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ZAMBIA WALKING SAFARI (Exclusive Luxury Bush Camp and Lodge)

REF: ZB WS (Walking safari included)

7 DAYS.

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Long gone are the days of a big adventure trip to colonial Africa for game-hunting safaris. In the past, the debonair safari suits and sun helmets of Hemingway's Hollywood era dominated but with this safari we offer the best of eco safaris. Zambia is unspoiled by mass tourism, and is rich in wildlife, superb forests and meandering rivers. South Luangwa National Park is probably the foremost Safari destination in all of Africa; as one of Africa's best kept secrets. On this ulendoyou will be guaranteed an unrivalled wildlife experience in one of the last unspoilt wilderness regions of Africa – the very place where the African walking safari was pioneered.

Deep in the African bushveld, our safari takes us to an award winning bush lodge that offers world-class standards in luxury accommodation, exceptional close wildlife encounters, personal service and delicious cuisine. Here we offer game drives (morning and afternoon), night drives, walking safaris, hide trips and special camp outs and photographic hides at the bush camp.

Walking Safaris have long been known as the best wilderness experience of the South Luangwa. After a few nights at our bush camp, we will walk to our next camp, accompanied by a guide and armed scout.

The area is remote and wild, the terrain and habitats varied and the game shy and unused to man. From ants to buffalo, a bird's nest to tracking a lion, you will learn the many facets of the bush.

"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne — bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."

— Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen), in a letter to her mother Ingeborg Dinesen

Grading: Anyone in good health with a sense of adventure should be able to take part.

NB: Although it is our intention to operate this itinerary as printed in the brochure and detailed below, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of alterations to flight/boat/train schedules, climatic

conditions, or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops may vary from those outlined. Included meals are indicated in the daily itinerary (i.e. BLD - Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).

Day 1: Lilongwe;

We arrive at our lodge and check in. At an elevation of 1000 metres above sea level, Lilongwe lies on the Central African plateau, to the west of the Great Rift Valley. Officially named as the new capital of Malawi in 1975, this landscaped city is an interesting place to explore. This afternoon is free which offers us the chance to visit

the city's Nature Sanctuary, Capitol Hill, or the market area (all optional).

Overnight: Barefoot Lodge.

Ensuite Room; 1 x night. (1 x D).



Leopard

For the next night we stay in our Lodge set in a beautiful location on the banks of a Lagoon inside the national park. We conduct an afternoon game drive that turns into a night drive. We return to our lodge for dinner and then turn in for bed.



Pel's fishing owl.

Day 2: South Luangwa, Lodge;

From Lilongwe we drive to the Zambian border at Chipata on our way to South Luangwa National Park. The Luangwa valley is one of Africa's prime wildlife sanctuaries, with concentrations and varieties of game and birdlife that have made it world famous. This is the landscape of the 'real Africa', with herds of antelope roaming the plains, predators stalking through the shadows, and primordial flora in every vale. And oxbow lagoons act as natural water holes. The list of animals that frequent the park is endless. Mammals include zebra, buffalo and lion, as well as endemic species such as Thornicroft's giraffe and Cookson's wildebeest. The park successfully supports one of the largest concentrations of elephant in Africa and also has an expanding population of leopard.



African wild dog.

En suite safari chalet; 1 x night. (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D).

Day 3: South Luangwa, Bush Camp;

After breakfast we depart and do a game drive to the bush camp. Upon arrival we settle in and after lunch we go out on our private game drive that leads into a night drive.

Overlooking the Luangwa River deep within the prime area of the South Luangwa National Park, our lodge's relaxed, personal and friendly atmosphere offers you fantastic game-viewing opportunities within an area of incredible beauty and varied terrain.



Bush camp

The large centrally located open-sided sitting room includes a dining area, library and the renowned thousand year old lead-wood bar.

Nestled discretely apart on the banks of the river, the chalets were designed with the sole purpose of transporting you safely into the world of the Luangwa without a single distraction.



Walking Safari.

After our afternoon tea you have the opportunity to go for a walking safari or an afternoon drive. This is followed by a Night Drive. We stay out for sundowners and continue for night drive with spotlight. On return we have drinks at the bar, dinner followed by fireside chat.



Cookson's wildebeest.

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Ensuite chalet; 2 x night. (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D)

Day 4: South Luangwa Bush Camp;

Our day is as follows: Wake-up drums and Tea/coffee/cake in the central chitenge. We do a morning Walk or Game Drive followed by a Full English Breakfast. You can then have a rest or partake in a Hippo Hide trip, elephant crossing point or ebony grove/forest game viewing activity. Lunch, followed by Siesta or relax on the deck. After our afternoon Tea we can do the following: Walk / Afternoon Drive / Night Drive. Stay out for sundowners and continue for night drive with spotlight. Drinks at the bar followed by dinner then by fireside chat about the day.



Luangwa River

Day 5: Walking safari to Camp;

After our morning game drive and breakfast we do a walking safari to our next bush lodge. This bush camp, provide us an opportunity to explore the park's heartland. Wonderfully remote and peaceful, the site is a relaxed 3-hour bushwalk from the lodge. The thatch chalets, uniquely designed with two soaring skylights (protected by mosquito gauze) set into the roof allowing you to experience sleeping under the stars. Both walking safaris,

and game drives (day and night) are offered from the camp.

We settle in and after lunch, your guide will tell you the options for the game activities that you can do.



Walking safari.

Set on the banks of the Mwamba River, a tributary of the Luangwa, the camp, sited under huge evergreen ebony trees, enjoys shady views of perennial waterholes, both of which have hides perched over them for fantastic photographic opportunities or simply quiet times viewing the animals. The nights at Mwamba are filled with wildlife action.



Bush camp

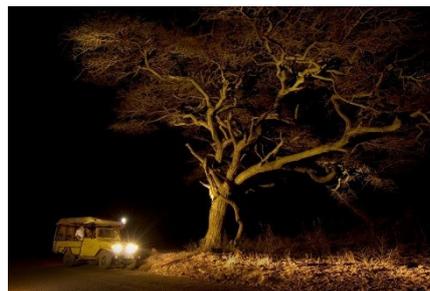
Bats and owls (Pearl spotted and Scops in particular) set up the background sounds together with whirring cicadas. Puku and Impala alarm calls are often followed by the grunt of a leopard or whoop of a hyena as they pass through camp. Elephants are never far away and are especially fond of the tamarind and ebony fruit within

the camp. There are two resident hippos in the waterholes that graze on the river bank at night, completing the picture.

En-suite bush chalet; 1 x night ; (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D).

Days 6: Lodge;

After another game activity in the early morning followed by a hearty breakfast, we do a game drive to our lodge that is situated in the park. We settle in and this afternoon we go out on our last night drive. We return for dinner and then listen to the night sounds while falling asleep. South Luangwa National Park is one of the world's great wildernesses and provides the grand finale to this intriguing to Safari.



Night Game Drive

En-suite chalet ; 1 x night. (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D).

Day 7: Lilongwe;

This morning, after an early morning game drive followed by breakfast, we leave the open vistas and staggering beauty of eastern Zambia behind and return to Malawi's capital, Lilongwe. En route we visit a craft market. Our drive takes us across the rich farmland of central Malawi.

We end our service by dropping you at your preferred place. ETA 16H00.

(1 x B).

Optional excursions:

Please inform us in advance if there are any particular areas of interest you wish to visit for a tailor-made itinerary.

Price Includes:

- Airport transfers and meet & greet service by our local representatives at Lilongwe International airport.
- All Accommodation in standard rooms.
- Meals as described by B (Buffet Breakfast), L (Lunch), D (Dinner).
- Ground Transportation.
- Services of a professional English speaking driver/guide.
- Game drives, sightseeing and excursions as described in the itinerary, inclusive of applicable entrance fees.
- Local taxes.

Price Excludes:

- International airfare.
- Meals not described in the itinerary above.
- Tips and gratuities to driver/guide; camp and restaurant staff; room service etc.
- Travel Insurance.
- Items of a personal nature i.e., telephone/internet usage, laundry, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, etc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate:

Eastern Zambia's climate is very similar to Malawi's. The cool and dry season runs from May to Aug; the hot and dry from Sep to Oct, and the wet season from Nov to Apr. South Luangwa is relatively low lying, so evening temperatures shouldn't be too low!

Baggage:

As per airline regulations. Soft duffel style bags travel better in Africa than the Samsonite wheeled versions.

Clothing and Footwear:

- For comfort in the heat, lightweight cotton is best. Long trousers and long sleeves is a must for the Gorilla and monkey tracking.
- Well-worn in hiking shoes.
- Shorts and cool shirts for evenings.
- Light raincoat.
- Trainers or sandals for relaxing.
- Sunhat.
- Swimming gear.

Equipment:

- Water bottle or hydration packs (at least 3 litres of water).
- Sunglasses, sunscreen and lip salve.
- Insect repellent.
- Personal first aid kit.
- Binoculars.
- Camera, no flash.

Medicine:

- Basic personal first aid kit.

- Any prescription drugs required.
- Female sanitary products.
- Malaria prophylaxis (area considered moderate risk).

Visas and Permits:

- Please see the link below for visa info. Generally it is recommended that you obtain a visa prior to arrival, however there are exceptions.
- Source: <https://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/index.php/menu-styles/visa-requirements>

Vaccinations & Health Advice:

Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialised travel clinic for up to-date information before you depart. For useful advice you can visit The Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad www.masta.org or the CDC website: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/descriptions/traveler/none/zambia>

Food:

Although every effort will be made to accommodate any dietary requirements. Any special dietary requirements should be explained to us as early as possible. Gluten free flour should be brought with you if required. We will inform all the lodges we stay

Local Costs:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included as per itinerary.

Weather:

WEATHER FORECAST

Average temperature per month

