

**“TWO RIVERS FLYING SAFARI ”**



**Highlights:**

The first stage of our trip to the warm heart of Africa 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.

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 accommodation is a mixture of good quality, mid range lodges and a rustic bush camp on the banks of the Luangwa River all in prime game viewing areas with excellent guiding.

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.

**Our Safari then takes us to the Zambezi Valley and the Lower Zambezi National park where we will stay in a riverside lodge with a wide range of superb safari activities. This remote area opposite Zimbabwe's world renowned Mana Pools, has fantastic wildlife both on land and in the river. You can canoe on the river; take leisurely motorboat rides possibly with a fishing rod, in search of the ferocious tiger fish that inhabit the river. Game drives and guided game walks are also a specialty.**

**Both Parks are very scenic, set against a backdrop of the wild and beautiful Luangwa and Zambezi rivers and the many tributaries and lagoons that are a feature of this part of Zambia.**

### **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 the South Luangwa National Park. You will be met at the airport by our representative and transferred to Kafunta River Lodge. Your next two nights will be spent at Kafunta River Lodge where you will be staying in a chalet overlooking the floodplain of the Luangwa River where 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 also with a great view over the floodplain towards the river.

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 are not included.

### **Day 2**

You will have a full day at Kafunta River 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.

### **Kafunta River Lodge**

Kafunta River Lodge is set in riverside forest on the banks of the Luangwa River in the game management area overlooking the South Luangwa National Park.

The lodge overlooks the Luangwa River and later into the dry season when the water has receded the floodplain. The area has very rich wildlife and excellent game viewing from the deck of your chalet or the public areas is guaranteed.

Kafunta River Lodge has its own pontoon giving access to the more remote areas of the Park on the opposite riverbank without the need to drive to the main gate ten kilometers away.

The owner/managers live at the camp and the management is "hands on" ensuring the camp is well run and efficient.

Accommodation comprises eight ensuite private chalets which are built on raised wooden platforms under a thatched roof, with mahogany floors and walls. Each has a private

veranda with stunning views. There are also two newer and very nice stone chalets which are suitable for families and honeymooners.

In the centre of Kafunta River Lodge is the spacious bar and dining area with a large deck. Built around a semi-evergreen wild mango tree and thatched in the traditional style, it offers panoramic views over the Luangwa River and the South Luangwa National Park.

Adjacent to the bar is the small pool and the only natural hot spring tub in the Luangwa valley.



View at <http://www.luangwa.com/en/camps/kafunta-river-lodge.php>

### **Day 3 to 5**

Today you will have an early morning departure heading south through the Game management area to Island Bush Camp where you will be staying for three nights. This transfer is a game drive transfer, 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 lunch.

### **Island Bush Camp**

Island Bush Camp is a small seasonal camp located on the banks of the Luangwa River in a remote part of South Luangwa National Park.

Island Bush Camp offers rustic accommodation in 5 double grass and reed huts. The huts are raised and each one has a private veranda overlooking the Luangwa River. All are en-suite and have open-air bathrooms with hot showers, running water and flush toilets. Guests can enjoy candle-lit dinners in the open under the stars.

Don't expect a quiet night, the river in front of the camp is full of noisy Hippo's and elephant, hyena, lion and leopard are regular nocturnal visitors.

The camp's remote location, far away from any other camps, means that guests have exclusive access to this game-rich area and although not suitable for everybody due to its rustic nature and open aspect, this camp will provide a thrilling wildlife experience for the more adventurous client.

View at <http://www.luangwa.com/en/camps/island-bush-camp.php>



### **Day 6**

Today we return to Kafunta. Once again this is a slow game drive transfer stopping when appropriate to view any interesting sightings. We should arrive in time for lunch and in the afternoon will be able to enjoy another afternoon and evening game drive in the park.

### **Day 7**

Morning game drive then after breakfast we will return to the airport for our direct flight to the Lower Zambezi. We will be based for the next four nights at Kasaka River Lodge in a luxury tented chalet.

### **Days 8 to 10**

We have three full days to explore this exciting National Park and the Zambezi River by vehicle, on foot and by boat, enjoying the wide range of activities available at this lodge.

### **Kasaka River Lodge**

Kasaka offers an authentic bush experience and combines excellent land and river activities in pristine wilderness.

The lodge is located on the banks of the Zambezi River in the unspoilt Lower Zambezi Valley of south-eastern Zambia. It consists of 8 comfortable tents and open-air public areas that are secluded in the native flora and optimize the gorgeous river views. The camp has a centrally located bar and lounge area on a deck above the river and the accommodation is split into two sides, each of the large en-suite tents has a private viewing patio, tastefully decorated in a authentic African style. The honeymoon tent has an open-air bath overlooking the Zambezi River. Guest's have the option to either stay on the 'Tame-side' with its cool landscaped gardens or the 'Wild-side' where the bush grows naturally. The latter is reached by overhead walkways to allow for the passage of wildlife within the camp. The 'tame side' tents are set on open lawns with the swimming pool nearby overlooking the river.

There is also the 'hippo pod' a newly completed stylish house with two huge bedrooms and bathrooms, a central lounge and large deck area – this is perfect for families.

The tents are 16 sq metre, river-view tents – raised on a solid stone plinth, with private river view patio and comfortable seating, they have an insect-proofed sleeping area with twin, teak beds, lounge area with seating and table and En-suite bathroom with an indoor shower, basin and flushing toilet.

The Zambezi River extends the length of the property and affords close sightings of buffalo, elephant, hippo and crocodile. Wildlife activities include game drives and game walks, river-based game viewing, canoeing, fishing, birding and painting safaris with renowned wildlife artist Rory McDougall.

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

### **Day 11**

Transfer back to the airport for your flight to Lusaka and onward connections

### **TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A LUSAKA TO LUSAKA BASIS**

**1 st July to 31 st October 2012 US\$5130 or £3420**

### **Green Season Special Offer:**

**20 th May to 30 th June 2012 US\$4470 or £2980**

### **What's Included**

Airport Assistance

Internal Flights

Air Transfers to and from Lusaka and local airports

Full Board accommodation at all properties

Locally branded soft and alcoholic drinks and house wines at Kasaka

All scheduled game activities

Laundry at Kafunta River Lodge and Kasaka River Lodge

Park Fees

Conservation levies

### **What,s not included**

Bar drinks at Kafunta River Lodge and Island Bush Camp

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, 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 21 st May to 31 st October 2012 and offers a very good value high quality safari in a mixture of accommodation. "The Two Rivers flying Safari" is particularly good value during the Green Season Months when it is also very reasonably priced.

### **Who should go:**

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Zambia which should produce excellent wildlife sightings and close up encounters as well as outstanding birdlife. An excellent value trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. Children under 12 not permitted but this safari is very enjoyable for 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:**

"Two Rivers Flying Safari" is a superb value for money safari with action packed game viewing staying in mid range lodges and camps.

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.

### **SAFARI CLUB PROMISE:**

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