

## 8 NIGHTS ZAMBIA - STANDARD

### HIGHLIGHTS:

South Luangwa National Park & Lower Zambezi (optional extension to Livingstone)

from CHF 5'960.00 (per person sharing)

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 – 4: POTATO BUSH CAMP, Lower Zambezi

Upon arrival into Lusaka Airport, guests will be met and transferred by plane to Jeki Airstrip. There they will be met and transferred by road and short boat transfer to Potato Bush Camp, where they will stay for 4 nights.

Potato Bush is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River with stunning views over the river and escarpment. The camp's tents are spaced out along the river, with panoramic views within the heart of the national park.



The camp has four tents: three standard luxury tents and one family tent, all shaded by huge Acacia Tortilis and Mahogany trees. The standard tents are spacious and comfortably furnished each with an en suite bathroom with claw-foot bathtub, twin showers and basins. Large Rosewood folding doors lead out onto the balcony, with a two-person hammock and private plunge pool. The family tent has a huge central living, dining and balcony area, which divides the two bedrooms, both with en-suite bathrooms, twin showers, twin basins and bathtubs with views. It also has a large plunge pool, fully stocked bar and fridge and private dining table, perfect for families, or any party of four adults.

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There is a large open plan living and dining area and the camp is linked by raised timber board walks, enabling the camp to extend the safari season into early January. Potato Bush has two game viewing vehicles and two boats and offers guided day and night game-drives, boating, canoeing game walks and catch and release fishing.

### Area description: LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

The park is still relatively undeveloped, but its beauty lies in its absolute wilderness state. The diversity of animals is not as wide as the other big parks, but the opportunities to get close to game wandering in and out of the Zambezi channels are spectacular. The park lies opposite the famous Mana Pools Reserve in Zimbabwe, so the whole area on both sides of the river is a massive wildlife sanctuary.

The river's edge is overhung with thick riverine fringe mostly diasporous, ficus and other riverine species. Further inland is a flood plain fringed with mopane forest and interspersed with winterthorn trees. The lower Zambezi National Park covers an area of 4092 square kilometres, but most of the game is concentrated along the valley floor. There is an escarpment along the northern end, which acts as a physical barrier to most of the parks animal species. Enormous herds of Elephant, some up to 100 strong, are often seen at the river's edge. "Island hoping" buffalo and waterbuck are common. The park also hosts good populations of lion and leopard as well as cries of the fish eagle. The bird life along the riverbanks is exceptional. The best time is mid-season from June to September, but most lodges and canoeing operators are open from April to November. Fishing is at its best in September/October

### DAY 5 & 6: MFUWE LODGE, South Luangwa National Park

After the morning activity (time permitting) and breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Jeki Airstrip. They will be transferred by plane from Jeki Airstrip to Mfuwe Airport.

There they will be met and transferred by road to Mfuwe Lodge, where they will stay for 2 nights.

Mfuwe Lodge lies nestled between two picturesque lagoons in the heart of South Luangwa National Park. The lodge specialises in offering unrivalled game viewing and a range of activities in luxurious surroundings.



Each of the 18 tastefully designed en-suite thatched chalets has a private deck overlooking the lagoon, which attracts an abundance of wildlife. The thatched roof has been designed to guarantee maximum ventilation while retaining a rustic, African feel and each chalet is in the shade of huge ebony and mahogany trees. From the main bar area, guests can enjoy a chilled drink by the infinity swimming pool, take in the sounds and sights of the African sky from the open-air deck, or watch the magnificent wildlife and bird life that comes to drink from the lagoon and river. Mfuwe Lodge also offers a well-stocked library which is dedicated to African culture, the natural world and conservation.

There are resident bushbuck, baboon and monkeys that stroll through the camp, and the Pel's fishing owls often hunt from the lagoon at the back of camp, sometimes using the porch railing as roosting posts. Activities on offer at the lodge are morning, day or night game drives and game walks on request.

### **Area description: SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK**

The Luangwa river is the most intact major river system in Africa and is the lifeblood of the parks 9'050 square kilometres. The park hosts a wide variety of wildlife, birds and vegetation. The now famous "walking safari" originated in this park and is still one of the finest ways to experience this pristine wilderness first hand. There are 60 different animal species and 400 different bird species. One special being Thornycroft Giraffe found only in the Luangwa Valley. Some magnificent trees grow in the Valley among the more common are the mopane, leadwood, winterthorn, baobab, large ebony forests, vegetable ivory palm, marula and the tamarind tree. The changing seasons add to the parks richness ranging from dry, bare bushveld in the winter to a lush green wonderland in the summer months. The dry season begins in April and intensifies through October, the hottest month when game concentrations are at its height. Warm sunny days and chilly nights typify the dry winter months May to August. The wet season begins in November as the leaves turn green and the dry terrain becomes a lush jungle. The rainy season last up until the end of March when the migrant birds arrive in there droves. The lodges in South Luangwa stay open as long as access is possible depending on their location. The lodges and camps in the valley all offer game drives and walking safaris.

### **DAY 7 & 8: CHINDENI BUSH CAMP, South Luangwa National Park**

After the morning activity (time permitting) and breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Chindeni Bush Camp, where they will stay for 2 nights.

Chindeni Camp lies nestled on the apex of a permanent oxbow lagoon, offset by the magnificent Nchendeni Hills. From here is a short and fascinating walk to neighbouring Chamilandu and Bilimungwe camps.



Raised on wooden decking Chindeni's four en-suite tented chalets are sheltered by a shady ebony grove. Each chalet has its own private raised veranda from which you can view the resident game and enjoy the serene yet breathtaking tranquillity of the vast lagoon. With optimum accommodation for six guests (or eight if in a private group), this secluded camp provides the perfect location for the ultimate bush experience. Each tent has 2 queen-sized beds, hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, double vanities and polished floors.

This is the ideal spot for both the avid and intrepid game spotter, as well as the more sedentary visitors who wish to observe nature at its best without too much personal effort. The lush and wide lagoon, which stretches out from just beneath your own private balcony, ensures that you need make little effort as you lazily watch the abundance of game that parades before you in front of camp.

Ancient ebony trees shade the bar and dining area and an adjacent, gently sloping walkway provides access to a lagoon-side retreat. From here, guests can enjoy an open-air dining experience, or the spectacular sunset as it reflects from the still waters of the lagoon.

#### **DAY 9: SAFARI END IN LUSAKA**

After breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Mfuwe Airport for their air transfer to Lusaka Airport, for their onward travel arrangements.

#### **END OF ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT EXTENSION TO LIVINGSTONE**

#### **DAY 8 & 9: WATERBERRY LODGE, Livingstone**

After breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Mfuwe Airport for their air transfer to Lusaka Airport and onwards to Livingstone Airport. Where they will be met and transferred by road to Waterberry Lodge, where they will stay for 2 nights.

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Waterberry Lodge is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River about 22 km from Livingstone, towards Kazungula.



The main double-storey lodge area overlooks the Zambezi River and the game park beyond. Upstairs the main lounge is open to the high thatch with plenty of seating and boasts a well-stocked bar with magnificent views. Meals are served in the dining area or alfresco on the sun terrace that overlooks the river.

A floating pontoon gently sways on the Zambezi River, making it the perfect location for sundowners, fishing or just relaxing and enjoying the view. A large and welcoming swimming pool is set in the centre of our landscaped gardens and has a small plunge pool with a shallow end, making it safe for children. The comfortable chalets are set in sweeping lawns - some on the riverbank and some overlooking a private dam. Several of the rooms have their own private decks for sunbathing, bird watching, private dinners or just relaxing.

In-house activities include a tour of falls, sunset cruise, daytime cruise, fishing, island picnics, guided birding, guided village walk and guided tour of the town and local markets – depending on the rate basis these are included or excluded. All other activities offered in Livingstone can be organised at an additional cost and pre-booked or booked at the lodge on arrival.

### Area description: LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

Livingstone is a historic colonial town most famous for its proximity to the Victoria Falls. The town has experienced a revival in the last decade with the old colonial style buildings, which line the shaded main avenue, being renovated, and now housing shops, cafes and a variety of local businesses. Livingstone offers a wide range of activities from the challenge of white water rafting and bungee jumping, to the awe-inspiring elephant back safaris and sunset cruises. Livingstone has something for everyone. The Victoria Falls are one of the Seven Wonders of the World and is the largest sheet of falling water on earth - a spellbinding and mesmerizing spectacle. The sheer mass of water cascading down the 100m drop across nearly 2km makes a thunderous roar and creates a magnificent spray of water that can be seen for miles - hence the local name 'mosi oa tunya' meaning 'the smoke that thunders'. Water flow over the Falls varies throughout the year. The river's annual flood season is February to May when the spray can reach a height of over 400m, this is spectacular from above but it makes it very difficult to see the Falls at ground level as it is under a heavy shower/mist. Water levels start dropping in August and are at their lowest October - December when much of the rocky face becomes dry. At times of low water, the falls are best viewed from the Zimbabwe side or from Livingstone Island.

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## DAY 10: SAFARI ENDS IN LIVINGSTONE

After breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Livingstone Airport, for their onward travel arrangements.

### END OF ARRANGEMENTS

#### Includes:

- Scheduled seat in plane from Lusaka to Jeki Airstrip
- **4 Nights Potato Bush Camp**  
[www.sausagetreecamp.com](http://www.sausagetreecamp.com)  
Lower Zambezi (fully inclusive)
- Scheduled seat in plane from Jeki Airstrip to Mfuwe Airport
- **2 Nights Mfuwe Lodge**  
[www.bushcampcompany.com](http://www.bushcampcompany.com)  
South Luangwa (full board, activities & park fees)
- Road transfer from Mfuwe Lodge to Chindeni Bush Camp
- **2 Nights Chindeni Bush Camp**  
[www.bushcampcompany.com](http://www.bushcampcompany.com)  
South Luangwa (fully inclusive)
- Scheduled seat in plane from Mfuwe to Lusaka Airport

#### Excludes

- Any flights additional to inter-camp transfers as specified above
- Premium imported wines, champagnes, spirits & liqueurs where drinks are included
- Errors and omissions
- Increases in park fees, government taxes and levies, exchange rate fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- Drinks at Mfuwe Lodge

Accommodation depends on the availability at the time of booking and can therefore vary.

PS: The final price depends on the exchange rate on the day of the booking.

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## OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT LIVINGSTONE EXTENSION

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### Includes:

- Scheduled seat in plane from Lusaka Airport to Livingstone Airport
- Road transfer from Livingstone Airport to Waterberry Lodge
- **2 Nights Waterberry Lodge**  
[www.waterberrylodge.com](http://www.waterberrylodge.com)  
Livingstone (full board, 2 x in-house activities per day including 1 x tour of the falls & entry fee)
- Road transfer from Waterberry Lodge to Livingstone Airport

### Excludes:

- Any flights additional to inter-camp transfers as specified above
- Premium imported wines, champagnes, spirits & liqueurs where drinks are included
- Errors and omissions
- Increases in park fees, government taxes and levies, exchange rate fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- Drinks and third party activities at Waterberry Lodge

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