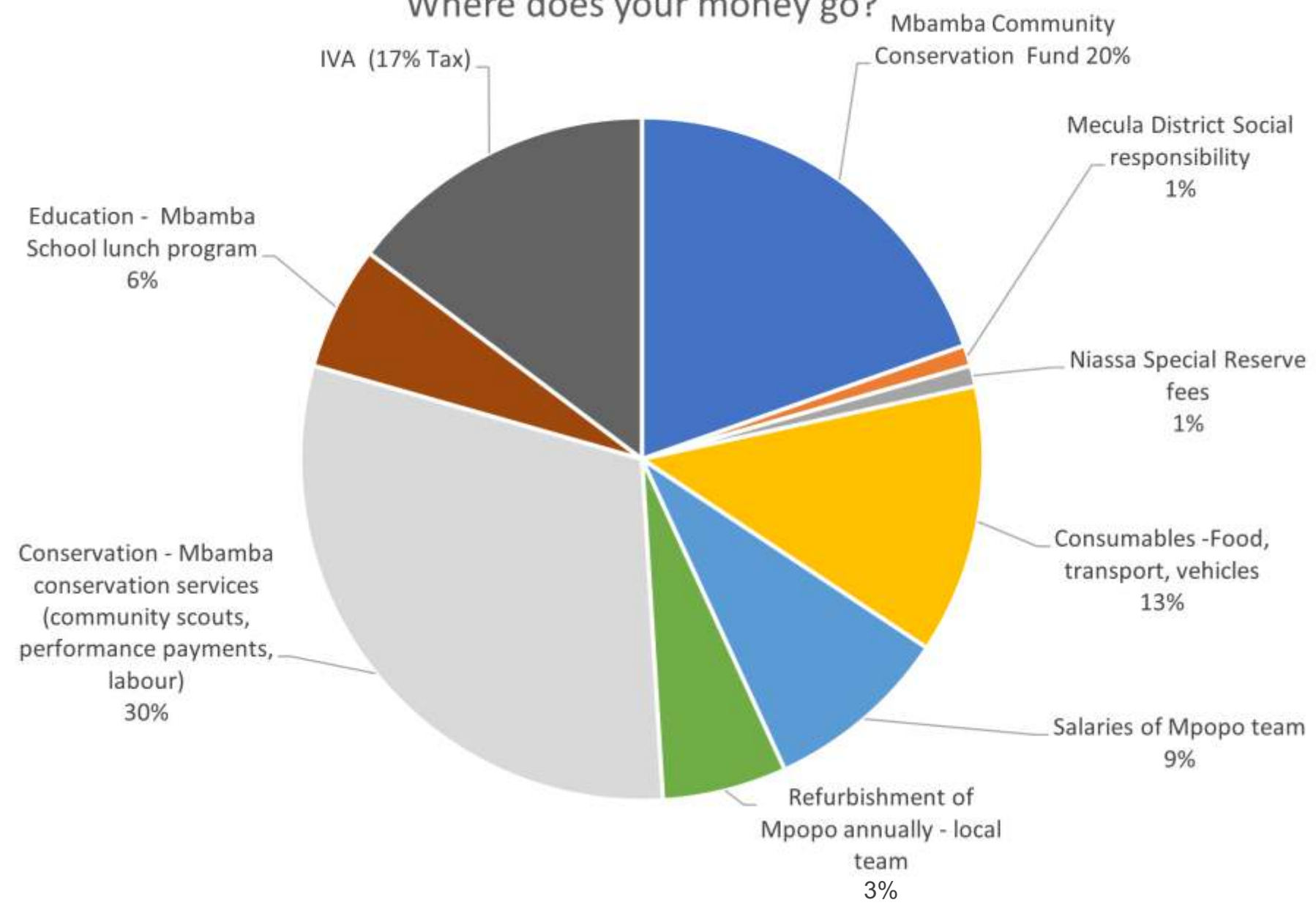
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There are no credit card facilities and all visitors must pay for their trips through bank transfer or cash.

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Other purchases: special trips, crafts, internet etc can be paid in cash (MZN or USD) at Mariri Environmental centre.

THIS IS A MALARIA AREA.

Mpopo Trails Camp - Tchova Tchova Agreement

Where does your money go?



SUMMARY OF ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

OVERVIEW	MPOPO TRAILS EXPERIENCE	MPOPO TRAILS CAMP	MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER RESEARCH COTTAGES	WILDERNESS CAMPING	MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER LOCAL RESIDENTS BUSHVISITS
PRICE	\$9 898 or \$11 384 (with agent) for 7 days	\$400 p.p.p.n (excl IVA)	\$70 p.p.p.n (excl IVA)	\$30 p.p.p.n (excl IVA)	\$40 p.p.p.n Sponsored
Minimum Nights	7	4	As Needed	2	2
Maximum Nights	7	6	As Needed	As Needed	4
Transfers	Charter Flight	No	No	No	Yes within NSR
Minimum Guests	4	2	As Needed	1	29
Maximum Guests	6 (3 x double/twin tents)	6 (3 x double/twin tents)	6 (2 x double, 2 single decks)	8 in a campsite/2 vehicles	2 x 2 beds, 3 x 5 beds, 1 x 10 beds
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INCLUDED			Only for Research		
Reserve Entrance Fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Needed
Accommodation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes within NSR
Filtered Water	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Towels / Bedding	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Laundry (handwash)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Drinks (other Than Tea, Coffee And Water)	Yes	Extra Cost	No	No	No
Food Catered	Yes	Yes	Yes (Simple)	No	Yes
Self Cooking	No	No	No	Yes	No
Internet	Yes (not in camp)	No	Yes	No	No
Charging	Yes (not in camp)	Yes (not in camp)	Yes	No	No
Cellphone Reception	No	No	No	No	No
Drinks (other Than Tea, Coffee And Water)	Yes	No	No	No	No
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ACTIVITIES					
Own Vehicle Self Drive (roads Only)	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Guide / Guard Provided	Yes	Yes	Yes at extra cost	Yes	Yes
Guided Game Drives	Yes	Yes	No	Yes at extra cost	No
Walking With Guide	Yes	No	No	No	No
Canoeing	Yes	No	No	No	No
Conservation Project Visits	Yes	Extra Cost	No	No	Yes
Community Bed Night Levy Incl. in price	\$1148	\$80 p.p.p.n	\$25 p.p.p.n	\$25 p.p.p.n	\$0



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MPOPO TRAILS EXPERIENCE

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MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL
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MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE
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WILDERNESS CAMPING

ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE VISITING

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.

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

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.

WHAT TO PACK

Sunscreen, hats, toiletries (we do not provide personal toiletries other than eco-friendly 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.

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS

All visitors will need to wear a mask when arriving. Staff are required to wear a mask in camp. All dining and activities will be outdoors with good ventilation in open vehicles. Social distancing needs to be maintained wherever possible. All visitors will be required to have temperature checks each day by our Camp Manager.



MPOPO CAMP LIFE

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.

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.

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 times.

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.

SAFETY IN THE CAMP

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.

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, we recommend that you work on \$10- \$20 per person visiting per night. 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.





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MPOPO TRAILS EXPERIENCE

GPS: 12° 11' 36" S 38° 09' 26" E

7 NIGHT WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE FOR 4-6 PEOPLE

All inclusive with charter and guide

\$9899 p.p for 7 nights

\$11 386 with 20% Agent booking fee p.p for 7 nights

Mpopo Trails Camp receives \$5950 p.p
(\$820 per night reinvested into community and conservation programs)

This exclusive experience means that you will be the only
visitors in L5 South.

All inclusive:

Accommodation

Food

Drinks

Guide and charter

Exclusive access to Mpopo Trails Camp
with a professional guide with you for the entire trip.

Design your own trip:

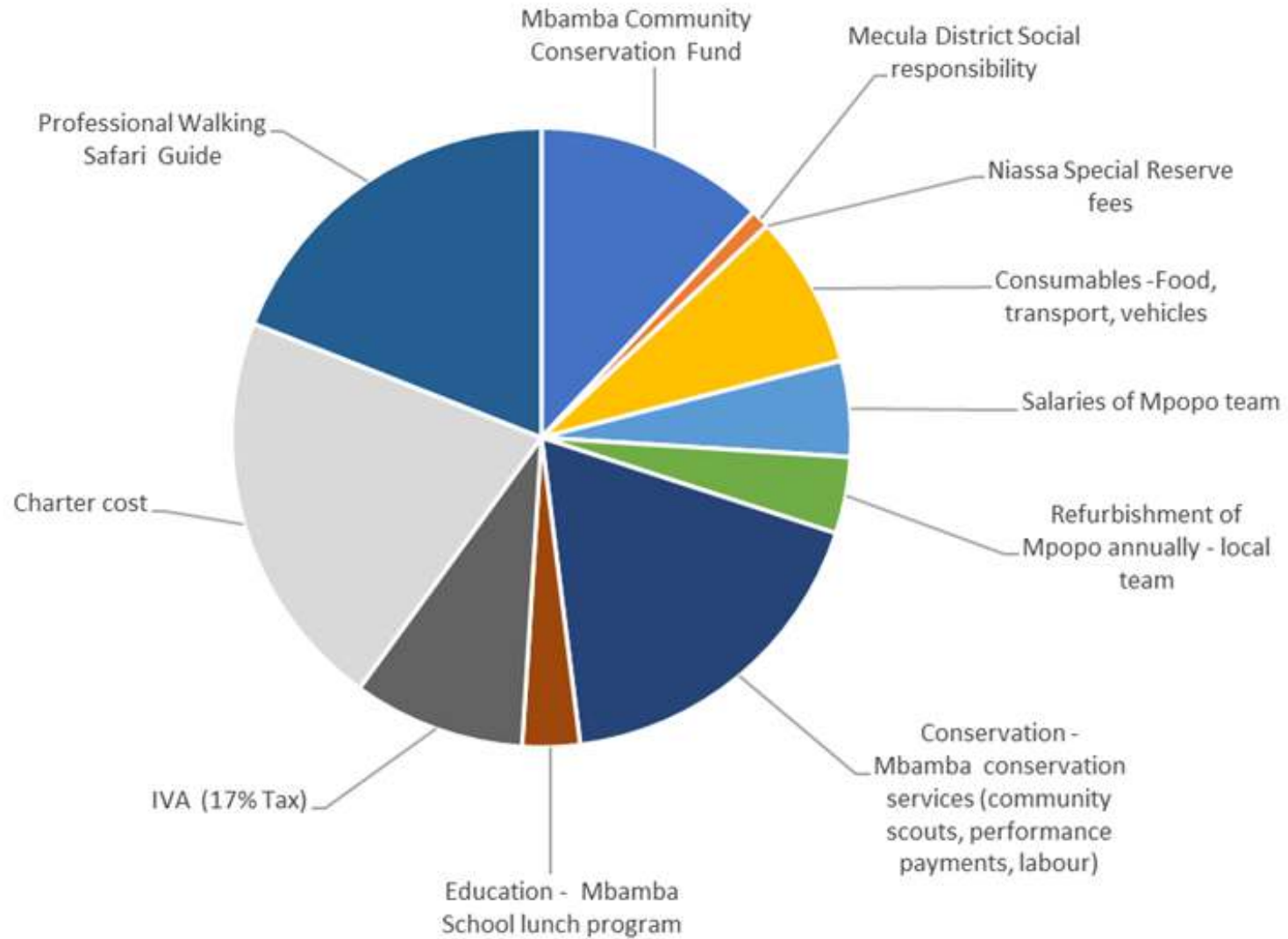
Walking

Canoeing

Fly camping

Please note that if you book for less than 4 people, you will
need to pay an additional community conservation surcharge
No children under 12.

Mpopo Trails Experience - 7 days All Inclusive - Where does your money go?





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MPOPO TRAILS CAMP

GPS: 12° 11' 36" S 38° 09' 26" E

\$400.00 P.P.P.N

OR

\$600.00 Sharing a Tent

(at prevailing exchange rate and exclusive of 17% IVA)

Inclusive of:

Accommodation
Food at Mpopo Trails Camp
Guided Game drives
Access to Mpopo Camp.

Excludes:

Professional guide
Transfer or charter
Canoeing or walking safaris
Self drive / Transfers

(Note: you will need to arrange your own transport to Mariri)

Special trips to
Mariri Environmental Centre and
Mbamba Village on request.

Mainly for Mozambican visitors.

Minimum of 2 people in a group to open the camp

No children under 12

MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

Mariri Environmental Centre offers limited chalet accommodation with shared ablutions (three chalets, 6 beds and two decks). The fee for the guest cottages includes your accommodation Mt2800 as well as a community conservation levy for Mbamba Village for the part they play in conserving L5 South. Bedding, towels and mosquito nets are provided.

Our accommodation is only for working visitors to Niassa Special Reserve - research, media and training, who have valid ANAC permits and permission from NSR warden.

The main function of Mariri Environmental and Skills Training Centre is to provide an opportunity for bush visits, workshops and skills training opportunities for adults and children who live inside Niassa Reserve. School visits come to Mariri from Thursday to Monday each week in the dry season sponsored by the Niassa Carnivore Project. We also provide a venue for skills training workshops and meetings for all our conservation programs

This is not an ecotourism facility and there are no opportunities for tourist game drives, walks etc. All visitors to the Mariri Environmental Centre are required to have their own medical and evacuation insurance and need to have their own transport unless otherwise organised. Please note that malaria is endemic in the area. 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.

Camping and the cooking of food is prohibited at the Mariri Environmental Centre. We all eat together in a central refectory. All researchers are required to give a simple 15 minute presentation to our team, visiting children or adults from Niassa who are there during your visit. This should clearly show why the research is important, how it will be used. At the end of your study, researchers are also asked to summarise their results in a simple graphic poster (that we can help you translate) that we can put on our noticeboards for everyone to learn from.

ASSISTANTS/ TRANSLATORS/SCOUTS

With enough notice we can provide local field assistants and scouts. Depending on the level of skill needed this will be charged separately as percentage of salary for days worked.

MEALS

Three simple meals are available daily - breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu is fixed, there are no choices and the meals are in keeping with the locality. No private cooking is allowed. Please advise us well in advance if a vegetarian option is required.

DRINKS/REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS

These are not included so please bring your own. Drinking water, tea and coffee are always available. Water is sourced from the Lugenda River and boiled and filtered prior to consumption. We do not provide bottled water.

FUEL AND WORKSHOP

Fuel is available at Marrupa and Mavago and sometimes in Mecula. Diesel is available at Mariri only if arranged in advance and the cost is the market price plus 10% surcharge for our transport costs. We do have a full workshop, however repairs to vehicles will be charged.

INTERNET AND POWER

Wi-Fi through Vsat is available at reception but is for work purposes only during work hours - no social media. We run entirely on solar power. It is possible to charge equipment. Please be mindful of everyone else that needs internet and power.

PAYMENT

In cash on arrival, either in USD or Mozambican Mt, or alternatively by bank transfer into our Mozambican Mt or USD accounts at the time of booking.

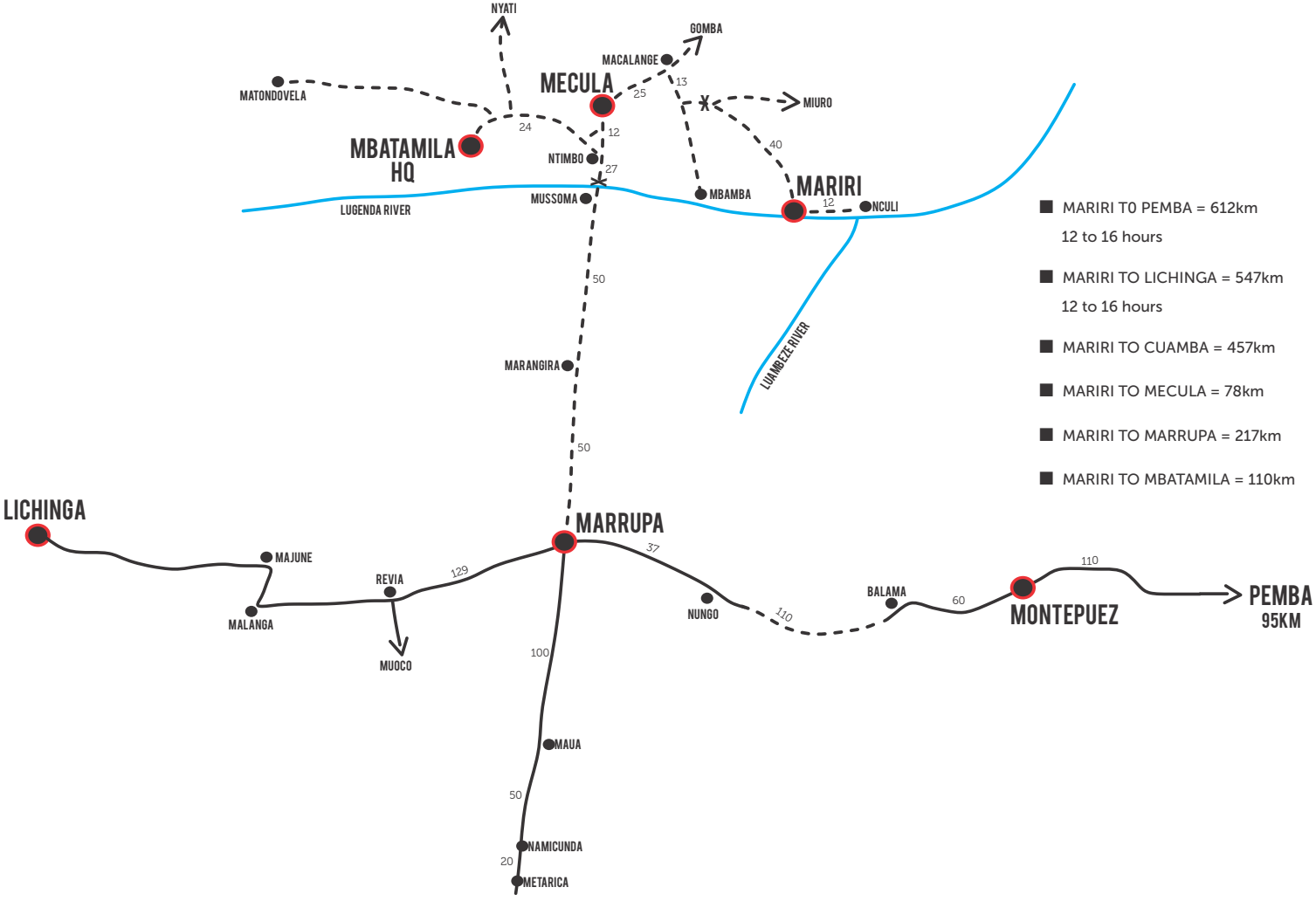
BOOKINGS

Please contact us at admineniassalion.org to arrange bookings and for payment details. Please book well in advance - we are unable to accommodate those without pre-bookings.



TRAVELLING to Mariri

Should you intend to fly into Mariri and make use of our airstrip please contact us for further information.
 If travelling by road see the map sketch below for directions and distances. Please note that a 4x4 vehicle is essential.





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MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE GUEST COTTAGES

GPS: 12°10 ' 36" S 38° 05' 30" E

\$70.00 P.P.P.N

Inclusive of:

Simple meals are provided
Logistical support as agreed on a case by case basis.

This accommodation is only available for:

Researchers, journalists or photographers that
have prior permits from ANAC and NSR management authority.
Proof of permit must be provided before hand.

Long term stays will get a discounted rate.
This includes 20% community conservation levy to Mbamba Village



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MARIRI ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE LOCAL RESIDENTS - BUSHVISITS

GPS: 12°10 ' 36" S 38° 05' 30" E

\$40.00 P.P.P.N
SPONSORED BY NCP

Inclusive of:

4 night stays at Mariri
Guided game drives
Conservation education activities
Transfers

This accommodation is only available for:

Children and adults who call Niassa Reserve home and are part of our Environmental Education activities.



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WILDERNESS CAMPING

\$30 P.P.P.N

Inclusive of:

We provide filtered water and a game scout to protect the camp.

Excludes:

All food, diesel etc
Everything must be brought in.

Must be experienced self drive,
these are wilderness campsites with no fences.
No more than 3 vehicles at each site
and no more than 12 people.
All litter to be removed with you.

All normal rules apply:

No walking, driving off road without prior permission.
Respect to local communities, fishermen and honey gatherers.
No internet