



The Lower Zambezi Valley in Zambia is home to an astounding number of what is probably the most intriguing animal found in the wild, the African Elephant. During the dry winter months, when these majestic creatures concentrate on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, join world renowned Elephant expert and wildlife veterinarian Dr Johan Marais, author of “The Great Tuskers of Africa”, on a workshop to study and explore their complex social structures, behavioural patterns, genetics and their importance to wildlife areas, whilst gaining an insight into the long term effects of the ivory trade on our African heritage. Accompanied by our experienced guides, we’ll observe these impressive mammals in the diverse habitats and eco-systems offered in the Lower Zambezi Valley, with sufficient opportunities to view birds and other game whilst out in the bush and on the river. Our fully equipped boardroom is the ideal venue for further discussion and slide shows on this fascinating topic.



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

**Dates 2012:** 20 – 25 August | 17 – 22 September

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 Johan Marais (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 workshop 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.



## “Vanishing Giants of Africa” Elephant Workshops 2012 | Fact sheet

### 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.



### Johan Marais

From a young age, growing up in Etosha in Namibia, wildlife veterinarian, photographer and author Johan Marais has been fascinated by elephants. His passion for the large ivory carriers and their survival has taken him across the African continent, from the endless plains of the Serengeti to the dense rainforests of Central Africa, capturing some of our most iconic animals and remote wildernesses on film and in words. His extensive travels and research has resulted in the publication of his bestselling work “Great Tuskers of Africa”, followed by the release of his second book in 2010 “In Search of Africa's Great Tuskers”, which takes you on a journey through an array of countries, landscapes and elephant herds. As a veterinarian, Johan has operated on a variety of wildlife species including elephants and rhinos. His varied work allowed Johan insight in the elephants' adaptation to different habitats and the effects of their ever decreasing territory caused by the increase in human population and man-made barriers, giving him a different perspective on animals in the wild. From this platform of passion, experience and science, Johan introduces you to this world of Vanishing Giants, focussing on various subjects such as social structures, savannah and forest elephants, home ranges, physical characteristics and ivory and discussing topics like conservation and population management.

### What to bring

The workshops are scheduled during the dry winter months and although you will be comfortable in a pair of shorts and a shirt during the day, the early mornings and evenings will call for a warm jacket and possibly a pair of trousers. We recommend that you bring a pair of sandals and a comfortable pair of walking shoes whilst swimwear will not go amiss. Your own pair of binoculars is essential and if you are a keen photographer, like Johan, don't forget your lenses, additional memory cards, batteries and a charger. For protection against the African sun, take sun cream, a cap or wide brimmed hat and sunglasses. For general information on preparation for a trip to the Zambezi, check our website under “travel info” or contact us. check our website under “travel info” or contact us.

