

“LAND OF THE BIG CATS” WITH VICTORIA FALLS OPTION 2012



Highlights:

This is a superb 4x4 safari exploring the game rich central section of Zambia’s superb South Luangwa National Park and the remote and undeveloped Southern region of the park where other vehicles are rarely encountered.

The accommodation is a mixture of high quality mid sized safari lodges and wonderful little bush camps where both the quality of the camps and the quality of the game viewing are not compromised.

South Luangwa National Park is over 9000 square kilometers and is located along the Luangwa River in the East of Zambia. The beautiful river acts as a magnet for game and the density and variety to be found is impressive. Over time, the river’s course has carved a multitude of channels, that, in winter, form lagoons and oxbow lakes, which are the focus of attention for the fascinating mammals and birdlife of South Luangwa. South Luangwa has a very large population of lions and is also one of the best places to see leopard in Africa with regular sightings being made on night drives along with other smaller cats and nocturnal hunters. Elephants and giraffe are plentiful and countless hippos and crocodiles lurk in the cool waters of the river.

The whole area is very scenic, much of it set against a backdrop of the river itself and its many tributaries and lagoons as well as the the Muchinga Escarpment and the Chindeni Hills. Your safari here will include a full range of game activities including day and night drives in

open, specially adapted 4x4 safari vehicles. The highlight for many will be the walking safaris for which Zambia is rightly famous, which are conducted by a highly trained English speaking guide and an armed National Parks scout.

This safari is offered in conjunction with our highly respected Zambian associates, the Bushcamp Company.



Day 1

You will arrive on your International flight at Lusaka International Airport where our representative will meet you and assist you onto your light aircraft flight to Mfuwe. You will be met at the airport by our representative and transferred to the National Park through the main gate and over the Luangwa River Bridge. Your first night will be spent at the excellent and recently refurbished Mfuwe Lodge one of only three lodges inside the National Park. Your accommodation is in a chalet overlooking a lagoon at which wildlife is regularly spotted as well as many birds including fish eagles, water fowl and kingfishers. The Lodge has a comfortable bar and dining area as well as a swimming pool, periodically elephants have been known to visit the bar here.

In the afternoon you will be able to take your first game drive in the park which usually takes the form of a late afternoon drive followed by a stop for sundowners in a scenic spot where you can watch the fiery African setting over the bush, before continuing on with a night drive. Depending on sightings we usually return to the camp by about 2000 hours for dinner.

Your stay here is on a full board basis and includes all your game activities, park fees and laundry. Drinks from the bar are not included.

Day 2 and 3

You will have two full days at Mfuwe Lodge during which you will be able to explore the game rich central region of South Luangwa National Park on twice daily game drives. The area has many elephant, huge herds of buffalo and plentiful predators so the game drives will inevitably be rewarding and present many excellent photo opportunities.

View at <http://www.mfuwelodge.com/>

Day 4

Today you will have an early morning departure heading south through the National Park to Kapamba Bush Camp. This transfer like all the others on this safari is a game drive transfer, along park roads, at a slow game drive speed stopping to observe the wildlife that will be encountered on route. The transfer takes three to four hours depending on sightings and you should arrive in time for brunch.

Kapamba Bush Camp is an extremely comfortable bush camp overlooking the wide but shallow Kapamba River close to its confluence with the Luangwa.

The camp has just four imaginatively designed thatched chalets, each with comfortable beds, safari furniture and en suite w.c and shower, as well as a bath/plunge pool with a lovely private view of the Kapamba River. It therefore combines a high level of comfort with an essential simplicity.

The usual routine at Kapamba is to take an early morning guided bush walk before the sun gets too hot followed by breakfast. These walks are conducted at a leisurely pace and will suit most levels of physical fitness; we stop regularly along the route to look at tracks and spoor as well as stopping to observe any wildlife and birds we encounter on our walk. These walks are a great opportunity to learn more about the bush and the smaller creatures that live here as well as the local flora and its many traditional uses. Few experiences can compare with the exhilaration of tracking big game on foot in the African Bush.

On return to camp you will enjoy brunch or breakfast and then have the middle of the day for a siesta or to sit on your private deck or on the camp viewing deck watching the wildlife coming down to the river or grazing on the river bank.

In the late afternoon we will set off on a game drive stopping just before sunset to enjoy a sun downer and to watch the setting sun before continuing on a night drive with a powerful searchlight. At night we have a chance to see nocturnal animals such as leopard, hyena, serval, genet, civet cats and porcupine, animals which are not usually spotted during the day.

Day 5 & 6

We have two full days at Kapamba exploring this remote and most southerly region of the National park by vehicle and on foot

View at http://www.bushcampcompany.com/bush_camp_kapamba.htm



Day 7

Today we will take a short game drive transfer to Chindeni Bush Camp. Chindeni is a magical bush camp surrounded by majestic hills and shaded by ancient ebony trees, the camp is nestled in the apex of an ox bow lagoon where wildlife comes to drink and feed.

The activities you will enjoy at Chindeni are varied and follow a similar pattern to Kapamba with bush walks in the evergreen forests as well as day and night drives in specially adapted 4x4 vehicles.

Day 8

We have a further day to explore this wonderful area on foot and by vehicle.

View a http://www.bushcampcompany.com/bush_camp_chindeni.htm

Day 9

Today we depart early for our return to Mfuwe. Once again this is a slow game drive transfer through the park stopping when appropriate to view any interesting sightings. If time permits we will stop for lunch at Mfuwe Lodge before continuing on to the airport for our return light aircraft flight to Lusaka or onward arrangements.

Please note that if your onward flight from Lusaka is in the morning it will be necessary to spend a night in Lusaka (at extra cost)

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON LUSAKA TO LUSAKA BASIS

1 st June to 31 st October 2012 US\$4063 or £2708

Green Season Special Offer:

1 st May to 31 st May 2012 and 1 st November to 15 th December 2012 US\$3217 or £2144

Victoria Falls Extension:

Day 9 Cont

You will connect with your flight to Livingstone where you will be met and transferred to the excellent Waterberry Lodge which is located upstream of the Falls at a scenic spot on the

Zambezi River. Your stay here is for three nights on a full board basis and includes one in house activity per day and all locally branded soft and alcoholic drinks.

View at <http://www.waterberrylodge.com/>

ADDITIONAL COST PER PERSON ON A LUSAKA TO LIVINGSTONE BASIS US\$1092 or £728

Day 12

You will be transferred to Livingstone Airport in time for your flight to Lusaka and Johannesburg and onward International Flight.

What's Included

Airport Assistance

Air Transfers to and from Lusaka and Livingstone

Full Board accommodation at all properties

Locally branded soft and alcoholic drinks and house wines at Chindeni and Kapamba and Waterberry Lodge

All scheduled game activities

Laundry at Mfuwe and Waterberry lodge

Limited Laundry at Chindeni and Kapamba.

Park Fees and conservation levies

In House activities at Waterberry Lodge from Tour of Falls, Sunset and Daytime Cruises on the Zambezi River, Fishing, Island Picnics, Guided Bird Walk, Guided tours of local village, Livingstone and local markets.

What,s not included

International Flights

Bar drinks at Mfuwe Lodge

Visa Fees (Currently US\$50 per visa)

Airport Departure Taxes

Tips and gratuities for camp staff and guides

Purchases of a personal nature

Entry Fees to Victoria Falls US\$20 per person

Zambian Airport Security Tax (International US\$5 pp and domestic US\$3 pp)

Zambezi River usage Fees in Livingstone (US\$10 per river activity)

Additional Activities available at Victoria Falls include:

White water rafting, bungee Jumping, elephant back safari, walking with lions, canoeing above the Falls, high tea on Livingstone Island, micro light and helicopter flights, Golf, steam train ride with dinner.

Wildlife Sightings

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Lion, Leopard, Wild Dog, Spotted Hyena, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Civet, Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, bush baby, Lesser Spotted Genet, Greater Spotted Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Pangolin, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Sable Antelope, Roan Antelope, Puku, Impala, Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Tsessebe, Waterbuck, Steenbok, Red Lechwe, Greater Kudu, Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Scrub Hare, Bat Eared Fox. Also many bird and reptile species.

When to go:

This Safari is available from 1 st May to 15 th December and offers a really excellent value high quality safari during the peak season dry winter and early summer months and is a real bargain in the Green Season months. The safari can be adapted for other travel periods although some camps are closed in the green season.

Who should go:

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Zambia, a wonderful excellent value trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. Children under 12 not permitted. This is a great stand alone safari or it can be the centrepiece of a longer safari visiting other regions such as Lake Malawi, Kafue National Park, Lower Zambezi National Park or North Luangwa.

We Say:

“Land of the Big Cats” is a superb value for money safari with fantastic wildlife staying in small high quality authentic bush camps. Difficult to beat as an all round package and, with all transfers being game drive transfers, your holiday time is utilised effectively. Why not add a few days at Victoria Falls to enhance your safari experience?

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