

Day 1 & 2: Rio Savane

Rio Savane campsite is nestled beneath a large coconut grove between the Savane River and the open ocean only 60km from Beira. Tropical vegetation including coastal forest, riverine forest, open wet grassland and mangrove are all found in the area.

Specials: Black-rumped Buttonquail, Blue Quail, Great Snipe and Locustfinch can be found in the moist grassland immediately south of the resort. East Coast Akalat and White-chested Alethe have been seen in the forest whilst Mangrove Kingfisher and Palm-nut Vulture can be seen in and around the campsite.



Day 3 & 4: Chinizua Forest

Chinizua is an area of coastal lowland forest that lies to the east of the Muanza to Inhamitanga Ridge. It has to date proved to be the most convenient locality for finding the coastal lowland forest specials of Mozambique. There is good miombo birding on the way down to the forest with large expanses of fairly pristine miombo woodland. **Specials:** White-chested Alethe, East Coast Akalat, African Pitta, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Madagascar Cuckoo, Mascarene Martin, Black-and-white Flycatcher, Southern Banded Snake-Eagle, Palm-nut Vulture, Marsh Tchagra, Chestnut-fronted Helmet-Shrike and Plain-backed Sunbird.

Day 5 & 6: Mphingwe Camp (Catapu Concession)

The camp is situated 32km south of the Zambezi River and is a great base from which to explore the areas abundant birdlife. There are short walks leading from the camp through the native forest, over 240 different bird species and 75

indigenous trees have already been identified around the camp. Small mammals such as suni, red duiker and nyala are often seen in and around the camp. Time and road conditions permitting we will make an excursion to some of the wetlands along this stretch of the Zambezi river.

Specials: East Coast Akalat, White-chested Alethe, African Pitta, Narina Trogon, Black-headed Apalis, Slender Bulbul, Chestnut-fronted Helmet-shrike, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Vanga Flycatcher, Livingstones Flycatcher, Orange-winged Pytilia.

Day 7 & 8: Gorongosa National Park

Gorongosa National Park is currently the subject of an ambitious restoration project by the Carr Foundation to re-establish the parks facilities and concentrations of game. Chitengo Camp has been substantially rebuilt and there are currently plans for new camps and improved road access. Numbers of game animals are low but growing and becoming easier to see. Currently the main attraction of the park is the spectacular concentrations of waterbirds on the Urema River Floodplain.

Specials: African Skimmer, Long-toed Lapwing, Greater Painted-snipe, Collared Pratincole (thousands), Grey Crowned Crane, Great White Pelican, Pink-backed Pelican, Black-and-white Flycatcher, Moustached Grass-Warbler, Collared Palm-Thrush, Palm-nut Vulture, Mascarene Martin, Lemon-breasted Canary.

Day 9 & 10: Mount Tsetserra

Mount Tsetserra gives us access to the highlands which one would normally have to enter Zimbabwe to gain access to. This option allows us to get at some of the montane specials for which the Zimbabwean Highlands are so renowned without having to actually enter the country and sponsor Bob's retirement. Both the location and the drive up there are spectacular.

Specials: Chirinda Apalis, Roberts's Warbler, Orange Ground-Thrush, Red-faced Crimsonwing, Lemon Dove, White-starred Robin, Olive Bush-Shrike, Spotted Creeper, Rufous-bellied Tit.

Day 11: Birding to Beira

Leave for Beira with a possible visit to Lake Chicamba depending on local conditions. We will arrive in Beira in the late afternoon with enough time to get showered and cleaned up before our last dinner.

Day 12: Safari ends

Guides will depart early am, guests to be transferred to airport by the hotel for flights to Johannesburg and onward connections.

Price: USD 1915.00 per person

Price includes: All road transport, accommodation, meals and excursions as per the itinerary.

Price excludes: Any applicable visa fees, all flights, drinks and excursions not per the itinerary, excludes dinner on last night in Beira and breakfast on last morning. Excludes transfer to the airport from hotel (budget on USD10 – USD15 per person for this).

Accommodation: Nights 1 through 10: 2.5m x 2.5m (8.2ft x 8.2ft) dome tents with high density foam mattresses and all other bedding supplied. Night 11 – Hotel in Beira on twin share basis. Hotel rooms have one double bed and two single bunk beds and we plan to use these rooms as ‘twins’ with two people per room. Alternatively you can have a single room which has one double bed at an additional charge of USD55.00 – you will need to book this asap as there are only six single rooms.

Note: Although we have been to central Mocambique on a few occasions, much of this itinerary will be as new to us as it is to you, some of the destinations we have chosen based on the birds known to occur there and not because they are easy to get to. Expect a degree of adventure and a modicum of mayhem here and there. A good sense of humour will be required at times as we bundu-bash our way into the great unknown. Whatever happens we will have the usual Letaka crew with us to make sure that we are bedded, fedded and well fortified for our adventure.

