

Secrets of South Luangwa



The South Luangwa Valley is one of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuaries, famed for its pristine scenery and spectacular concentrations of wildlife. For long, a well-kept secret among safari-goers, the South Luangwa has in recent years attracted growing numbers of visitors. Yet the park remains unspoilt, as road networks have been kept to a minimum and game activities restricted primarily to traditional, low-impact walking safaris. Those who choose to venture into this untouched and wildlife-rich area will not be disappointed.

Day 1: Lusaka - South Luangwa

Arrive Lusaka this morning and connect with the flight to Mfuwe, where you will be met on arrival by your driver and transferred to Nsolo Camp (two nights, full board).

Nsolo Bush Camp

Nsolo Bush Camp is situated on a bend in the Luwi sand river, which cuts a path through the heart of Zambia's South Luangwa National Park.

This is a highly intimate luxury camp with just four individually-designed chalets, each of them situated on raised wooden decks with high thatched roofs and private veranda. The rooms are spacious and beautifully furnished. In traditional bush camp fashion, the bathrooms have no roofs and are set under the cover of the tree canopy!



Day 2: South Luangwa Valley

From its prime position in the South Luangwa Valley, Nsolo offers a fabulous safari experience. (And often, you needn't even leave camp to experience it - lots of game, big and small, can be seen at the waterhole in front of the camp throughout the day, allowing for exciting game viewing from the comfort of your own deck!)

Nsolo is one of the South Luangwa's most remote luxury safari camps. There is only a limited network of roads within the area, and as such most of the game-viewing takes place on walking safaris, although short night drives are also offered.



The Luwi river system is particularly renowned for its lion population – the overlapping territories of several prides meet in this area. The cats use the dry riverbed as a thoroughfare and a means not only of locating their prey, but also of locating their rivals who must be warned away.

There are few wilderness experiences more exciting than heading out on a walking safari early in the morning, having heard lions calling through the night, in search of fresh tracks to follow. With voices hushed and hearts beating, your mind will imagine a lion behind every bush! This is a true African safari experience, conducted on foot – big game viewing at its best!

Day 3: Luwi Bush Camp

After an early breakfast, depart Nsolo Camp for its sister property, Luwi Bush Camp, where you stay three nights on full-board basis. You can make the journey by vehicle or, if you're feeling adventurous, on foot accompanied by your walking guide (your luggage is taken separately.)



Luwi Bush Camp

Luwi is a seasonal bush camp that nestles under huge mahogany trees on the banks of a permanent lagoon. Situated deep in the heart of the National Park, it is one of the only Luangwa safari camps to be positioned away from the permanent waters and rich vegetation of the Luangwa River, enjoying an altogether more remote location.

Luwi Bush Camp sleeps only eight guests in its four safari huts, each of which has been constructed from grass thatch and mud

brick. Every unit is different in subtle ways, though all utilise the tree cover and natural vegetation where possible. The design of the rooms lends the camp a warm, rustic atmosphere.

Luwi's cosy thatched bar area that serves as the central hub. Daytime meals are typically served in the shade of the trees whilst dinner is taken under the stars to the sounds of the bush.

There is a permanent lagoon adjacent to the camp that teems with hippo and crocodile, and attracts wildlife from far and wide so that the camp area is constantly busy with game.

Luwi was one of the South Luangwa's first remote safari camps. Norman Carr sited the camp back in the 1980s, and it continues to offer perhaps the best traditional African bush experience in the Luangwa.



Day 4: Game viewing activities

As at Nsolo Camp, game-viewing activities at Luwi Bush Camp focus primarily on walking safaris, though limited game drives are also possible. Its remote location makes Luwi Bush Camp one of the most enthralling camps in all of Zambia. The wildlife in the area is prolific and to track it each day on foot is a memory that will last a lifetime.

Typically, your day will start early, taking tea around the campfire and discussing the day ahead or the noises heard during the night. Your morning walking safari is likely

to last three to four hours, returning you to camp in time for a hearty brunch. You can relax in the afternoon, watching the wildlife at the lagoon, before a further safari in the late afternoon/early evening.

Day 5: Mchenja Bush Camp

Depart Nsolo after breakfast and transfer by 4x4 to Mchenja Bush Camp for two nights on full-board basis.

Mchenja Bush Camp

Mchenja (meaning "ebony") occupies a stunning setting beneath a magnificent grove of ebony trees on the banks of the Luangwa River, in an area teeming with wildlife. One of Norman Carr's flagship camps, Mchenja provides the highest levels of bush-camp luxury.

The camp comprises five stylishly designed tents, each under its own thatched roof and with a deck in front overlooking the Luangwa River. The tents have inside baths and outside shower rooms. There is a small pool parallel to the bar, which is housed within a thatched "chitenje", allowing guests to seek cool refuge after their morning's safari activities.



Day 6: Game viewing activities

Enjoy a full day of game-viewing in and around Mchenja.

While staying at Mchenja, you can choose to track wildlife on foot during half or full-day walking safaris; from an open 4x4 vehicle; or a mix of the two!

The game viewing in this area is superb, with night drives especially rewarding. The landscape, too, is absolutely beautiful, with several ebony groves situated around the camp.



Day 7: International departure

After a morning safari activity and breakfast at the camp, transfer to Mfuwe Airport for your flight to Lusaka, where you can connect with your international flight home/onward transfer. (Accommodation in Lusaka is not included in the cost but can be arranged if your flight schedule requires it).



Consider extending your itinerary with a few days at Victoria Falls or a beach break on the shores of Lake Malawi. [Contact us](#) for further suggestions and quotes.

Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from **£6,100 per person**, based on two travellers in shared twin/double accommodation and travelling in high season. For low-season rates, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

Includes:

Return domestic flights from Lusaka to Mfuwe
Accommodation as described
All meals and activities while in camp
All transfers
Park fees

Excludes:

International flights – please ask for a quote
Visas
Tips and other personal expenses
Departure taxes (paid locally)
Park angling permits