

# Zambia Country Guide

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*The adventure starts here...*



# ZAMBIA

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*Essence of an Authentic Safari with Victoria  
Falls to add in*



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# Zambia

Victoria Falls • South Luangwa • Kafue  
Lower Zambezi • Luiwa Plains



## Key Attributes

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- *Authentic Safari Destination (very little 'bling')*
- *Victoria Falls (esp April to August)*
- *Superb game-viewing & guiding*
- *Beautiful landscapes*
- *Game-viewing by vehicle, on foot. Also boating, canoeing, fishing (Lower Zambezi)*

## Important Tips

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- *Peak Season: July to September*
- *Many camps closed between mid-Nov and April or May*
- *Exclusively a Fly-in Destination*
- *Can do multi-day walking safaris, or add in walking to varied safari activities*

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“Africa has her mysteries and even a wise man cannot understand them. But a wise man respects them.”

— *Miriam Makeba*

*(South African singer and civil rights activist)*



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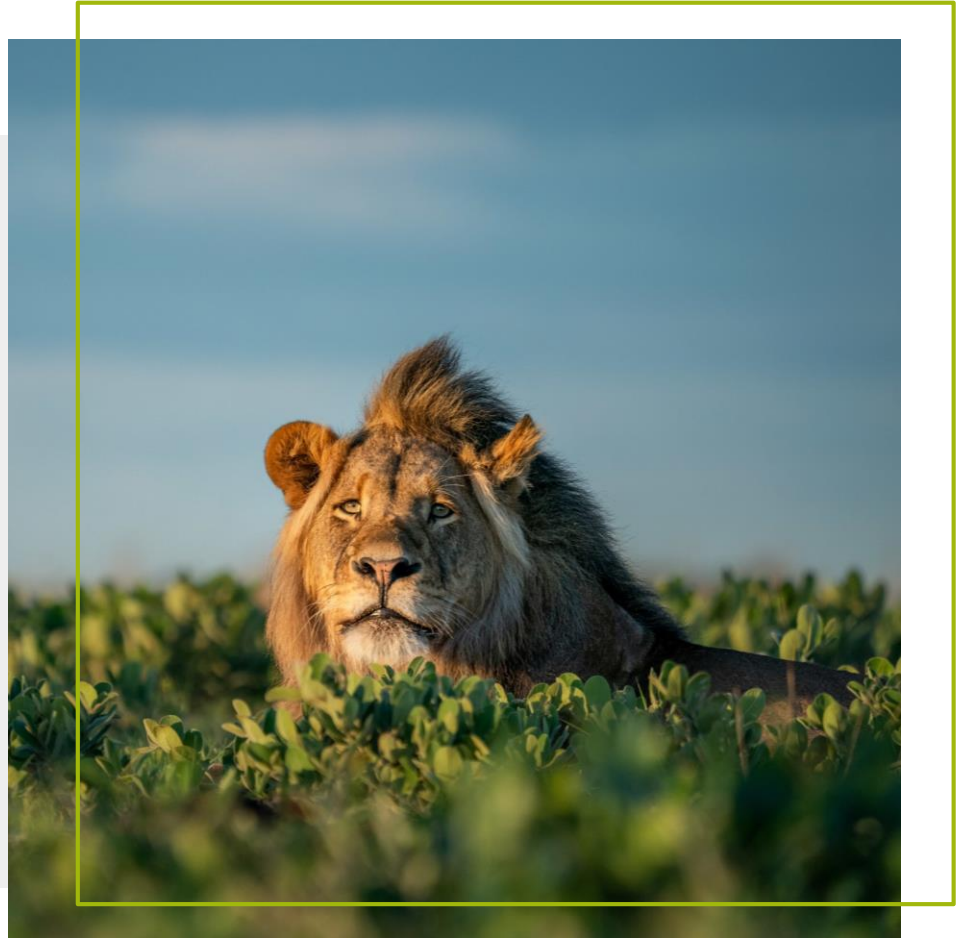
## 2) Zambia's USPs

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Zambia is one of Africa's undiscovered treasures!

This wild, unspoilt & remote country offers  
pristine natural beauty , excellent game-viewing  
and a high standard of guiding.

Its also home to Victoria Falls....



## Top Reasons to Visit



### Game Reserves

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*Some of finest wildlife reserves in Africa*

### Varied Activities

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*Game drives, walking, canoeing, boating, fishing*

### Walking Safaris

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*Walking from camp to camp, or using one camp as a base*

### Night drives

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*Night drives, & walking, allowed within national parks*

### Victoria Falls

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*A natural wonder with host of adventurous & relaxing excursions*

### Zambezi canoeing

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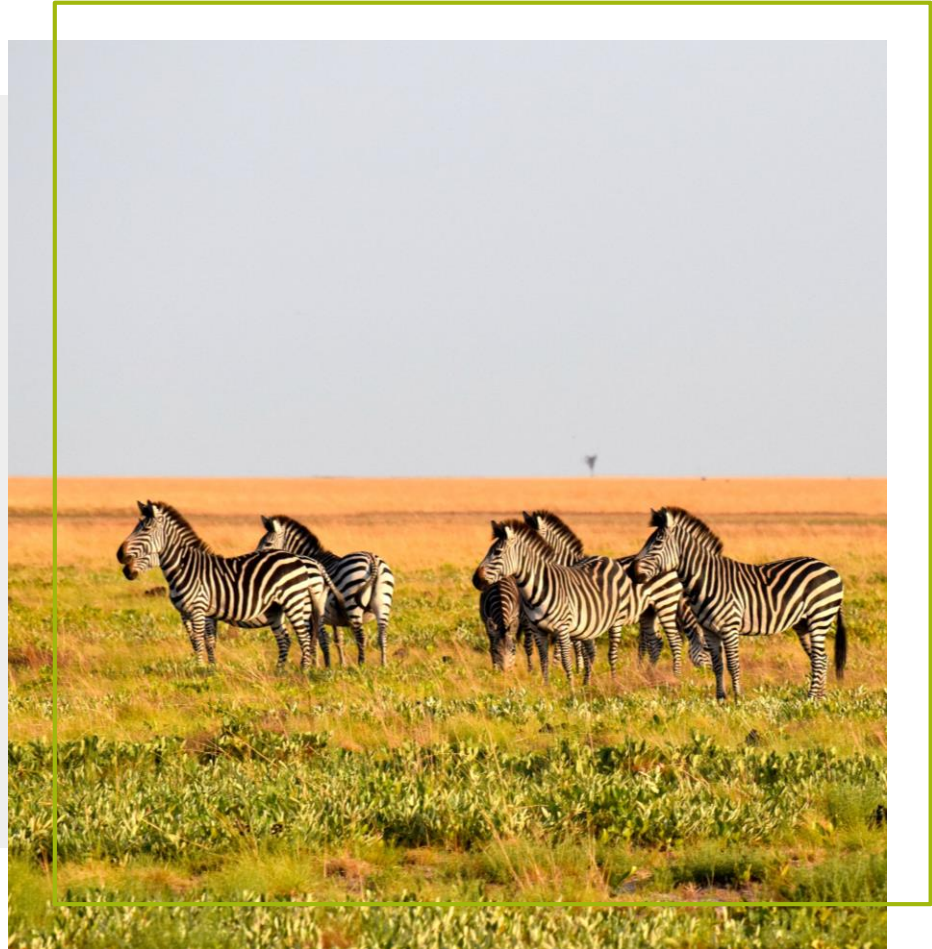
*Choose between short or half day excursions*





### 3) Best Time to Visit

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## Best Time to Travel

### Nov-March

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*Rainy “Green” Season:*

*Most camps are closed*

*Wildlife less easy to see*

*Lots of newborn animals*

*Great for Birding*

*Photographers dream*

*Lowest prices*

### April-June, Oct

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*Shoulder Season:*

*Dry sunny conditions*

*Bush-camps open late May*

*Good combination of wildlife viewing & price*

*However October is extremely hot!*

### July-Sept

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*Peak Season:*

*Best wildlife viewing*

*Less vegetation & rivers are critical water sources*

*Pleasant daytime climate*

*Highest prices*

## 4) Destinations

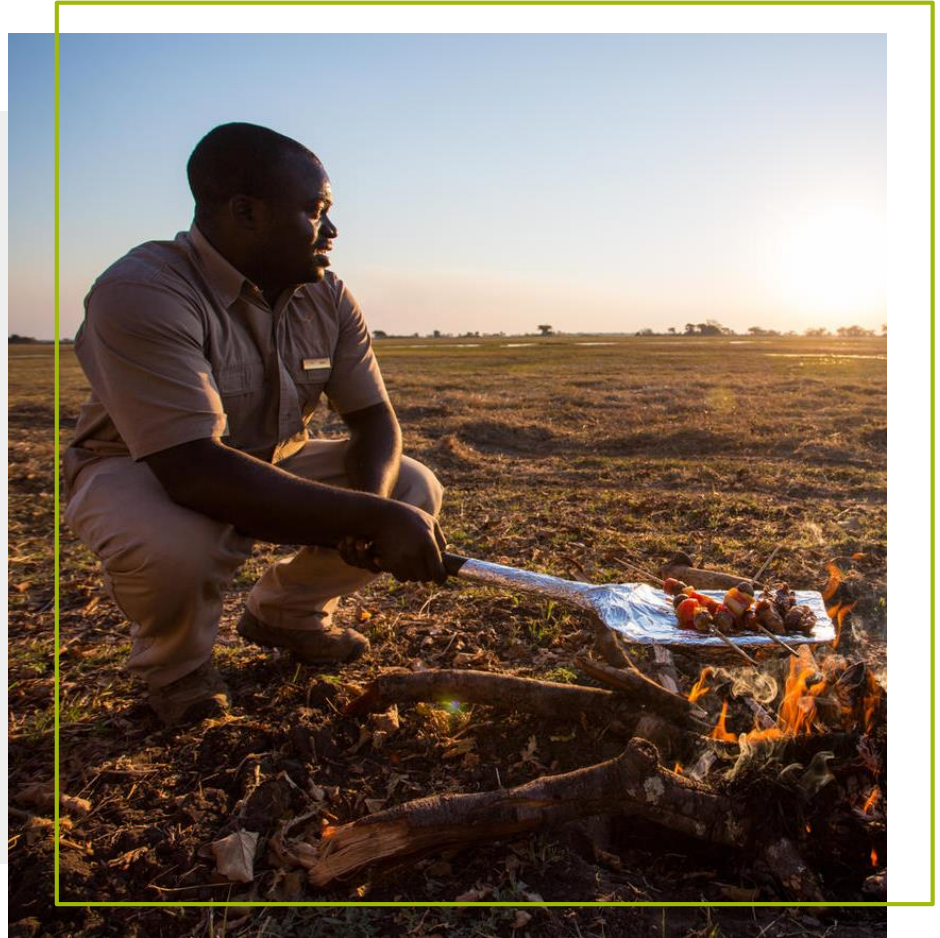
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Victoria Falls • South Luangwa

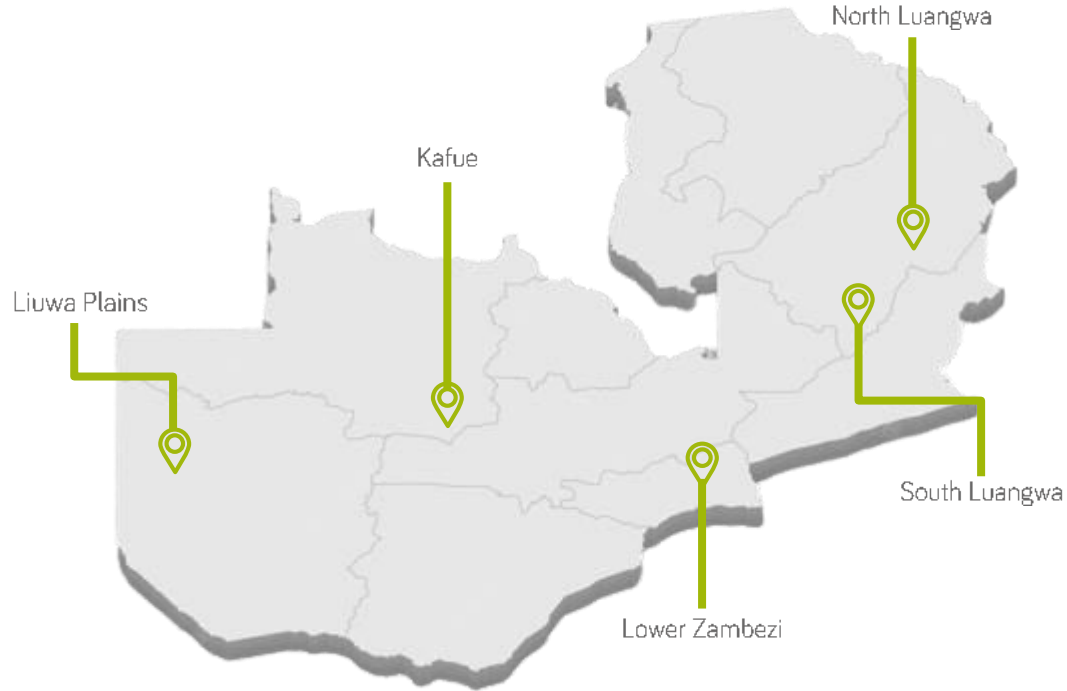
• Lower Zambezi •

**Seasoned:**

Kafue • Luiwa Plains



## Key Parks of Zambia



*All parks are fly-in except Kafue (road access from Lusaka)*

- *South Luangwa*
- *Lower Zambezi*
- *Kafue*
- *North Luangwa (accessed via South Luangwa)*
- *Liywa Plains*

*Accessed via Lusaka which connects Livingstone (Victoria Falls) to the Parks*

# ZAMBIA WILDLIFE

## WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE



Abundant



Elephant



Hippo



Various  
Birdlife



Red Lechwe



Onyx



Tsebebe



Eland

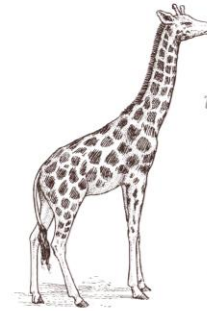


Hartebeest



Zebra

Occasional



Giraffe



Vulture



Honey Badger



Baboon



Wild Dog



Mongoose



Aardvark



Ostrich



Fish Eagle

Common



Lion



Cape Buffalo



Wildebeest



Crocodile



Leopard



Hyena



Warthog



Meerkat

Rare



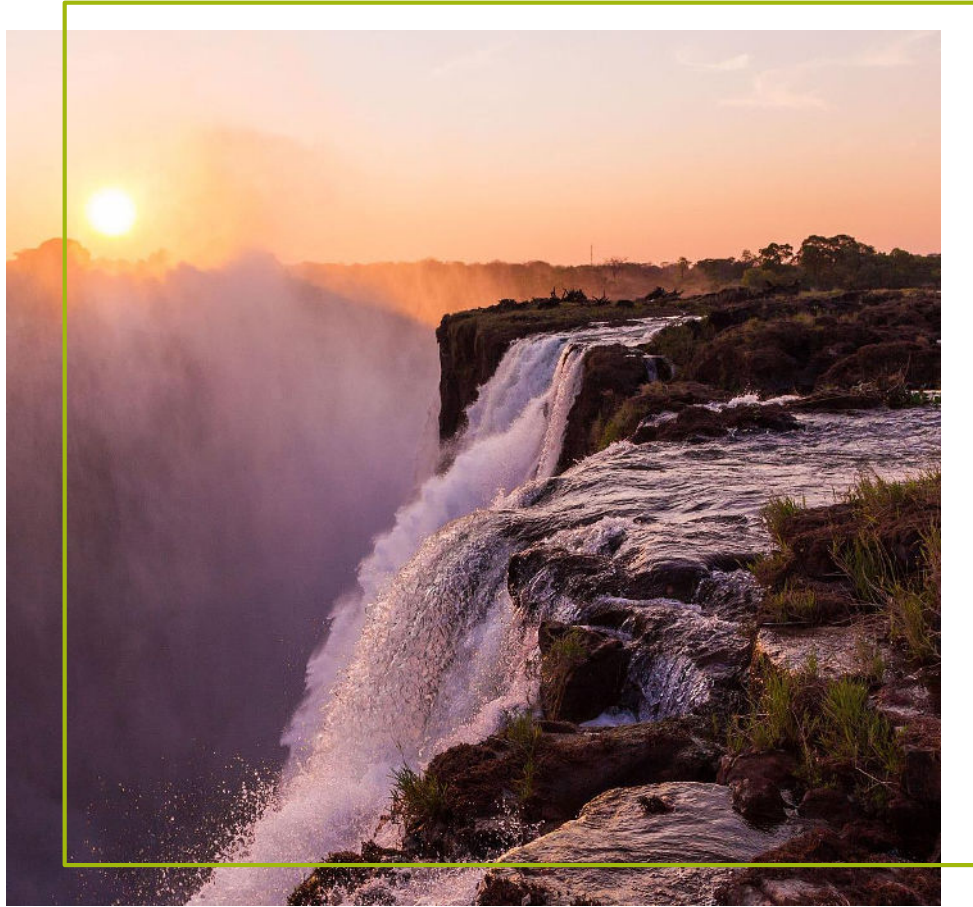
Rhino



Cheetah

Note that  
wildlife sightings  
are not  
guaranteed.





## Victoria Falls

### Livingstone

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- *One of 7 Wonders of the World*
- *Popular excursions: Sunset cruises on Zambezi, Helicopter flights, Livingstone Island*
- *Unique: Art Safari with elephants, River safaris close to Falls, Combined Zim/Zam tour of Falls*
- *Adrenalin activities: white water rafting, Devil's pool , micro-light flights, canoeing, jet boating*
- *Best time: April-May to July*

*Easy to combine with Zambian parks or Botswana*

## Great Excursions to add in Livingstone



### River Excursions

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*Sunset cruises,  
white-water rafting, tiger-  
fishing*

### Elephant Cafe

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*Jet-boat to an encounter with  
elephants*

### Livingstone Island

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*On edge of Vic Falls, Swim to  
Devils Pool in low water (Oct  
to Dec)*

### Art Safaris with Ellies

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*Art class with elephants,  
fantastic with family/friends*

### Adrenalin

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*Bungee-jumping, Gorge  
swings, Micro-lighting, Devils  
Pool*

### Cultural

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*Historical tour of Livingstone,  
Chief Mukuni's village or  
Maramba market*

# Victoria Falls



Royal Livingstone



Tongabezi Lodge



Waterberry Lodge

- *Perfect location with stunning Zambezi river views*
- *Unlimited access to the Falls as within the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park*
- *Colonial elegance and glamour*

- *Luxurious African lodge*
- *Stunning river setting*
- *Very romantic*
- *Range of safari excursions*
- *African texture, colours & spirit*

- *Comfortable Country Lodge on Zambezi River*
- *FB with choice of 1-2 safari excursions incl*
- *Remote & secluded*
- *Family-friendly*

5 Star Hotel

Luxury Lodge

Affordable Lodge

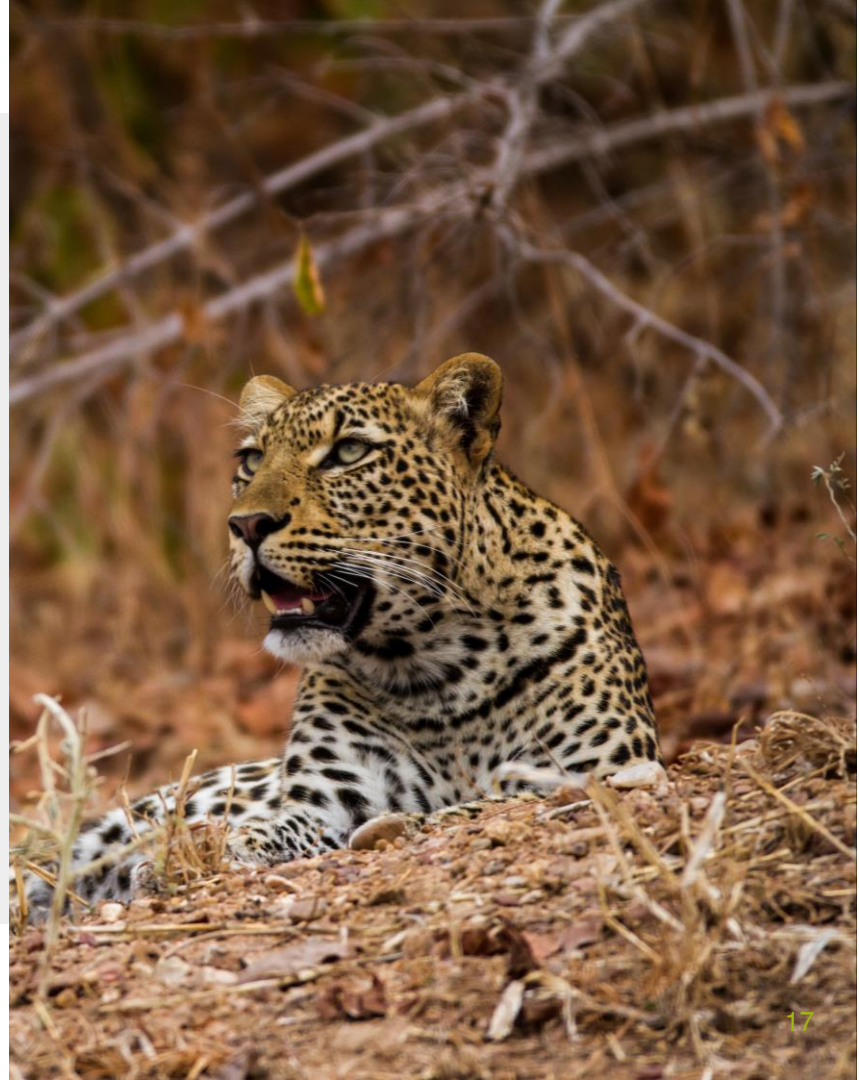


## South Luangwa

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*Fly via Lusaka to Zambia's premier wildlife sanctuary*

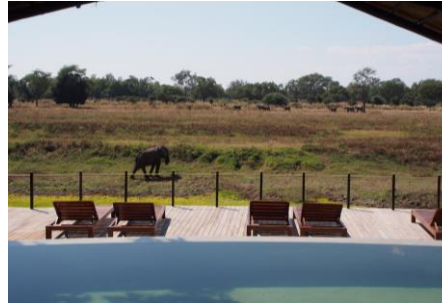
- *Excellent leopard sightings*
- *Night drives & bush walks both allowed within National Park*
- *Drawcard: Mobile walking safaris from camp to camp*
- *Only 1hr 10 min flight from Lusaka*
- *Central lodges open year-round (not bush camps)*



## South Luangwa Camps



Puku Ridge



Lion Camp



Nsolo Bush Camp

- Offers a stylish yet authentic safari ambience with a luxurious twist
- Scenic, game-rich area of the South Luangwa
- Puku Ridge is an intimate camp with only 7 tents

- Located on the banks of an oxbow lagoon, attracting a variety of game
- Secluded location in the northern corner of South Luangwa Park
- Offers day and night game drives and walking safaris
- Flexible game-viewing programme.

- Focus on walking with limited game drives
- One of the more remote bush camps in the South Luangwa National Park
- 4 spacious open-sided thatched chalets built on raised wooden decks.

Luxury

Premier

Bushcamp / Comfortable

## Lower Zambezi

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*We recommend 4-5 nights if possible*

- *Amazing predator sightings*
- *Stunning sunsets over Zambezi River*
- *Wide choice of safari activities: game drives, bush walks, canoeing, boating & tiger-fishing*
- *Very beautiful*
- *Romantic*
- *One of our favourite destinations!*

*Great place to end your safari as very relaxing.*



## Lower Zambezi Camps



Chiawa Camp



Chongwe River Camp



Royal Zambezi

- Lies in heart of the park
- Range of activities tailored to your interests
- Beautiful viewing hide
- Combine with Old Mondoro, its sister camp

- At confluence of two rivers
- Wide variety of activities
- Choice of main camp, or Cassia/Albida Suites
- More rustic ambience

- Luxurious suites
- In the Game Mgmt area
- More focus on the river activities than safari
- Well-priced for offering

Luxury

Premier

Larger Lodge

## Other Zambian Destinations



### Kafue

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- *Wild & Unspoilt*
- *Best game-viewing: Busanga Plains*
- *Red lechwe & puku are prey to lion & cheetah (latter rarely seen in Zambia)*

### Liuwa Plains

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- *Unique under-visited park in west*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> largest Wildebeest migration in Africa (but without the crowds)*
- *Great wildlife diversity incl cheetah, hyena, eland, tsessebe & great birding*

## 5) Sample Safaris

*Zambia Meander*

*Romantic Zambia & Malawi*

*South Luangwa Walking Safari*





## First Time Visitors

*Include the following*

- *Victoria Falls (ideally 3 nights, given range of excursions)*
- *South Luangwa (3 to 6 nights at 1- to 3 camps depending on time)*
- *Lower Zambezi (3 to 5 nights)*

*OR consider flying onto Lake Malawi from South Luangwa..*



## Sample Itineraries – Zambia

*Merely some starting ideas. Your clients are all unique so each safari is tailored to their needs*



Zambian Meander

*Luxury safari  
2 nights Victoria Falls  
5 nights South Luangwa  
4 nights Lower Zambezi*

**11 nights**



Romantic Zambia & Malawi

*Offered at two price points  
3 nights Victoria Falls  
3 nights Lower Zambezi  
4 nights South Luangwa  
3 nights Kaya Mawa, Lake Malawi*

**13 nights**



South Luangwa Walking

*Offered with two safari co's  
1 nights Mfuwe Lodge  
3 nights Chideni  
3 nights Bilimungwe*

**7 nights**



## Sample Zambia Itineraries cont'd



Valley & Lake



Authentic Zambia



Rivers & Rainbows Safari

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*6 nights South Luangwa (in 2 diff camps)  
4 nights Lake Malawi*

**10 nights**

*Affordable  
2 nights Victoria Falls  
4 nights South Luangwa  
3 nights Lower Zambezi*

**9 nights**

*Green Season Only: Jan to Mar  
5 nights South Luangwa*

**7 nights**

## 6) Need to Know

- *Types of Accommodation*
- *Safari Costs*



# Zambian Accommodation

Virtually no 'super-luxury' camps



## Safari Camps

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- *Authentic safari accommodation*
- *Permanent camps (however most close for green season)*
- *Range of safari activities*
- *No bling, but strong on comfort*

## Bush Camps

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- *Seasonal – only operate late May to Oct*
- *Focus mainly on walking safaris*
- *Small, intimate – your guide is your host*
- *May be able to walk from camp to camp*
- *Mid-to-High in cost given set-up costs*



## Typical Per Night Safari Costs in Zambia (per person sharing)

	<b>Green Season</b> <i>(Nov to Mar)</i>	<b>Shoulder</b> <i>(April-June, Oct)</i>	<b>Peak</b> <i>(July-Sept)</i>
<b>Affordable</b>	\$300 <i>(Vic Falls &amp; Chobe only)</i>	\$575-750	\$675-900
<b>Premier</b>	Mostly Closed	\$750-\$900	\$900-\$1,100
<b>Top Camps</b>	Mostly Closed	\$900-\$1,100	\$1,100-\$1,500*

*Note: This typical per night price includes charter flights, park fees and transfers*

*\* - The top price pp depends on whether it is only Zambia or combining with Malawi*

## General Info



### Population

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*18 million*

### Population Density

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*Only 25 people per sq km  
(USA is 35, UK is 275)*

### Capital

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*Lusaka*

### Getting there

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*No direct flights to Zambia.  
Daily flights from Joberg to  
Lusaka & Livingstone*

### Safari Season

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*A highlight for Southern Africa with  
so many excursions on offer*

### Official Language

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*English – though there are  
70 different ethnic groups*

# Thank you!

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