

## 8 NIGHTS ZAMBIA - SUPERIOR

### HIGHLIGHTS:

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

from CHF 6'770.00 (per person sharing)

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 – 4: SAUSAGE TREE 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 to Sausage Tree Camp, where they will stay for 4 nights.

Sausage Tree camp is located on the banks of the Zambezi River, in the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia.



Accommodation consists of six luxurious white Bedouin style tents, discreetly positioned along the riverbank. Local materials are utilised to create a minimalist style in which the reddish brown teak furniture and sumptuous four-poster beds contrast with pure white fabrics and flowing mosquito nets. Nearly hidden from one another and shaded by mature Sausage and Mahogany trees, the tents offer a cool, private sanctuary after an early morning game drive and for a good night's rest. Each tent has a private open-air en-suite bathroom, which has become a distinct trademark for this world-renowned camp. The camp offers a truly personalised safari experience with each tent offering its own personal Muchinda (butler) to attend to your every whim. The camp is unfenced, allowing elephant and other game to walk through camp so guests can enjoy game experiences from the comfort of their tents.

Sausage Tree Camp offers a large range of game-viewing activities, which include: game drives (both day and night), walking safaris, canoeing, boating and fishing for the world-renowned "Tiger fish". Fly-fishing,

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bait and spinning are the three most successful methods of fishing practiced. With personalised guiding, guests decide exactly what activity they would like to take and when.

Sausage Tree Camp offers some of the finest game viewing in natural habitats and the Lower Zambezi National Park is in a prime position to fulfil visitor needs as it offers such a variety of environments to explore.

### 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- 8: PUKU RIDGE TENTED CAMP, 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 Puku Ridge Tented Camp, where they will stay for 4 nights.

Puku Ridge Camp is situated in the remote, wildlife-rich South Luangwa National Park. Named for the Puku antelope that inhabits the Kakumbi Dambo (floodplain), which the camp overlooks, Puku Ridge Camp is built on a hillside, providing stunning vistas of the floodplain and the wildlife that frequents it.



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The camp is small and intimate and has been constructed to blend into the local surroundings. Each of the 7 luxury oversized tents has a comfortably furnished sitting area, en-suite facilities with a stunning outdoor shower and a private wooden deck where guests can view game from the privacy of their own rooms.

There are a variety of sleeping configurations to suit each guest, with tents having options of two three-quarter beds, double or king size beds. Each tent also has mosquito nets and ceiling fans. A room attendant brings tea and coffee to the rooms each morning.

The central main area has a dining area for gourmet bush dinners, as well as a swimming pool and bar. Activities at Puku Ridge include game drives and guided walking safaris.

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

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

### **END OF ARRANGEMENTS**

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## OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT EXTENSION TO LIVINGSTONE

### DAY 8 & 9: SINDABEZI ISLAND CAMP, Livingstone

After breakfast, guests will be transferred by road to Jeki Airstrip for their air transfer to Lusaka Airport and onwards to Livingstone Airport. Where they will be met and transferred by road to Sindabezi Island Camp, where they will stay for 2 nights.

Sindabezi Island is a unique and idyllic camp situated on a private island on the Zambezi River. It is the only camp in the Victoria Falls region with views across the floodplains of the Zambezi and into the nearby National Park where game such as elephant, impala and wildebeest come to quench their thirst on the banks of the river.



Sindabezi has five open-sided thatched cottages, allowing guests to soak up the sights and sounds of the African bush in the perfect, pristine setting. They have heated showers, and distinctive 'loos with a view' set on a wooden walkway. Although the chalets are perfectly secluded, the island is also ideal for families or groups who would like to consider a private booking. Thanks to solar panelling, hot water and ambient bedside lighting is assured. The entire Sindabezi Island is also romantically lit with traditional hurricane lamps.

The activities offered at the camp are fully inclusive of an unforgettable visit to the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and a boat ride to a nearby deserted island for a picnic lunch. Sunset and sunrise boat cruises on the Zambezi River and canoeing adventures with guides to explore waterways close to the island, guided walks to the Victoria Falls and gorges and fishing on the Zambezi River for a variety of species including the tiger fish are also possible. The lodge offers guided museum tours to Livingstone, spending time with the children of the Tongabezi Trust School as well as an opportunity to experience the people's market at Marimba, the Zambian way of life or a bicycle tour of a local village with an experienced guide.

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### 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.

### 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 Sausage Tree Camp**  
[www.sausagetreecamp.com](http://www.sausagetreecamp.com)  
Lower Zambezi (fully inclusive)
- Scheduled seat in plane from Jeki Airstrip to Mfuwe Airport
- Road transfer from Mfuwe Airport to Puku Ridge Tented Camp
- **4 Nights Puku Ridge Tented Camp**  
[www.sanctuaryretreats.com](http://www.sanctuaryretreats.com)  
South Luangwa (fully inclusive)
- Scheduled seat in plane from Mfuwe to Lusaka Airport

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#### Excludes

- Any flights additional to inter-camp transfers as stated
- Premium imported wines, champagnes, spirits & liqueurs where drinks are included
- Third party activities at Sindabezi Island
- Errors and omissions
- Increases in park fees, government taxes and levies, exchange rate fluctuations and fuel surcharges

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.

## OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT LIVINGSTONE EXTENSION

from CHF 1'500.00 (per person sharing)

#### Includes:

- Scheduled seat in plane from Lusaka Airport to Livingstone Airport
- Road transfer from Livingstone Airport to Sindabezi Island
- **2 Nights Sindabezi Island**  
[www.tongabezi.com](http://www.tongabezi.com)  
Livingstone (fully inclusive with 1 x tour of the falls and park fee)
- Road transfer from Sindabezi Island to Livingstone Airport

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