

WILD ZAMBIA SAFARI



Return to the wild on this active safari in Zambia, including an optional night under the stars in the wilderness of South Luangwa National Park with a bed roll and a mosquito net (no tent) like the early African explorers. Explore the wilds of South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi National Parks on foot, by canoe, and in specially outfitted 4 x 4 safari vehicles with expert wildlife guides who lead us into some of the most remote protected African habitats teeming with wildlife. Warm up to Africa and your big adventure ahead at the thundering Victoria Falls accommodated at a quiet upriver lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River. This epic safari includes paddling along the shores of Lower Zambezi National Park among pods of hippos where elephants approach to drink the cool waters. Here you explore this expansive wildlife sanctuary by canoe, boat, and vehicle. The real adventure begins with a short flight over the rift valley escarpment into the heart of the Zambian bush in the South Luangwa River Valley where you are based from two secluded and intimate wilderness camps famed for their expert tracking guides where African walking safaris began. While your gear is transported you walk 5 miles from Luwi to Nsolo bushcamps tracking game through habitat where wild dogs roam amongst herds of buffalo, giraffe, elephant, and wildebeest. This active itinerary is for the adventurous safari traveler in small groups or couples seeking to experience exceptional African wilderness with other like-minded explorers.

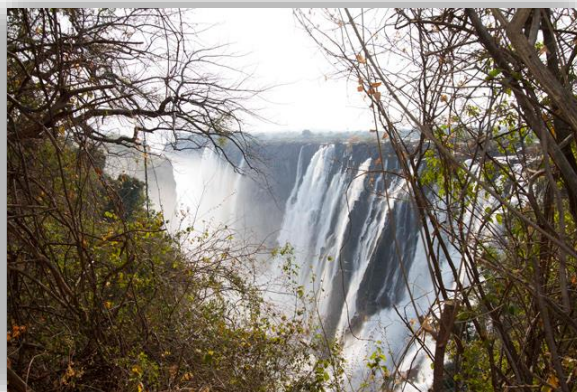
Itinerary Overview

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	LIVINGSTONE	Chundukwa River Lodge (standard) or Tongabezi (Deluxe)	-	Arrive in Livingstone, Zambia, lodge transfer, sunset cruise
2	LIVINGSTONE	Chundukwa River Lodge (standard) or Tongabezi (Deluxe)	BLD	Morning tour of Victoria Falls, afternoon optional additional tours
3	LOWER ZAMBEZI	Chongwe River Camp (Standard) or Royal Zambezi (Deluxe)	BLD	Return to Mfuwe and fly to the Lower Zambezi. Transfer to your lodge just outside of the Lower Zambezi National Park
4	LOWER ZAMBEZI	Chongwe River Camp (Standard) or Royal Zambezi (Deluxe)	BLD	Choose from game drives, canoeing, fishing, night drives, or community visits
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6	SOUTH LUANGWA	Luwi Bushcamp	BLD	Fly Lusaka and then Mfuwe, game drive to Luwi Bushcamp in South Luangwa National Park
7	SOUTH LUANGWA	Luwi Bushcamp	BLD	Walking game drive safari in the South Luangwa
8	SOUTH LUANGWA	Nsolo Bushcamp	BLD	Walking safari from Luwi Bushcamp to Nsolo Bushcamp
9	SOUTH LUANGWA	Nsolo Bushcamp	BLD	Walking game drive safari in the South Luangwa
10	DEPARTURE	-	B	Fly from Lower Zambezi to Lusaka for your departing flight

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: VICTORIA FALLS, ZAMBIA

Your African adventure begins as you are met and warmly greeted at the Livingstone airport in Zambia. Transfer to Chundukwa River Lodge, where rooms look out to the Zambezi River. This afternoon take a boat cruise on the upper Zambezi where you can watch the sunset with a drink in hand. Overnight at **Chundukwa River Lodge (standard) or Tongabezi Lodge (deluxe)**. [D]



DAY 2: VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, which straddles the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Watch as the mighty Zambezi River, forced through a fissure, cascades down 300 hundred vertical feet. The spray from the falls can be powerful from May – July so be prepared for getting wet. The afternoon is at your leisure to relax or partake in any additional active adventure tours in the area such as a helicopter or microlight flight over the falls, white water rafting trip featuring Class V rapids, canoeing above the Falls, parasailing or horseback riding (not included, at additional cost, and at your own risk). Overnight at **Chundukwa River Lodge (standard) or Tongabezi Lodge (deluxe)**. [BLD]

Please note: Tongabezi also includes the following options: canoeing on the Zambezi, a sanpan floating candlelit dinner, sunrise boating, guided bush walks, a museum tour, fishing, game drives to see protected rhinos in Mosi oa Tunya National Park, and a visit to see African crafts and art at the Maramba Market. Not all of these activities can be done in one day, so consider extending a day at Tongabezi if you'd like to experience more of the area.



DAY 3: LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Depart Livingstone and fly to Lusaka for your connecting flight to Lusaka and on to the Royal Airstrip in the Lower Zambezi National Park. Declared a National Park in 1983, Lower Zambezi lies across the river from Zimbabwe's Mana Pools National Park and was a private game reserve of Zambia's president. With nearly 1500 sq miles of habitat not counting the much larger game management areas that surround the park, there is plenty of room for wildlife to roam and very few people with whom to share your game viewing. Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to your tent overlooking the Zambezi. Overnight at

Chongwe River Camp (Standard) or Royal Zambezi Lodge (deluxe). [BLD]



DAYS 4-5: LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Spend two days exploring the Zambezi National Park with a naturalist guide. Take a canoeing excursion with the Zambian mountains as a backdrop to look for hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and plains game as they come down to the water to drink. Opt for a morning or full day game drive in the park and watch for lions, buffalo, antelopes, wild dog, and leopards in trees. Night game drives reveal nocturnal creatures such as porcupines, civet, genet, and honey badgers. If you like to fish (or even if you don't!) you should try tiger fishing. This is the best location in all of Africa to catch these feisty fish, as it's always a thrill to catch your first

one. Overnights at **Chongwe River Camp (Standard) or Royal Zambezi Lodge (deluxe)**. [BLD]

DAY 6: SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

Depart from the Lower Zambezi airstrip and connect through Lusaka to Mfuwe and the South Luangwa Valley, enjoying a bird's eye view of the dramatic rift valley escarpment topography. Arriving in Mfuwe you'll be met by your expert guide and delve deeper into the South Luangwa National Park. This area is Zambia's premier National Park and one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The concentration of game along the Luangwa River and its associated ox-bow lagoons is amongst the most intense anywhere in Africa – it is truly an unspoilt wilderness.



The flat, wildlife-rich environs of the South Luangwa are ideal for walking safaris and the guides are unmatched in their tracking and wildlife knowledge. Your guides at Luwi and Nsolo were recently voted as the **best walking safari guides in Africa** and follow in a great tradition of South Luangwa guides who know the land intimately as well as the wildlife who lives there. Take an afternoon game drive on your way to camp and overnight at intimate Luwi Bushcamp, where four tents sit under the shade of huge mahogany trees on the seasonal Luwi River. Overnight at **Luwi Bushcamp**. [BLD]



DAY 7: SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

After early morning coffee around the campfire set off with your guide and armed tracker on a morning walking safari* looking for elephant herds and other resident wildlife. Investigate tracks and watch for warthogs, reedbeek, and impala. The Luwi area is also famous for its lions and the thrill of tracking them on foot is an experience not to be missed. After about three to four hours of easy walking return to camp for a hearty brunch and spend the heat of the day in the shade, resting as the wildlife does. In the afternoon head out on another walking safari or game drive, looking for elephant herds and watching hippos and

crocodiles from the camp's hide, where you'll finish the day with a sundowner. Overnight at **Luwi Bushcamp**. [BLD]

***Note:** While the areas surrounding the camps are prime for safari by foot a specially outfitted safari vehicle is available to conduct game drives and access other areas of the national park.

DAY 8: SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

Another walking safari begins this morning and after brunch you'll pack up and begin the 5 mile walk from Luwi Bushcamp to Nsolo Bushcamp*. Wild dogs have denned between Luwi and Nsolo for the last 6 years and chances of seeing these elusive creatures are high. Leopard also abound in the area as well as herds of buffalo, Thornicroft giraffe, and Cookson's wildebeest, the last two endemic to the South Luangwa National Park. Overnight in one of 4 reed and thatch chalets at **Nsolo Bushcamp**. **[BLD]**



**Note: The transfer between camps can also be done by safari vehicle if preferred.*

Up for an adventure? Ask about the Return to the Wild. It's an evening spent fly-camping under the stars in the middle of the Park. Camp fires warn off nocturnal visitors while a scout and a guide keep watch. Must be booked in advance, additional cost of \$350 per person.

DAY 9: SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

A final day of walking safaris takes us along the Luwi River. Various lion pride territories overlap in this area and the cats use the dry riverbed as a thoroughfare and a means not only of locating their prey as they come to drink but also of locating their rivals who must be warned to stay away. Look for prints in the sand and take the time to listen for calls of baboons as they alert their troop to the presence of a predator. Soak in the sounds, smells, and the atmosphere of the bush as you become a part of it. Enjoy a last Luangwa sundowner this evening before retiring to your room at **Nsolo Bushcamp**. **[BLD]**

DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Say goodbye to Zambia as you transfer this morning to Mfuwe for your flight to Lusaka (*included*) connecting to your international departing flight. Ask about an extension to cosmopolitan Cape Town, Lake Malawi, Botswana's Okavango Delta or the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. **[B]**

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

PRICING

For Current pricing click [here](#)

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Note: This itinerary is available for any dates May 20 and October 31 depending on bush camp availability. The bush camps are closed outside of this season.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions as indicated
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Flights Livingstone-Mfuwe, Mfuwe-Royal (Lower Zambezi), Royal-Lusaka
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- 9 nights camp accommodation as indicated
- National Park Entrance Fees
- Laundry service
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- 16% Zambian tax
- Drinks including wine and beer, spirits at Luwi and Nsolo
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare (Arriving in Livingstone, departing from Lusaka)
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Spirits at Kasaka River Lodge
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

NOTES:

- **Checked baggage on internal flights is restricted to 2 pieces totaling 23kg (50lbs) per person.** Total dimensions for the bags shall be no more than 61 inches and soft sided luggage is recommended (but not required) to fit easily in the undercarriage of the plane. Additional 5 kg (11lbs) is permitted for hand carry on items such as a purse, small backpack or laptop bag.
- **All guests must cover themselves with cancellation and baggage insurance for the duration of their trip.**
- **Walking safaris have a minimum age of 16 years old.**

ACCOMMODATIONS



CHUNDUKWA TREE LODGE, LIVINGSTONE (STANDARD)

Resting 20 km upstream from Victoria Falls, Chundukwa Tree Lodge prides itself on providing great home-cooked food incorporating the freshest Zambian produce. These unique tree house suites blend naturally with the Waterberry trees that adorn the riverbanks. Perched on stilts, each room overlooks the river edge allowing guests to fall asleep at night to the gurgling sounds of the Zambezi River below. In the morning, look out your window to the breathtaking view of Zambia safari lands. This region of the country benefits from abundant sightings of hippo,

elephant, and varied birdlife. Enjoy a delicious meal around a large table to allow for great conversation or retreat to an intimate dining experience in private dining areas. In the heat of the day, guests enjoy the refreshing plunge pool on the riverside allowing for ultimate relaxation while observing nearby wildlife. In the evening enjoy a sunset wildlife cruise on the upper stretches of the mighty Zambezi.



TONGABEZI, LIVINGSTONE (DELUXE)

Tongabezi is a unique luxury lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River, 20 kilometers upstream from the Victoria Falls. Accommodation is in thatched cottages and spacious open plan stone and thatch houses, all with en suite bathrooms and view of the river. The cottages have a private lounge and spacious bedrooms with a mosquito net canopy and each has a personal valet assigned to the room. Tongabezi is an ideal base for visiting Victoria Falls and offers a wide variety of activities including sunset and sunrise boat trips, a candlelit dinner while floating on the Zambezi, and a visit to the Zambian side of the Falls

among others. Lodge facilities include a dining, bar, and lounge area under thatch, swimming pool, a curio shop selling local quality products, fishing, and canoeing.



LUWI BUSH CAMP, SOUTH LUANGWA

Luwi Camp, nestled in the shade of huge mahogany trees, is situated deep in the heart of the National Park, on the dynamic seasonal Luwi River after which it is named. The area is extremely remote with no other camps or people for many miles around – the perfect camp for walking safaris. The rooms, which are built each season using natural materials, blend into the bush and are simple yet extremely comfortable with en-suite bathrooms, flushing toilets, and “all day” hot showers. With the emphasis on the use of natural materials in its construction, this camp is one of the most traditional of all of the Luangwa safari camps but still offers high levels of comfort and service.

Daytime meals are served in the shade of the mahogany trees, and dinner is taken under the stars accompanied by the many sounds of the Zambian night. There is a large hippo filled lagoon close by with a ‘hide’ for guests to watch the animals unnoticed high above the water. Walking safaris from camp usually finish here with sundowners, watching the sunset over a landscape unchanged for thousands of years. This permanent water source attracts wildlife from far and wide making the camp area constantly busy with animals.



NSOLO BUSH CAMP, SOUTH LUANGWA

This “bush luxury” safari camp consists of four spacious chalets each on raised wooden decks with grass and reed walls and large, open air en-suite bathrooms. Each chalet runs on solar power and is set under the shade of evergreen trees with private verandahs overlooking the surrounding bush and waterholes in the Luwi River. On the banks of the Luwi River is an open sided, shady chitenje lounge with a bush bar and dining area offering a peaceful refuge where guests can study the camps collection of books or watch a variety of game visiting the permanent pools of water in the Luwi riverbed. Nsolo is the local name for the honey guide and the camp was

named after this extraordinary little bird.



CHONGWE RIVER CAMP, LOWER ZAMBEZI (STANDARD)

Chongwe River Camp was opened nearly 20 years ago and is still family owned, with award-winning service that makes it truly feel like a home away from home. Light, airy and spacious, with either a single king or two single twin beds, each of Chongwe River Camp's nine canvas tented rooms are equipped with enough luxuries to ensure your stay in the bush is exceptional. Cotton linens, local textiles, and hand-crafted furniture blend seamlessly with organic fittings and fixtures, all designed to make the most of what Mother Nature has provided, including the incredible views. All of the rooms are under thatch,

ensuring maximum coolness in the heat of the day. Each has a large outdoor bathroom with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, vanity unit, and dressing area with a wardrobe and full-length mirror. The rooms also have their own private verandahs overlooking the river, making them an ideal place for relaxation and contemplation of Africa’s wonderful wilderness.



ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE, LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA (DELUXE)

Royal Zambezi Lodge is perched on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River on the edge of Lower Zambezi National Park. Royal offers comfort and luxury while immersed in the sights and sounds of the African wilderness. This is the perfect romantic setting for honeymoon couples, yet families will also find lots of space for all to enjoy their unique stay. Private suites are specially designed to let nature play a leading role in ensuring the relaxed pace and magical experiences are enjoyed by guests. The lodge offers a vast range of

activities that guests can choose from – from unrivalled game viewing, canoeing on the Zambezi River, or relaxing at the award winning Royal Bush Spa. After a full day of wildlife viewing, toast the sunset at the Sausage Tree bar overlooking. Royal Zambezi Lodge is the epitome of personalized luxury safari experience.

Booking your Wildland Adventure

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Deposit requirements are as follows:*

- 25% non-refundable deposit

*Some trips require additional non-refundable deposits, especially when yachts have been chartered, or if permits to visit archaeological or wildlife sites have been purchased in advance.

CUSTOM TRAVEL

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PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

91 or more: Initial deposit amount

41-90 days: 50% of land cost

40 or less: 100% of land cost

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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