

The Best of Zambia

Twelve Nights South Luangwa, Livingstone and Lower Zambezi

Please note that all Nonpareil safaris are tailor-made; this is just a suggested itinerary and can be customised to your requirements.

- 2 nights Kapani Lodge
- 5 nights Norman Carr Safaris Bush Camps
- 2 nights Livingstone
- 3 nights Lower Zambezi

POA - Prices include domestic flights

This safari combines the South Luangwa wildlife and remote camps with the magnificent Victoria Falls and the variety of the Lower Zambezi National Park.

Days 1 and 2

(Kapani Lodge, South Luangwa National Park)

Kapani Lagoon Suite

Your hour-long domestic flight to Mfuwe from Lusaka Airport transports you into what many consider the country's best game viewing area. From Mfuwe Airport your safari guide drives you to camp in time to settle in before brunch.

Once known as the Valley of the Elephants, the Luangwa Valley is home to a vast array of different mammal species. Endemic species such as the Thornicroft's Giraffe and Cookson's Wildebeest will be pointed out by your guides, but the excitement really starts when the sun goes down and the spotlight is brought into play for watching leopards in their natural environs.

Elephant Walk Days at Kapani Lodge start early with a light breakfast around the campfire watching the sun rise over the lagoon. Your morning game-drive, lasting about four hours, is in an open four-wheel drive vehicle. You can use the few hours after brunch to relax by the pool or to browse through the camp's library.

Days 3 to 7

(Walking Safari - Luwi, Nsolo and Kakuli Bush Camps)

Luwi Tea.

From Kapani you drive deep into the National Park to Luwi Bush Camp. This is a wonderfully rustic camp set in the deep shade of large trees close to a permanent lagoon and home to a large population of hippo and even more crocodile. The rooms at Luwi have grass walls and thatched roofs with bathrooms that are open to the trees and stars above.

On arrival, your professional guide will introduce you to the armed escort scout who will accompany you on your first real walking safari.

Nsolo Outside

Your first night in the bush camp is to the accompaniment of animal noises around camp. In the morning your guide will interpret the calls as you head out together and pick up the fresh tracks of a pride of lion or investigate the alarm calls of the local troop of baboon.



On the second morning at Luwi Bush Camp your guide will walk you down the Luwi river course. Your destination is Nsolo, the second of your bush camps.

Kakuli Shower.

After a few hours' gentle walking you will wander into the new camp, where a cool drink will be ready for you, brunch will be on the table and your bags will be in your room. Your home for the next two nights will be a raised deck with grass walls on three sides and a tall, cool thatched roof. Once more, your bathroom is open to the sky above.

The next morning will see another move, this time further down the, again on foot, to the tented Kakuli Camp and the confluence of the Luwi River with the main Luangwa. Most of the gameviewing is still on foot although there are more roads in this area so it is possible to use vehicles and with a dense population of leopards in the area, the night drive safaris are usually most rewarding.

Days 8 and 9 (Tongabezi Lodge - Livingstone)

Victoria Falls

The flight from Mfuwe transits Lusaka on its way to Livingstone where you will be met and transferred to Tongabezi Lodge.

Although there are a number of accommodation options whilst in Livingstone, we work very closely with Tongabezi Lodge, one of Africa's most romantic destinations. Situated as it is on a magnificent bend in the Zambezi River some twenty kilometres upstream from the Victoria Falls.

There is so much to do here. An up-close view of the Falls is a must, and there are plenty of adrenalin-filled activities on offer.

Days 10, 11 and 12 (Lower Zambezi National Park)

Boat

Boat There are three operators in the Lower Zambezi, all of whom we can thoroughly recommend: Chiawa, Chongwe and SausageTree Camps. Each tented camp is set right on the bank of the Zambezi River.

Only the beauty of the views surpasses the game viewing in the Lower Zambezi. Activities are varied and with three days here one should try to experience as much as possible. The Lower Zambezi is a Park for everyone and a perfect end to an exciting Zambian safari.

Day 13 (Travel)

Your flight from the Lower Zambezi is early this morning in order to have you in Lusaka in time for your onward flight out of Zambia.



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