



Journeys of a lifetime

“THE FORGOTTEN RIVERS ”



Highlights:

At 22 500 square kilometres, Kafue National Park is the largest National Park in Zambia and one of the largest in Africa. It is fed by three rivers, the Lufupa in the North West and the Lunga and Kafue in the East.

The Park has the largest mammal species diversity in Zambia due to its interesting habitat mix which includes miombo woodland and seasonal open grassy areas called dambos. The “Forgotten Rivers Safari” is based in the Central and Northern Part of the park and follows the course of the Lufupa River to the seasonally flooded Busanga Plains an important wetland area with fabulous game viewing. We then return south to the confluence of the Lufupa and Kafue Rivers where we will spend a few nights before enjoying an exciting boat trip transfer with game viewing on route to our final destination at Hippo Lodge on the banks of the Kafue River.

This private 4x4 overland safari is a superb combination of excellent wildlife, great bird watching and pristine African Wilderness, through an area which is only just starting to develop as a Safari tour destination and where other visitors are very rare. All the transfers within the park are game drive transfers so very little time is wasted.

Day 1

You will arrive on your International flight at Lusaka International Airport where our representative will meet you and transfer you to your first location in the game rich Central

area of the park. We will be staying for the next three nights at the charming, tented Mayukuyuku Camp on a full board basis.

Mayukuyuku Camp with just four tents, is just the right mix of rustic charm, fabulous hospitality and exclusivity to make a stay here really special. Situated close to the banks of the Kafue River, alongside a lightly wooded tree line, Mayukuyuku has magnificent views, both up and downstream.

The large shady trees and the river's boulders and rock formations make relaxing days all the more enjoyable (especially with sundowners in hand!), but the area is rich in wildlife, so game viewing is a major attraction. The guestbook is brimming with sightings, especially lions and leopards, with regular views of wild dog too.

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



Day 4

Today you will head north through the park to Mukambi Plains Camp (Formerly Busanga Plains Camp) located on the Busanga Plains, a remote and game rich wetland region with excellent game viewing and usually only accessible from July to October. The Busanga Plains is the best place in Zambia to see cheetah which are absent in Zambia's other major parks and also the magnificent Roan antelope a large antelope which is also rarely seen elsewhere.

Mukambi Plains Camp consists of four comfortable safari tents complete with en suite bathrooms. The small size of the camp ensures that you will have a high quality safari experience. The exact location of the camp is changed from year to year as the camp is newly erected at the start of each season.

Mukambi Plains camp is one of only four small camps located in this vast wilderness area in the extreme Northern part of Kafue National Park and is the most competitively priced.

The wildlife here includes large groups of red lechwe, a semi-aquatic antelope, that are easy to see. Herds of rare Roan antelope are ever present, as are huge herds of buffalo also wildebeest, zebra and eland. Lions are very common and the Busanga Plains are one of the best places to see cheetah in Zambia. Leopards haunt the tree lines and this area of the park has frequent wild dog sightings.

View at <http://www.mukambi.com/lodges/lodges-busanga>

Day 7

Another exciting game drive transfer takes us South once more to the confluence of the Kafue and Lufupa Rivers.

Lufupa Tented Camp has a tranquil setting that overlooks these rivers. Located in a beautiful riverine setting Lufupa Tented Camp is the gateway to an area of remote bush and languid waterways.

The area is filled with floodplains, broad-leafed woodland, lush riverine vegetation and dambos. Exploring the smooth-flowing waterways provides lively wildlife and exceptional birding encounters. This intimate, personal camp comprises nine en-suite Meru-style tented units each with a wooden deck from which to contemplate the wide river view. A relaxed central area, complete with a boma, fireplace, dining area and small plunge pool, lies on the edge of the broad Kafue River.

The Lufupa area of Zambia's Kafue National Park is recognised as a focal point for prolific animal and bird life, and offers access to productive game viewing areas of the northern Kafue. Lufupa is renowned for good leopard sightings, often located by the guides on night drives and excellent lion sightings. Elephant are often seen moving through the area, Puku, impala, zebra, buffalo, kudu and Defassa waterbuck are common while more unusual species include Lichtenstein's hartebeest, roan and sable antelope. Kafue's birdlife is spectacular with the Lufupa area supporting well over 400 species – including the likes of Pel's Fishing-Owl.

Activities include Day and Night Game Viewing Drives in open 4x4 vehicles and the two rivers allow for exciting water based activities including boat trips to reveal the incredible hippo population of the area, complemented by a constant array of colourful waterbirds, reptiles and other life amongst the riverine vegetation and also some superb fishing opportunities within the virgin waters of the Kafue and Lufupa Rivers.

View at http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/zambia_kafue/lufupa_tented_camp/introduction/iew

Day 10

Today we depart for Hippo Lodge on a wonderful river transfer heading downstream through the park on the unspoilt Kafue River. Game is usually sighted along the banks of the river and this transfer can be one of the highlights of the whole trip.

Hippo Lodge is a small owner-run camp with the kind of personalised and intimate atmosphere that one would expect from a classic safari lodge.

Accommodation is in four comfortable riverside Safari Chalets, each one different and one of which is large enough to accommodate families. There are also two tented rooms which are shortly to be replaced by new chalets.

In authentic African-style, Hippo's accommodation does not have electric lights; the rooms are softly lit by paraffin lamps at night. Solar power is available in the main lodge and bar area, and can be used to recharge batteries. All accommodation is provided with hot water

from wood-fired boilers.

Gourmet bush cuisine is prepared by a trained chef and served in an open dining room overlooking the river.

Adjacent to the dining room is a fully stocked bar and swimming pool – a great place to cool off on a hot day or watch the African sun go down.

Hippo Lodges highly trained guides are experts at locating a wide variety of wildlife, including hippo, crocodile, warthog, impala, puku, bushbuck, kudu, hartebeest, sable, waterbuck, buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard, hyena, and wild dog, plus many smaller species on game drives, boat rides and walks.



Game walks are a popular activity at Hippo Lodge and are conducted on the western bank of the Kafue River, opposite the Lodge. This is one of the most remarkable areas of Kafue National Park. It is a remote wilderness, virtually untouched by man, and teeming with wildlife; at night the sounds of lion and hyena are commonly heard. A morning hike through this pristine wilderness, escorted by a game-scout and experienced guide, and following well-used game trails, is a not-to-be-forgotten experience.

Game viewing in open 4x4 vehicles, on extensive loops of bush tracks east of the river, is offered in the early morning, or late afternoon/night. As dusk falls the hunt is on to track down the elusive cats: lions, leopard and African Wild Cat. It is not uncommon for impromptu evening drive-outs to be made, following the sound of a nearby lion's roar.

With so many kilometres of beautiful, wild, river to explore, boat cruises at any time of the day are a favourite. Game viewing from the river can be spectacular, especially in the drier months, when elephants cross the river, or when buffalo and lion come down to the river to drink.

For experienced or even uninitiated anglers, a thrilling experience can be had, fishing for African Pike, Tilapia or Bream in the virgin waters of the Kafue River.

A natural hot spring, situated about a kilometre from the lodge, provides guests with a perfect opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate in a unique sand bottomed Jacuzzi – bathing at the spring is a popular activity. A BBQ dinner alongside the spring, under the starry African sky, makes for an unforgettable evening.

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

Day 13

Transfer back to Lusaka by road (Approx 3.5 hrs) in time for your International Flight

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A LUSAKA TO LUSAKA BASIS

Nine Nights (Excluding Lufupa) US\$4220 (£2800)

Twelve Nights US\$5350 (£3566)

What's Included

Air Transfers to and from Lusaka and local airports

Full Board accommodation at all properties

Locally branded drinks at Mukambi Plains Camp, Lufupa Tented Camp, Hippo Lodge

Laundry at Lufupa Tented Camp

All scheduled game activities

Park Fees

What,s not included

Drinks at Mayukuyuku

Visa Fees (Currently US\$50 per visa)

Airport Departure and Security 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, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, 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, Hartebeest, 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 June to 31 st October 2011 and offers a very good value high quality safari in a mixture of accommodation.

Who should go:

The Forgotten Rivers Safari is a thrilling experience that will suit the more adventurous safari traveller. Although this trip is suitable for first time safari clients it will particularly appeal to clients who have visited some of East and Southern Africa's other prime areas and who are looking for something a bit different.

An excellent value trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion and will also appeal to older family groups and groups of friends with something for every one. This is a great stand alone safari or it can be the centrepiece of a longer safari visiting other regions

such as Victoria Falls, Lake Malawi, Kafue National Park or North Luangwa National Park.

We Say:

“Forgotten Rivers Safari” is a superb value for money safari with action packed game viewing staying in mid range lodges and camps where you will see few if any other tourists on your game drives.

There is a wide range of activities possible including day and night game drives, guided walks with a guide and armed parks ranger, boat rides and canoeing on the Zambezi River. The birding is stunning and for anglers the chance to fish on virgin African rivers will undoubtedly appeal.

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