

## South Luangwa & Lower Zambezi

*This safari combines the delights of the South Luangwa Valley with the Lower Zambezi National Park. Enjoy game drives in the game rich area of the South Luangwa followed by a stay at more remote bush camp where walking safaris are conducted in pristine wilderness. Complete your safari at a beautiful lodge located on the banks of the Zambezi where you can enjoy water based activities.*

### **Day 1 – London Heathrow to South Luangwa**

The British Airways evening flight from London Heathrow to Lusaka is direct and convenient (departs Wed, Fri, and Sun).

### **Day 2 - Mfuwe to South Luangwa**

The BA flight arrives early in the morning which connects well with the domestic flight to Mfuwe. On arrival at Mfuwe you will be met and transferred to Kafunta River Lodge where you will stay for the following two nights (FB).

#### Kafunta River Lodge

Kafunta River Lodge is set on the banks of the Luangwa River overlooking the South Luangwa National Park. The accommodation is a classic safari lodge which offers guests all the comforts whilst being situated in unspoilt wilderness. The eight private chalets are built on raised wooden platforms and have thatched roofs. Mahogany floors and walls add natural beauty to the luxurious interiors. The two luxury suites feature an upstairs viewing verandah, a downstairs balcony and a luxurious bathroom which includes a free-standing bath.



### **Day 3**

Kafunta River Lodge specialises in game drives which are accompanied by their outstanding team of safari guides. The early morning hours are ideal for a game drive or alternatively a walking Safari can be arranged. During your afternoon game drive you will stop for sundowners while experiencing the magnificent African sunset. You will then continue your drive in the dark which allows you to spot nocturnal animals.

#### Day 4

Transfer to the Island Bush Camp, a two hour drive, where you will stay for two nights (FB).

##### Island Bush camp

This small, personalised camp lies under a grove of Mahogany trees on the banks of the Luangwa River. The Island Bush Camp offers rustic accommodation in grass/reed huts, with the modern comforts of hot showers and running water. Each chalet has a private verandah overlooking the Luangwa River.



#### Day 5

The Island Bush Camp is in a very remote game-rich area of the southern section of the South Luangwa National Park and offers complete solitude far away from other visitors and offers exclusive walking safaris. Island Bush Camp is seasonal, open 20 May to 1 November.

#### Day 6

Transfer back to Mfuwe where you will take the flight to the Lower Zambezi. You will be met and transferred to Chongwe River Camp for the following two nights (FB).

##### Chongwe River Camp

Set in a beautiful position beneath a canopy of winterthorns at the confluence of the Zambezi and Chongwe rivers, this award-winning camp combines the best of everything. From first-class service and luxurious accommodation to exceptional game viewing and cultural experiences, Chongwe has it all. The staff insist that during your stay, you relax...! You can put your feet up on the furniture without worrying what anyone is going to think or curl up amongst plump cushions with a good book.



#### Day 7

At just over 4000 square kilometres, the Lower Zambezi National Park stretches in a narrow swathe from the Chongwe River in the west to the Luangwa River in the east. Rich in biodiversity, there are a number of eco-systems in the park. The Lower Zambezi National Park is home to all of the major species in the valley with excellent sightings of elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard a regular occurrence. Birdlife in the area is also outstanding, making this a real hotspot for ornithologists.

Chongwe River Camp offers a range of game activities in the park including full-day picnic trips, canoeing and fishing excursions. A policy of non-intrusive enjoyment of wildlife and low environmental impact has helped to make the Lower Zambezi valley one of southern Africa's premier game viewing destinations. Add the amazing fauna and flora found in and on the banks of Africa's fourth largest river, and you begin to understand why this amazing wilderness is so special.





Activities are tailored to make the most of this diverse wilderness, game viewing can be done from a vehicle or if you prefer, from a boat on the Zambezi. Canoeing, walking and, of course, fishing, are also offered. And for those interested in the rich cultural heritage of the area, community visits can be arranged.

### Day 8

Mid afternoon transfer to Mfuwe Airport for the flight to Lusaka, on arrival you will be met and transferred to Pioneer Camp for an overnight stay.

#### Pioneer Camp

Pioneer camp is conveniently located just 20 miles from Lusaka airport. There are 11 individual thatched chalets and a two bedroomed cottage; all are set within 25 acres of miombo woodland. You can walk around the property, which is surprisingly good for birds.

At the centre of the Pioneer Camp is the open thatched bar/restaurant or 'Chitenge', this is for residents' only and is open from 7am to 11pm. Coffee and tea are always available along with drinks from the bar. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served here. Your stay includes return airport transfers and dinner.

### Day 9

An early departure for Lusaka airport where you will check in for your return flight to London Heathrow, The flight arrives in the early evening.

A stay at Victoria Falls can be added to this itinerary, ask for a quote.

**The cost** of this itinerary is from £3295 per person, based on twin share.

The quote includes –

- Return British Airways flights from London Heathrow
- Domestic flights Lusaka – Mfuwe – Lusaka – Lower Zambezi - Lusaka
- All accommodation as described
- All meals
- All activities as described
- Park fees
- Airline taxes

The price Excludes:

- Visas
- Insurance
- Entry and departure government taxes
- All drinks in Zambia
- Items of a personal nature (curios, spirit liquors, telephone calls etc.)
- Gratuities
- Laundry
- Optional extra activities

