

“LIVINGSTONE’S ZAMBIAN ODYSSEY” WITH VICTORIA FALLS OPTION



Highlights:

This is a short and exciting 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.

Your accommodation for two nights is a good quality mid sized safari lodge and then on to a couple of wonderful little bush camps in a magical locations in the remote and much less visited Southern Section of the park, here both the quality of the camp and the quality of the game viewing and guiding is excellent.

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 two nights 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

You will have a full day 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.

Day 3 & 4

Today you will have an early morning departure heading south through the National Park to Chindeni Bush Camp where you will be staying for two nights. 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.

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 usual routine at Chindeni 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. Guided game 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 a short game drive transfer to our next Bushcamp which is Chamilandu Bushcamp where we will spend the next two nights on a fully inclusive basis.

Chamilandu's three exquisite tree-houses perch right on the edge of the Luangwa River. Each has its own raised veranda to loll on during the heat of the day, and an open-fronted en-suite bathroom with the same magnificent views over the tranquil waters. Two of the tree-houses have twin beds (queen-sized beds) and one has a double (king-sized bed). With capacity for just six guests, this is the perfect camp for small groups.

Walking safaris and game drives around Chamilandu explore the impressive range of habitats in the area. With no fewer than seven oxbow lagoons behind camp, there are always thirsty animals around seeking refreshment. Our hide looks out over one of these lagoons and is the perfect place to take lunch, tea or to while away an afternoon in a hammock to the soundtrack of bathing elephant.

View at <http://www.bushcampcompany.com/bushcamps/chamilandu.php>

Day 7

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 2011 US\$3250 or £2170

Green Season Special Offer:

1 st May to 31 st May and 1 st November to 15 th December 2011 US\$2802 or £1868

Victoria Falls Extension:

Day 7 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 banks of 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\$1140 or £760

Day 10

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

All meals and snacks

Locally branded soft and alcoholic drinks and house wines at Chindeni, Chamilandu and Waterberry Lodge.

All scheduled game activities

Laundry at Mfuwe lodge and Waterberry Lodge

Limited Laundry at Chindeni and Chamilandu

Park Fees

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

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 an excellent value high quality safari during the peak season dry winter and early summer months and is a real bargain during 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 short safari or it can be the centrepiece of a longer safari visiting other regions such as Lake Malawi, Kafue National Park, The Lower Zambezi or North Luangwa National Park. Another good option is to add a few days in the Northern Section of the South Luangwa National Park

We Say:

“Livingstone’s Zambian Odyssey” is a superb value for money safari with fantastic wildlife staying in small, high quality accommodation. Concentrated game viewing in areas with a high wildlife density and with all transfers being game drive transfers, all your holiday time is utilised effectively. Why not add a few days at Victoria Falls to enhance your safari experience?

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