

CLASSIC ZAMBIA

HIGHLIGHTS

- BOAT, CANOE AND WALKING SAFARIS
- REMOTE, UNTOUCHED WILDERNESS
- SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE VICTORIA FALLS

Zambia is more than worthy of its epithet, the 'real Africa': a chance to immerse yourself in the ultimate safari destination away from the crowds with the richest wildlife experiences and some of the friendliest people. Luangwa, arguably the finest game park in Africa, is famed for its oxbow lakes, night game drives and walking safaris - the privilege and thrill of walking so close to so much game makes for an unforgettable safari. The Lower Zambezi Park is the water experience of Zambia, a haven for elephants, where the bush camps scattered along the water's edge are great settings for watching the river



activity. A safari in Zambia would not be complete without a visit to the breathtaking Victoria Falls; the local name Mosi-oa-Tunya or 'The Smoke that Thunders' says it all.

DAY 1

London/Lusaka

Depart London today on an overnight British Airways flight to Lusaka.

DAY 2

Lusaka/Luangwa Valley

Upon arrival this morning, board a light aircraft to the Luangwa Valley, an astonishing region of ancient forests and lush savannas. Choose from two beautiful and intimate Sanctuary Retreats for your three night stay in the South Luangwa National Park, one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the



world set on a rocky ridge overlooking the Kakumbi valley. Named after the elusive Puku antelope which never strays far from water, Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp is the perfect spot to revel in the abundance of wildlife and tradition of an old-world safari camp. Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge, formerly a private Presidential retreat, occupies one of the most breathtaking sites in the entire South Luangwa Park. This spectacular safari lodge is designed to complement its natural surroundings, with cottages built along the edge of the

hillside providing panoramic views of the wonderful floodplain vistas.

DAYS 3 AND 4

Luangwa Valley

Spend two days exploring the remote and atmospheric African bush. The concentration of game around the Luangwa River and its oxbow lagoons is among the most intense in Africa, offering thrilling guided walks in the company of a skilled and experienced guide and an armed national parks ranger. These walking safaris were

pioneered in Zambia and remain the special attraction in this region, offering the chance to take things at a slower pace and experience the bush at a more personal level. There is also plenty of opportunity to go on game drives through this stunningly beautiful area with the diverse wildlife along the Luangwa dambo offering great photographic opportunities. Night game drives using spotlights allow sightings of nocturnal animals such as leopard and spotted hyena. In the ➤



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evenings relax and unwind as you enjoy sundowners on the Luangwa River and dine with the soundtrack of the night sounds of Africa.

DAY 5

Luangwa Valley/Lower Zambezi

After breakfast, fly to the Lower Zambezi where the Sanctuary Zambezi Kulefu Camp will be your home for the next two nights. Kulefu means "the far away place" in the Gova language and when you step foot into this newly refashioned, small intimate camp in a sheltered and tree-dappled area on the banks of the Zambezi River, you will quickly forget about the rest of the outside world.

For many years a forgotten wilderness, the Lower Zambezi National Park is situated along the northern banks of the Zambezi River opposite Mana Pools National Park. Wildlife is concentrated in the land corridor between the steep escarpment and the mighty Zambezi. Teak furniture and natural fabrics add an authentic feel to this incredible bush experience and seven spacious en suite tents provide panoramic views over the river and rolling hills.

DAY 6

Lower Zambezi

Sanctuary Zambezi Kulefu Camp offers a large range of game-viewing activities



including day and night game drives, walking safaris, canoeing and boating, and even fishing for the famous tiger fish. If all that action is a bit too much, spend the heat of the day relaxing under the great acacia tree, cooling off with a refreshing dip in the swimming pool.

DAY 7

Lower Zambezi/Livingstone

This morning after a light aircraft flight north to Livingstone, you will stay at the Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma Lodge,

named after David Livingstone's faithful friends, Sussi and Chuma, for the last two nights of your Zambian adventure. Located in the heart of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park on the banks of the Zambezi River, this beautiful lodge is fresh from an extensive refurbishment and consists of 12 tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses taking full advantage of its stunning river bank setting. Resident wildlife such as hippopotamus and elephant are likely to wander through the grounds at any time.

DAY 8

Livingstone

Choose from a wide variety of activities: perhaps an early morning or sunset river cruise on the majestic Zambezi, fishing, horseback or elephant safaris, or an afternoon game drive in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park where Zambia's only white rhino can be spotted. A tour of the Victoria Falls and a visit to Livingstone or a local village are certain to enthrall. Twice the height of Niagra Falls, the pounding waters of Victoria Falls represent nature's raw power and the whole region has become a centre

for adventure - adrenaline junkies can bungee from the bridge dividing the two countries, raft the white-water rapids or swing across the canyon. During the dry season it is possible to walk across to Livingstone Island where David Livingstone first glimpsed the falls, or enjoy the spectacular views by helicopter or microlight.

DAY 9

Livingstone/London

Leave the bush for the last time with a drive to the airport this morning for a flight to London via Johannesburg, arriving the following day. Alternatively, why not extend your stay in Zambia with a few days in Kafue National Park?

With A&K all journeys are individually tailored to suit your interests and timescale. As a guideline, this 9 day journey will cost from £4,100 per person based on two adults sharing with flights from the UK, subject to availability. *Please bear in mind this is not a prescriptive itinerary but a suggestion to give you a taste of what is possible with the very highest level of comfort, service and convenience. Accordingly, we aim to quote to a standard as opposed to a price.*

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KAFUE EXTENSION

Arrive by helicopter into the Busanga Plains in the northern reaches of the Kafue National Park, the largest national park in Zambia (roughly the size of Wales) and one of Zambia's most significant wetland resources. The plains are a vast wilderness teeming with a huge diversity of wildlife brought by seasonal flooding, with regular lion sightings as well as leopard, cheetah and occasional visiting packs of wild dog, and home to the distinctive Kafue red lechwe. The intimate Kapinga Camp is located in the heart of this wildlife paradise; with game drives in and around the plains and the added excitement of night drives, this is the perfect finish to your Zambian journey.