



Mpala Jena is an intimate safari camp positioned along the beautiful tree-laden banks of the mighty Zambezi River.

The team of architects Craig Hayman and Hannah Charlton and interior designer Tracy Kelly have created a haven that epitomizes “Barefoot Luxury” at its best. As the camp is located on the white sandy edges of the river and in the Zambezi National Park, they sought to combine the elements of both by using thatched roofs in the main areas and flowing canvas luxury tents for the bedrooms. The sand floor in the bar area, and the adjacent swimming pool, set the scene for guests to kick their shoes off and relax after their morning safari drive or river cruise. The pool lounge makes you feel that you are right on the river and is the ideal place to hang out with a book during the heat of the day.

‘Mpala Jena’ means “White Impala”. According to the local National Park rangers, when the Zambezi National Park was separated from the Victoria Falls National Park and declared a National Park in its own right in 1979, sightings of an albino impala were reported.

The area under conservation, within the Zambezi National Park is 56,000 hectares (138,000 acres), and has a healthy and ever-increasing number of wildlife species, with higher concentrations of buffalo and elephant from June through to October. It has become an absolute gem of a reserve with some of the highest concentration of lion per square km than any other Zimbabwean park. The river is a magnet for wildlife and ensures consistent sightings of massive crocodiles and hippos who make their presence seen and heard throughout the day and night.

This area is perfect for bird watching throughout the year, but with a higher diversity of species from November through April.

The first of the two new Mpala Jena Private Villas opened in August 2025, and the second is scheduled to open in December 2025. Each Villa features a private main area, swimming pool, three luxurious riverfront suites, and the inclusive services of a private butler, safari vehicle and guide.

Mpala Jena has been created to be sensitive to the environment of the Zambezi National Park. This is achieved by using canvas and local thatch in its construction and ensuring all the camp’s electricity needs come from its solar farm.

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ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

The property is conveniently located 19 kilometers inside the Zambezi National Park, making for easy access to Victoria Falls town. Still, it is far enough away from the hustle and bustle, allowing guests to relax and unwind whilst enjoying an incredible setting amidst the wild habitat of the Zambezi National Park.

CAMP FEATURES:

Mpala Jena can accommodate a maximum of 14 adult guests.

Total Number of Bedrooms:

Three double or twin configuration suites;

Two 2-bedroomed Family Suites

One guide room with a double/twin bed and en-suite bathroom.

Type of Lodge:

Safari Camp

Lodge Season & Opening:

Year Round

Check In

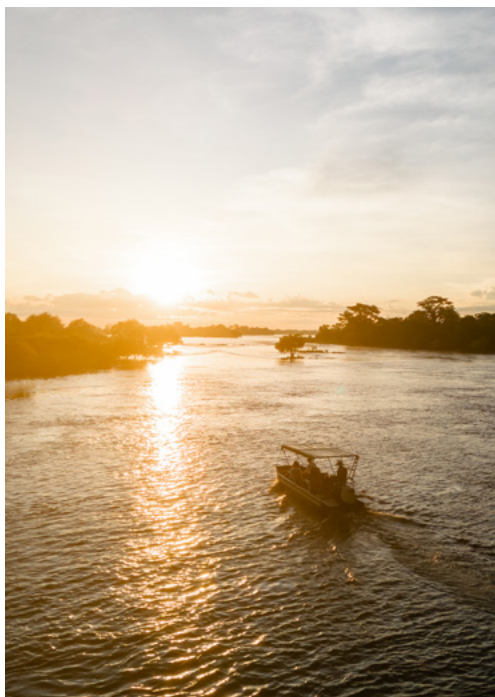
14h00

Check out

10h00

CAMP CO-ORDINATES

17°50'11.29"S, 25°41'53.87"E



ACCESS DIRECTIONS

Arrival at Victoria Falls Airport

- Arrival at Victoria Falls Airport and road transfer via Victoria Falls town followed by a road transfer conducted as a safari drive through the Zambezi National Park (an estimated 1 hour and 30 minutes);
- Or a road transfer from the airport and town, followed by a boat transfer for the more adventurous, with a couple of water rapids that changes seasonally (+/-45 mins).
- These return transfers are included free of charge for guests who have secured their stay on the standard US\$ rates.

Arrival from Kazungula Border Post

Road transfer option conducted along the Kazungula road (1 hour) and then a safari drive through the Zambezi National Park (an estimated 45 minutes to 1 hour).

Arrival at Livingstone Airport

- Arrival at Livingstone Airport and road transfer across the Zambia / Zimbabwe border followed by a road transfer conducted as a safari drive through the Zambezi National Park (an estimated 2 hours dependent on time spent at the border);
- Road transfer from the airport and across the border, followed by a boat transfer for the more adventurous (1 hour 40 mins dependent on time spent at the border).

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ACTIVITIES

Mpala Jena offers professionally guided wildlife viewing in open safari vehicles, guided walks, morning or afternoon boat cruises (subject to water level and seasonality), either in a motorised boat or under sail in a traditional dhow, as well as catch-and-release fishing. The camp has custom-built Land cruisers, and the vehicles are fully stocked with reference books, drinks and snacks. In addition, guests should take the opportunity to enjoy an excursion into Victoria Falls town, including a visit to the thunderous and impressive mass of falling water of the actual Victoria Falls during their stay. A half-day guided tour of the Victoria Falls is included* for guests staying for 2 or more nights. (*Included for guests who have secured their stay on the standard US\$ rates.)

Additional cost activities are available for those who wish to participate in the varied adrenalin and more relaxing activities that this tourist hub has become renowned for. Encounter the excitement of a day navigating one of the world's most intense white-water rafting, partake in the numerous high-wire activities at the Gorge / Lookout Cafe, conduct a cultural village tour, a historical guided high tea tour, or simply enjoy wandering the streets of this bustling tourist town.

Private vehicle option

Private vehicle and guide requests are subject to availability and at an additional cost. (Private boating activities are not available for booking.)

Private Guides

Private guides are encouraged and welcomed.

CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Large, thatch lounge with a fireplace;
- Coffee and tea station;
- A beautiful bar with sand floors and swings and hammocks;
- Communal swimming pool with pool lounge and changing rooms right on the banks of the river;
- Curio shop;
- Pool pavilion.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Three delicious meals a day are included;
- All drinks and beverages are included, excluding premium imported spirits and champagnes;
- We are highly flexible on timings.
- Group meals and/or individual tables;
- A la carte menu options;
- Indoor and outdoor dining locations;
- Private dining available on request;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children, prior warning required;
- Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norms due to the beautiful river frontage settings and inland spring lines, often delivered to the bush!



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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- Three large canvas suites with indoor and outdoor en-suite bathrooms;
- Two Family Suites each consists of two large canvas suites with a central lounge area between two en-suite bedrooms;
- Light sand coloured canvas roof and stone walls with wooden decking floors compliment the "barefoot luxury" feel of the camp;
- Fly netting on all suite windows and doors;
- Writing desk;
- Tea / coffee station & minibar available;
- Mosquito netting is also over the guest's beds;
- Ceiling fans over beds;
- Air Conditioning;
- Either twin or double bed configuration;
- Suites are ideally appointed for Honeymooners.

Bathroom features

- Each suite (incl. each room in the Mpala Jena Family Suites) has an en-suite bathroom with an indoor shower and separate toilet, dressing area and double vanity;
- Each suite also offers an outdoor bathroom outdoor bath and shower;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and low voltage hairdryers provided.

ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- Mpala Jena welcomes children that are six years and older;
- The two Mpala Jena Family suites can each cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;
- The nearby Mpala Jena Private Villas can each cater for a maximum of six guests (of any age) in three separate en-suite bedrooms;
- Families with children 6 – 15 years could be accommodated in the same vehicle as other guests;
- Children must be supervised as the camp is open with a river in front of the camp.

SPA TREATMENTS

In-room massages are available at additional cost and with 24-hour advance notice.

FITNESS

Yoga mats provided in each suite.

LAUNDRY

Included in nightly tariff - within 24 hours, weather permitting.

POWER AND COMMUNICATION

Power

- The camp is run by solar power;
- The system produces 220V, 24-hour electricity to the suites and main area;
- Universal plug points in each suite.

Internet & Mobile

- Wi-fi available in each suite;
- Limited (Zambian) mobile signal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

- Medium risk – Malaria prophylaxis is recommended;
- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance;
- Senior staff all have first aid training;
- The nearest decent medical facility is in Victoria Falls town and then Johannesburg in South Africa.

Possibility of Disabled access

The staff is more than willing to aid guests using wheelchairs in entering or leaving their suite due to the presence of steps. It is recommended that guests in wheelchairs opt for road transfers to/from Mpala Jena rather than boat transfers.

Safety

Safety: This is a remotely located camp and is unfenced to wild animals that do move through the property especially at night. Security guards are on-site and patrolling during the night.

MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Safes are provided in the guest suites.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid by credit card, or in US Dollars (2004 bills or later only), GB Pounds or ZAR South African Rands;
- Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted (No Amex or Diners).

The Team

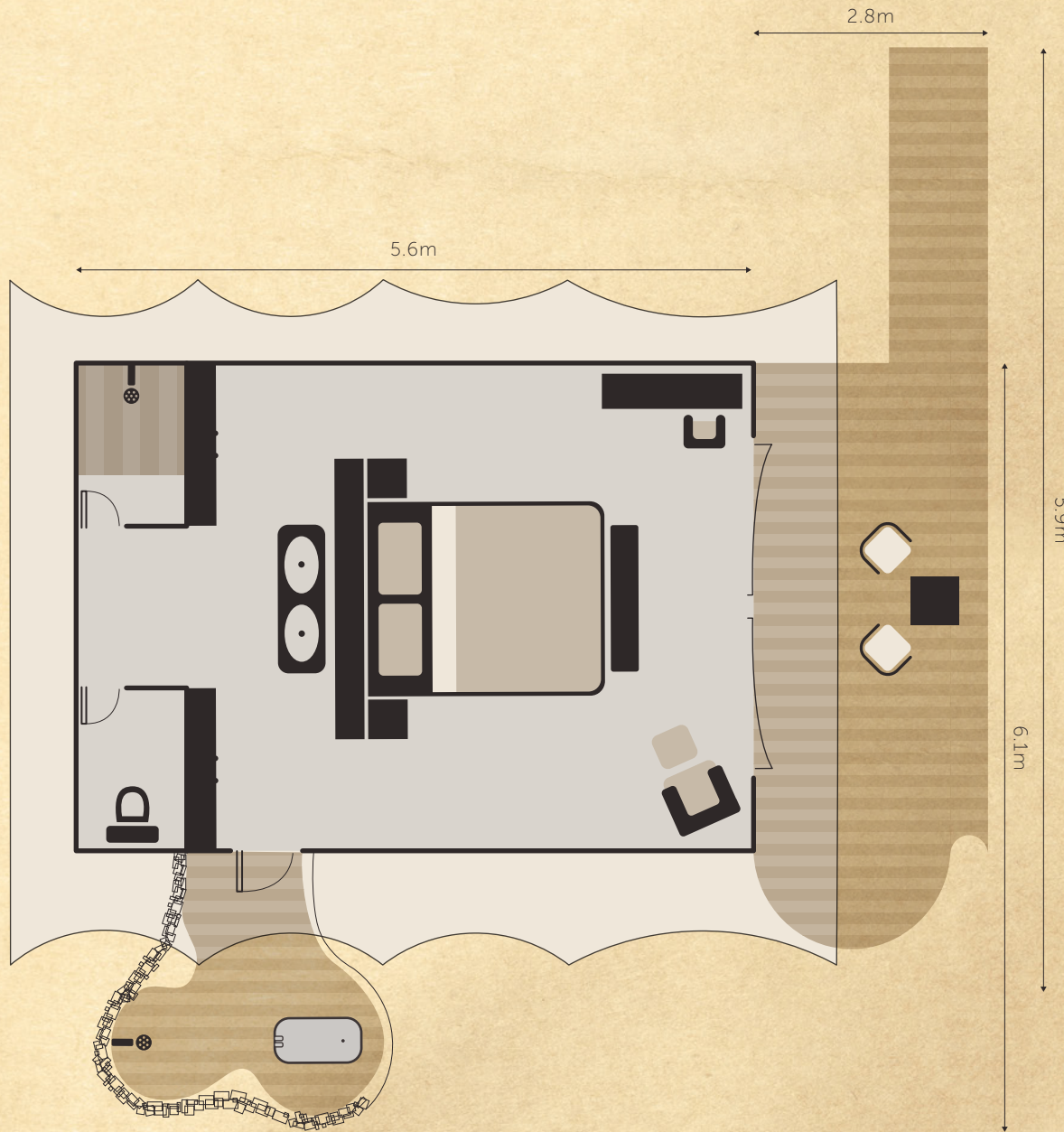
Lodge Owners

Mpala Jena is a preferred third-party partner of Great Plains Conservation, where we are responsible for the sales, marketing and reservations of this iconic property. Guests are hosted and cared for by the Mpala Jena employed staff and team.

ZAMBEZI PARKS SUPPORT FOUNDATION

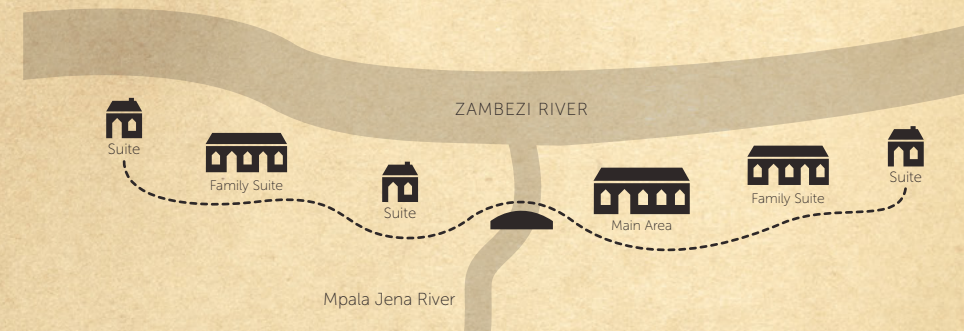
Mpala Jena, along with other stakeholders in the Zambezi National Park, has played a key role in establishing the Zambezi Parks Support Foundation (ZPSF). This foundation has made significant strides in conservation and anti-poaching since 2023. The ZPSF operates in the Zambezi National Park and partners with the Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, focusing on several key initiatives. These initiatives include **Scout Deployment**, where 13 scouts patrol critical areas of the park to prevent poaching, monitor wildlife, and maintain the ecosystem's integrity; **Vehicle and Logistics Support** supporting the foundation's operations; **Anti-Poaching Infrastructure**, which provides for the upgrading anti-poaching bases and improved infrastructure in the Park, and to various other initiatives that directly **Support the National Park**. Additionally, Mpala Jena donated a riverboat to assist with **river patrols**, further enhancing ZPSF's ability to protect the park's waterways and wildlife.

These initiatives demonstrate the strong commitment of Mpala Jena to conservation and anti-poaching efforts, aiming to protect the wildlife and ecosystem of Zambezi National Park.



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Zambezi river Camp

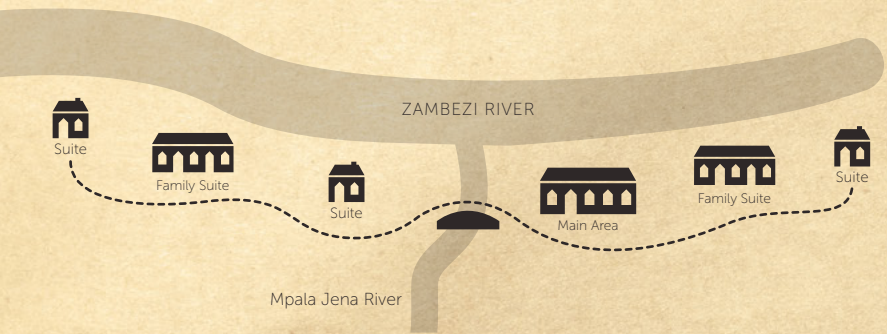
GUEST SUITE





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FAMILY SUITE



GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS

Zambia

Zimbabwe

Mpala Jena Private Villas
& Mpala Jena

Kasane

Zambezi
National Park

Livingstone

Victoria Falls

Zambezi River

Matetsi Safari area

Sibuyu
Forest Reserve

Hwange National Park

Lake Kariba

Matusadona
National Park

Chirisa
Safari Area

Tembo Plains Camp &
The Zanzi Suite at Tembo Plains

Sapi Private
Reserve

Mana Pools
National Park



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THAT MAKES A LASTING, SUSTAINABLE DIFFERENCE
TO THE WORLD'S ICONIC WILDLIFE HABITATS

Harare

Botswana

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QUICK CAMP FACTS



ZIMBABWE CAMPS

ACTIVITY	TEMBO PLAINS CAMP & THE ZANJI SUITE AT TEMBO PLAINS	MPALA JENA	MPALA JENA PRIVATE VILLAS
Camp Classification	Réserve Collection	Preferred Partner of Great Plains Conservation	Preferred Partner of Great Plains Conservation
Location	Private Sapi Reserve	Zambezi National Park	Zambezi National Park
Traversing	Private Sapi Reserve & Mana Pools National Park	Zambezi National Park	Zambezi National Park
Number of Suites	4 Suites	3 Suites	n/a
Family Accommodation	One 2-bedroom suite	2 Family Suites	2 Private 3-bedroom Villas
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	All ages
Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Vehicle (at an additional charge)	Yes (Included with The Zanzi Suite at Tembo Plains)	Yes	Yes (included)
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating	Yes	Yes (water level dependent)	Yes (water level dependent)
Canoeing	Yes	n/a	n/a
Fishing (Seasonal)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Main Swimming Pool and/or Private Plunge Pools	Private plunge pools	Main swimming pool	Private Swimming Pool
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor & Outdoor
Bath	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes - Eco cooling system over bed	Yes	Yes
Fan	Yes (Standing)	Yes (Overhead)	Yes (Overhead)
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes (In-room only)	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	In-room equipment	Yoga mats in each room	Yoga mats in each room
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes