

NIASSA EXPEDITION

2021/22



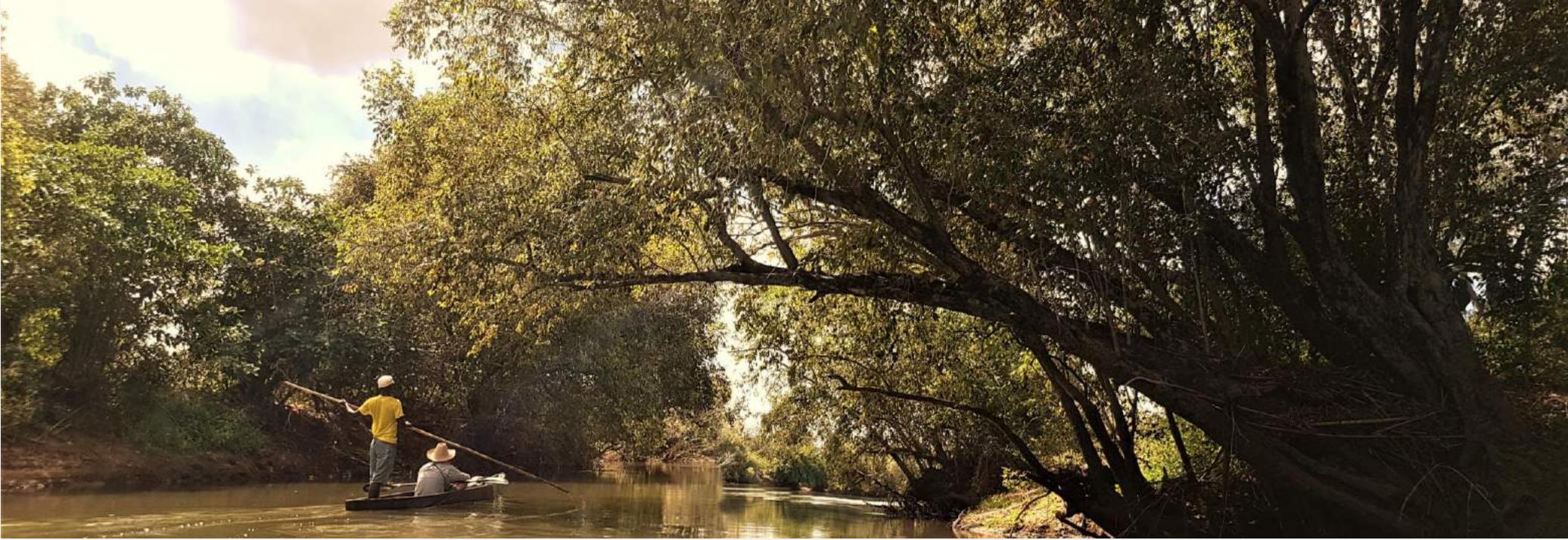
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An incredible journey to the heart of the vast Niassa National Reserve in Northern Mozambique

- Unsurpassed wilderness experience
- Active and adventure safari
- Expert guiding
- Inspirational conservation experience
- Amazing wildlife, spectacular scenery
- This trip directly supports conservation and community in Niassa
- Exclusive access to the concession L5 South





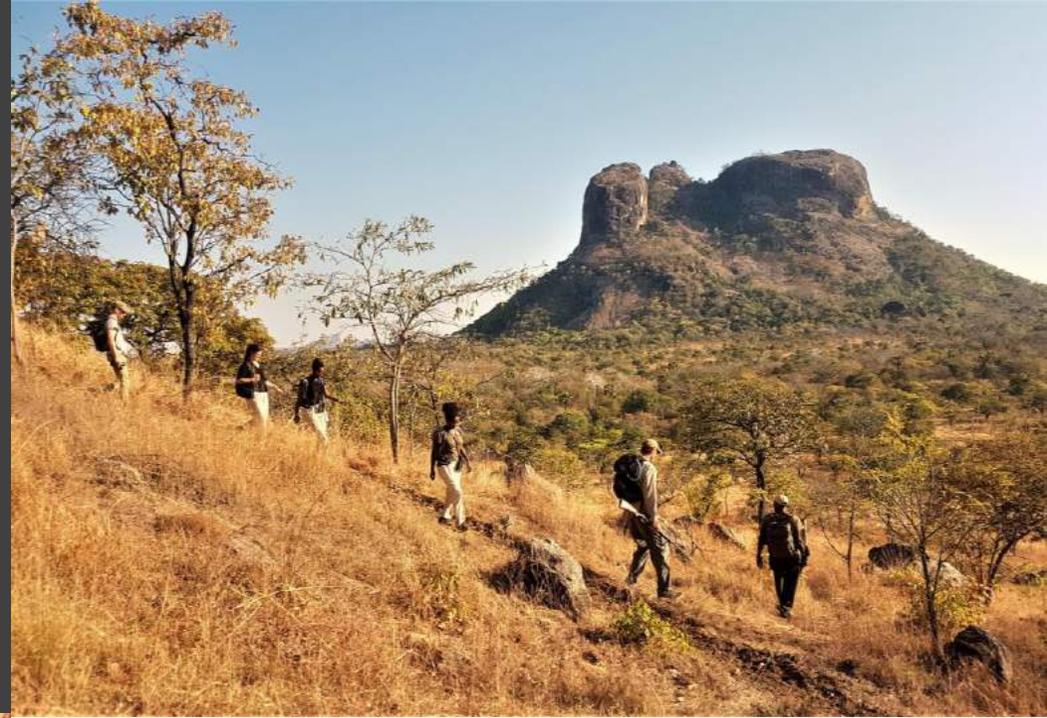
Expedition Overview

We spend seven nights in the in the reserve exploring on foot, by canoe and game drive vehicle. The regions spectacular and varied landscapes include the magnificent Lugenda River with its braided channels and sandy beaches, numerous Inselbergs – also known as “island mountains”, vast woodlands, forests and open floodplains. Game viewing can be very exciting as we track down seldom seen species and the areas unique wildlife. The birding is fantastic. Game viewing in this remote wilderness takes more time and effort than in more established safari destinations – a refreshing change from the more “on-tap” experiences elsewhere.

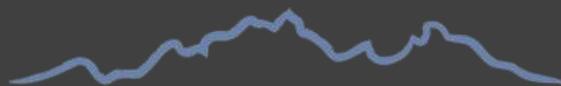
Perhaps the greatest part of this trip is that the entire enormous concession is ours, and ours alone for the duration of the trip. You will not see another tourist during your entire trip! Each week-long expedition is tailored to combine the perfect balance of activities, adventure and accommodation depending on the group's interests and needs.

Key Activities...

- Walking
- Birding
- Wilderness camping
- Canoe & Mekoro trails
- Day and night game drives



- Track wildlife on foot with expert guides
- Visit the Mariri environmental centre and get a behind the scenes tour of conservation in action
- Visit the project partners, Mbamba village to gain insight into how people are living with, and helping to protect wildlife



A day by day itinerary...

DAY 1

- International flight to Nampula Mozambique.
- Charter flight in a Cessna 208 (12-seater) aircraft from Nampula to Niassa National Reserve.
- On arrival in Niassa you will be met by your expedition guide Fraser Gear for a briefing and orientation.

DAY 1 – 8

- Your week in Niassa will be spent exploring the reserve in the L5 South concession in open game drive vehicles, on foot and in canoes. Visits to the Mariri Environmental centre and Mbamba village.
- Accommodation is in Mpopo Trails camp and fly camping in the reserve.

DAY 8

A final morning in Niassa before your charter flight departs for Nampula and onwards.



Expedition Includes

- Fraser Gear as specialist safari leader in Niassa
- All accommodation as per the itinerary
- Charter flights: Nampula-Niassa (C208 12-seater) and Niassa-Nampula (C208 12-seater)
- Mpopo Camp & Fly camping – all meals, snacks, water, local drinks and wine, tea / coffee, laundry and activities

Expedition Excludes

- International flights
- Hotels and meals not listed in the itinerary
- Visa fees
- Gratuities



Mpopo Camp

Mpopo Trails Camp is a camp operated as part of the conservation partnership agreement between Niassa Carnivore Project and Mbamba Village. The camp is designed to generate ongoing, sustainable employment and income for Mbamba as an alternative livelihood from conservation. It has been built with the full participation and support of Mbamba's people. We strive to provide an ecologically, culturally and economically sustainable wilderness experience tightly linked to conservation and community development

Simple meals are cooked on a fire at the camp by local cooks using food sourced from the "livelihoods programmes" (rabbits, ducks, goats and chickens, honey from the elephant-beehive fences), local fields provide food as well (cassava, peas, beans), and the organic vegetable garden at the Environmental Centre produces fresh vegetables.

Water is taken from the river, boiled and filtered. It is safe to drink. No bottled water will be provided. You will be provided with a water bottle for you to use during the day.





Fly camping in Niassa is the ultimate wilderness experience...

- Spend the night under starry skies, on vast sandy beaches and on remote mountain tops.
- Listen to the roar of a leopard and the deep resonate hooting of a Pel's fishing owl
- Stay warm in the glow of the campfire
- Enjoy fire cooked meals and freshly made coffee at first light



Mozambique

Niassa National Reserve is situated in the Cabo Delgado Province and Niassa Province, Mozambique. Covering over 42,000 square kilometers, it is the largest protected area in the Mozambique. The reserve is part of the Trans-Frontier Conservation Area and links to the Tanzanian Lukwika-Lumesule Game Reserve.





Fraser Gear

Fraser is an excellent naturalist, guide and explorer. He has spent the last 28 years leading wildlife, photographic and birding expeditions across the length and breadth of Africa, Madagascar, Middle East, Asia and into the neo-tropics. Fraser's interests and skills are as diverse as his explorations. He is a passionate birder, tracker, botanist and wildlife enthusiast, Fraser has a great love of the planet's wildest places and the adventure that comes with exploring these regions. Fraser is at his happiest when in the thick of things on foot in the African savanna, on a remote sea kayak expedition with his wife and best friend Sandra, or deep in a steamy jungle seeking out avian wonders. A sensitive and caring tour leader, a wonderful teacher with a passion for nature, a wicked sense of humor, a repertoire of incredible tales of challenge and a sharp intellect combine to make Fraser the exceptional expedition leader he is today.



Useful information



Travel Documents – please make copies of passports and visa documents and carry these with you



Time zone – Time zone in Mozambique is Greenwich Time (GMT) + 2 hours



Cash - be sure to have some cash for gratuities and incidental purchases.



Medical information – please seek professional medical advice from your local travel clinic prior to travel



Laundry – has laundry service but no ironing. There is no laundry service when staying at the fly camp



Luggage restrictions – Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage is restricted to 15kg on the charter flight



Climate – warm to hot days with cool and pleasant evenings and mornings.



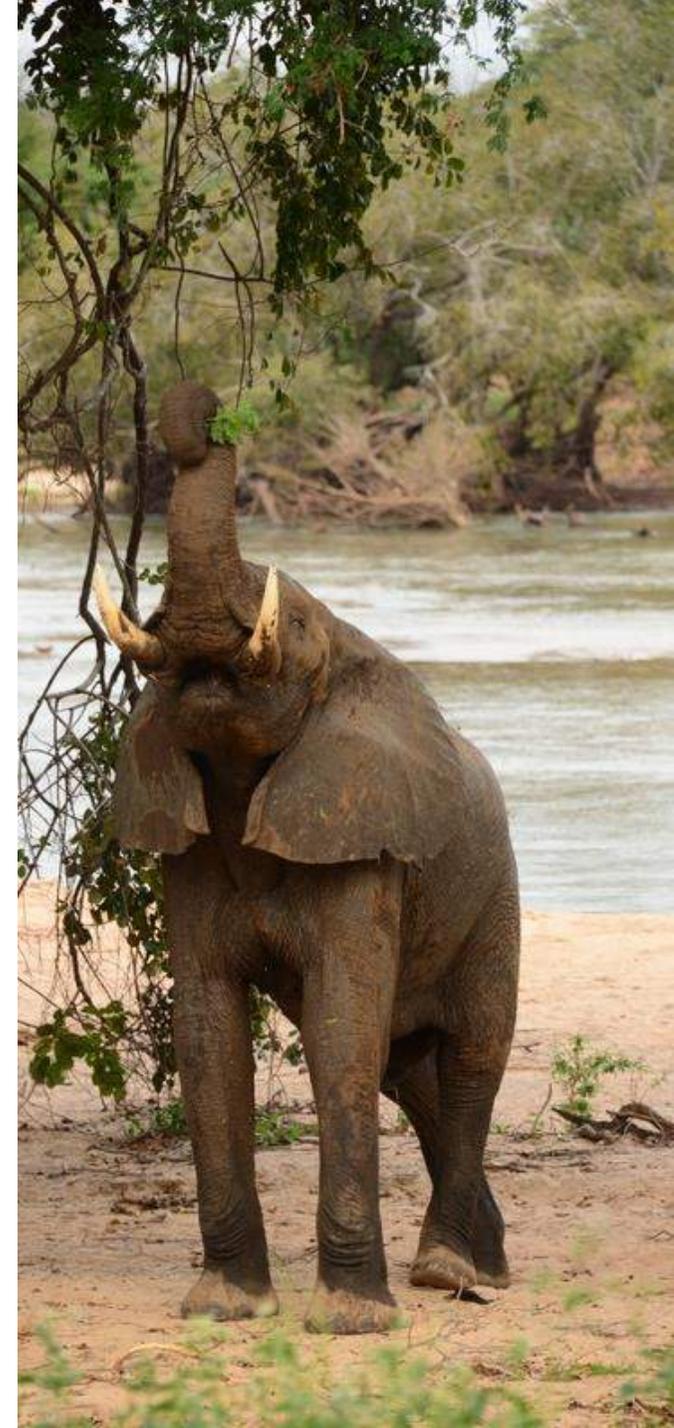
Don't forget your hat!



Binoculars – we strongly recommend that you travel with at least one pair of good binoculars



Wi-Fi connectivity – there is no wifi at Mpopo Camp





ENJOY YOUR EXPEDITION!

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