



ZAINA LODGE

West Africa's First Luxury Safari Lodge



Zaina Lodge is West Africa's first luxury safari lodge. Located in Mole National Park, the Lodge elegantly blends a safari sensibility with modern amenities, and combines a luxurious visitor experience with sustainable business practices. Exterior surfaces are faced in native stone harvested from the Lodge site and roofs are covered with woven thatch grass harvested in Northern Ghana. Our infinity pool, restaurant and bar overlook two water holes frequented by elephants, antelope, and are inhabited by crocodiles.



Accommodation: Our 25 individual tented chalets are arrayed to capture spectacular views over the woodland savannah of Mole National Park. Each suite includes a private bath with indoor and outdoor showers, and is fully air-conditioned. The hand-carved bed, personal refreshments chest (replenished with ice and drinks daily by Zaina family members) and other furnishings reflect the craftsmanship of local and regional artisans. A hand-constructed thatched roof, framed with sustainably raised plantation teak, overarches each suite.



Architecture: Zaina Lodge is inspired by the ancient Djenne architecture of the Larabanga Mosque, one of the oldest in West Africa, which is located just outside Mole Park. The women of Larabanga decorated the columns and facades of the Lodge. The main building features one of the largest single-structure thatch roofed-buildings in West Africa, roofed entirely with small holder teak poles and local grass. Nick-named "the Cathedral", this structure is truly inspiring.



Dining: Try the Zaina Lodge food safari! Serving fusion dishes that highlight cuisine from around the world, Zaina Lodge sources many ingredients and inspirations locally. Our star chef crafts a combination of buffet style meals, as well as a la cart options. Beginning with your welcome drink upon arrival, specialty cocktails and beverages will both refresh and relax you throughout your stay.



Infinity Pool: One of the most exciting features of the main lodge is our infinity pool. Cast in a beautiful shimmering blue tile, it contrasts perfectly with the green savannah landscape of the rainy season, or the soft yellows of the dry season. A sunset dip in the pool is truly magical, set to the waterfall sounds of the overflow. There is also a kid's pool for the little ones. You can relax at the water's edge, or enjoy one of our many sun loungers located along the pool deck.



Sustainability: In addition to sourcing local materials for the construction, Zaina Lodge features a number of other sustainable practices. Our entire water system is solar powered from the solar pumps that bring our water to the hilltop, to the heaters that make sure your shower is piping hot (when needed). To reduce electricity consumption, we use only LED lighting in the facility, which uses a fraction of the power of conventional and CFC bulbs. Finally, at Zaina Lodge we make a statement by seeking to eliminate the use of plastic water bottles. We do this by filtering our own water to international standards.



The Setting: We have a 200 degree view of nothing but unending woodland savannah from our ridge-top location. The view is breathtaking, especially at sunset. Our two water holes, located just below the lodge, are frequently visited by elephants, antelope, warthogs, baboons, and other wildlife. If you are lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of one of the crocodiles that are lying in wait for an unsuspecting antelope. But most important, is the feeling of being totally enveloped by the sights, sounds, and calming effect of nature. Enjoy it from your room deck, or while enjoying a sunset drink from the deck of the main lodge.



Comfort: We aim to spoil our guests, and despite all there is to eat, drink, see, and do at Zaina Lodge, you will not want to get out of our super comfortable American-Queen sized beds! Our guests have told us it was their best sleep in Ghana. The rooms are well appointed with locally crafted furniture, an array of complimentary beverages, a roomy in-door shower and a romantic outdoor shower, both with hot water. If you choose, you can have fresh Ethiopian coffee or a range of hot teas delivered to your room in the morning.



Safari: Our Land Cruiser safari vehicles were custom made in Tanzania. They offer guests the comfort of individual bucket seats and a pop-top roof for picture taking and to take in the view. Our Zaina Ranger Guides will tell you about the flora and fauna of the park and help you spot wildlife to make sure you take home fantastic pictures and memories. They are full of knowledge and stories of the bush, so ask them as many questions as you wish.



Mole National Park is the largest and most developed of Ghana's seven National Parks. It is the only location where visitors regularly see elephants, as well as a popular destination for birders from around the world. Walking safaris are a hallmark of Mole National Park, and walking in close proximity to elephants is a safari experience unique to Mole. The 180-kilometer drive from Tamale, the closet major city, takes approximately 2.5 hours. Airport transfers available.

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