



The Lower Zambezi is home to some show-stopping birds such as the Pel's Fishing Owl, Böhm's Spinetail, African Hobby, Narina Trogon, African Fish Eagle, Pennant-winged Nightjar and the African Skimmer. Join ornithologist David Johnson, renowned for birding experiences on the African continent and as far afield as South America and the Galápagos Islands, as he takes on the waters and bush of the Lower Zambezi Valley to identify a great number of the 370 species on offer. With our experienced guides, we meander through the different habitats and eco-systems of the Chiawa Partnership Park and Lower Zambezi National Park by boat, canoe, game drive vehicle and on foot, exploring the life styles of different birds, adaptations and ecological relationships, with an added focus on trees, flowers and insects to gain a complete picture of the world of birds. One workshop is scheduled during the dry winter months and one in November when the summer migrants have arrived.



Rates: US\$ 3,250 per photographer | US\$ 2,400 per non-participating partner

Dates 2012: 25 – 30 June | 05 – 10 November

Numbers are limited for personal attention and an exclusive experience. Book your place on one of these workshops and stay five nights in one of our luxury Explorer Suites at Baines' River Camp. This offer includes transfer flights between Lusaka and the Camp, all meals and beverages, daily laundry service, staff gratuities, Lower Zambezi Conservation Trust levies and entries into the Lower Zambezi National Park. Group charter flights to Baines' River Camp are available from South Africa.

1. **Rates include:** Five nights accommodation in an Explorer Suite at Baines' River Camp, workshop under professional guidance of David Johnson (not applicable to non-participating partners), return flight Lusaka–Royal–Lusaka on a scheduled flight operated by Proflight Commuter Services (1 return flight per person), Royal Zambezi Aerodrome Passenger Access Fee, transfer between Royal Aerodrome and Baines' River Camp on day of arrival and departure, all safari activities, Lower Zambezi National Park entry fees, all meals & beverages, Lower Zambezi Conservation Trust community levies, daily laundry service, wireless internet connectivity (available in public areas only).
2. **Rates exclude:** Private use of game drive vehicles, boats or other facilities at Baines' River Camp, angling tackle (loss or damage), any transfers other than specified under 1, Lusaka International Airport domestic departure tax for inbound flight Lusaka – Royal (US\$ 11 pp, payable at the airport on date of travel), curio and souvenir purchases.
3. **Non-participating partners** are accommodated at a discounted rate of \$ 2,400 pp, sharing a suite with their participating partner.
4. Rates are quoted per person on a sharing basis. **Single supplement charges do not apply** to participants travelling on their own.
5. If these workshops are over-subscribed, additional workshops can be scheduled on request.
6. These packages cannot be combined with other special offers or discounted rates. Please see our *General Terms & Conditions* and our *Booking, Payment and Cancellation Policy* for full details.

Location

Baines' River Camp is situated on the northern bank of the Zambezi River, in the Chiawa Partnership Park, across from Zimbabwe's Mana Pools World Heritage Site, with the Lower Zambezi National Park only a 20-minute boat ride away. The Lower Zambezi Valley is one of Africa's last remaining true wilderness areas where wildlife roams freely between the two Parks and in and around the safari camps.

Getting there

A light aircraft will transfer you from Lusaka International Airport on a scheduled flight to the Royal Zambezi Airstrip from where one of our guides will take you on a 40-minute game drive to the camp. We will book seats on scheduled flights according to your arrival and departure times at Lusaka International. You will be restricted to 15 kg luggage per person in soft travel bags on the light aircraft transfers. Please note that the camp offers daily laundry service, hair dryers and a variety of field guides for guest use.

Accommodation

The Camp can accommodate 16 guests in 8 luxury Explorer Suites, with either Twin or King-size beds. Commanding spectacular views of the Zambezi River from spacious and comfortably furnished verandahs, each individual suite offers an en-suite bathroom, ceiling fan and air-conditioning, coffee and tea facilities, complimentary mini bar, personal safe and a hair dryer. The suites are as "mosquito-proof" as possible and, in addition, insect repellants are provided.



Facilities

The open plan main lodge, with spacious verandahs, includes a dining area, two lounges, the Boardroom with our library, the Selous Bar and a swimming pool. The camp offers wireless internet connectivity and daily laundry service. Electricity is provided by a generator. During the times that the generator is not operational, bed-side lights, bathroom lights and the ceiling fan in your suite operate through a battery powered inverter. The camp operates a variety of well maintained boats, game drive vehicles and canoes.



David Johnson

Having gained his early experience in Ethiopia and Nigeria, followed by two decades at the Natal Parks Board, David is one of South Africa's well known and most interesting field ornithologists. He also contributed to landmark works such as the Southern African Bird Atlas, the Important Bird Areas Directory and the seventh edition of Roberts Birds. As a renowned tree expert, he wrote the leaf key for Pooley's Trees of Natal and is the co-author of several books on indigenous gardening. Years of research and his naturally inquisitive mind have turned him into somewhat of a walking encyclopedia. Combined with his refreshing sense of humour, he is a fascinating public speaker and sat on the panel of the radio program "Talking of Nature" for a good few years. Now a popular freelance nature guide, he leads birding groups throughout Africa, including Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, and further afield to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. Besides identifying birds on these Zambezi workshops, David will also go into their behaviour and ecology. Whilst we are out in the bush and on the river in the early mornings, when birds are most active and vocal, trees, flowers and insects get our full attention too. On return from the afternoon sessions David will present us with illustrated shows and discuss the birds we observed during the day. Meantime, we will find you some time to rest and relax.

What to bring

During the winter workshop, you will be comfortable in a pair of shorts and a shirt during the day, but the early mornings and evenings will call for a warm jacket and possibly a pair of trousers. If you join the summer workshop in November, bring a light rain jacket. We recommend a pair of sandals and a comfortable pair of walking shoes, whilst swimwear will not go amiss. For protection against the African sun, pack sun cream, a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses. Your own pair of binoculars is an essential. The camp's library has a great selection of field guides that you are welcome to use out in the field. For general information on preparation for a trip to the Zambezi, check our website under "travel info" or contact us.