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ZAMBIA SAFARI - JUNE TO OCTOBER 2020 SOUTH LUANGWA & LOWER ZAMBEZI

In Zambia we enjoy varied safari activities, including walking safaris. Getting close to game on foot is quite a different experience!



10-DAY ITINERARY JULY TO OCTOBER 2020

Key to meals included - B=Breakfast, L = Lunch, D=Dinner

- Days 1-3 Arrive in Lusaka. Scheduled flight to Mfuwe. (1.5 hour flight) Drive to [Kaingo Camp](#) (1½ hours - more if game driving) in South Luangwa National Park for a 3 night stay. B, L, D
- Days 4&5 Morning game drive to [Mwamba Bush Camp](#) for 2 nights. B, L, D
- Days 6-9 Scheduled flight from Mfuwe to Lusaka and then Lusaka to Jeki Airstrip in Lower Zambezi. 4 nights at [Old Mondoro Bush Camp](#) or [Chiawa Camp](#) B, L, D
- Day 10 Last day on safari - or continue to Mana Pools or to Vic Falls. B only
- End of A Step Ahead S.L. services.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Zambia is one of Africa's secrets - less well-known than most other safari destinations. Wilderness and tranquility feature prominently here. Zambia is a politically stable country, and has transitioned well since 1991 when it introduced a multi-party system, progressing in the reform of its economy which is mainly dependent on copper. Tourism has been an increasingly important factor in its advances in employment and rural development.

Highlights are bush walks, watching hippos from a hide, and tracking signs of leopard in South Luangwa National Park; watching elephants from a canoe and fishing for tiger fish in the Lower Zambezi National Park.



CLIMATE

Temperatures vary with altitude. The warmest area on this safari - the Lower Zambezi at about 300m (1,000ft).

Mfuwe airport in S. Luangwa is at 565m (1,850 ft).

During the Winter months - June - Aug - Minimum temps in South Luangwa may reach 5°C (41°F) and Max around 32°C (76°F). Later in the dry season temps rise until their hottest in the Lower Zambezi just before the rains in late October recording Min of around 15°C (59°F) & Max of 42°C (107°F).

Rains usually start end of October or in November, when wildlife tends to disperse, except in the Liuwa Plains where herds amass.

ACTIVITIES

Activities shown in *italics* may be possible with prior planning, if requested before finalizing the itinerary.

South Luangwa - day & night game drives, bush walks, viewing from a hide, *Star-bed sleep out (extra \$200 per person), Star bed dining & sleep-out (extra \$350 per person), Camp Out (May to August only, extra \$250 per person), visit local village or school*

Lower Zambezi - day & night game drives, bush walks, canoeing, safaris by motor boat, catch & release fishing, viewing from a hide

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

This safari is a designed one to suit anyone over 16 years of age. Some activities such as bush walks and canoeing may require participants to be in good health and physical condition.

Regional flights - There are scheduled flights that link up Lusaka, South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi.



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SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK



South Luangwa National Park (9,050 km² / 3,500m²) centres on its lifeblood – the Luangwa River, which becomes the focus for wildlife for miles around during the dry season from July to October. Here, hippos and crocodiles are common, and most of the park's herbivores can be seen – herds of elephant, common waterbuck and puku, Cookson's wildebeest and Crawshay's zebra, reedbuck and impala.

The park is renowned for the Thornicroft's giraffe (a rare sub-species). Some of the more elusive antelope - sable, roan and Lichtenstein's hartebeest - are more likely seen further from the river. While most of the large predators can be seen, some parts of South Luangwa are especially good for sighting leopard. South Luangwa is renowned for its walking safaris. Night drives are also very rewarding.



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KAINGO CAMP, SOUTH LUANGWA



Kaingo Camp, in the northern end of South Luangwa National Park, was started and is run by Derek Shenton. It is situated in a grove of trees overlooking the Luangwa River, in one of the prime areas of South Luangwa. The game drive between Mfuwe airport and the camp through the main gate takes a minimum of 1½ hours.

Kaingo has a very relaxed, personal and friendly atmosphere and offers its guests fantastic game-viewing opportunities within an area of stark beauty and varied terrain. The concentrations of wildlife coming in to drink from the river are dramatic. This area is renowned for its predators and both lion and leopard are seen regularly. Night game drives are particularly good and it is not uncommon to see these cats moving and hunting then - a nice alternative to their normally sleepy daytime schedule! During the day we can walk, game drive or sometimes just find a shady tree by the side of the river to watch the daily passage of game coming in to drink and bathe.

This well-established, 5 room, brick and thatch camp opens each dry-season from May to October. There is a central, open lounge, bar and library, near an open-air fireplace and a breakfast and tea shelter that is built overlooking the Luangwa River. Each of the five chalets is tucked in the surrounding bush, with its own views over the river. Each has spacious rooms with large fly-proof windows allowing plenty of breeze and its own en suite shower and washroom, as well as an open air bathtub and a veranda overlooking the river.



There is no internet or cellphone coverage in camp.

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MWAMBA BUSH CAMP, SOUTH LUANGWA



Mwamba Bush Camp, provides an opportunity for those of a more adventurous spirit to explore the park's heartland. Wonderfully remote and peaceful, the camp is a relaxed 3-hour bushwalk from Kaingo. Set on the banks of the Mwamba River, a tributary of the Luangwa, the camp, sited under huge evergreen ebony trees, enjoys shady views of perennial water-holes.

Mwamba takes only 6 guests in 3 reed and thatch chalets, uniquely designed with two soaring skylights (protected by mosquito gauze) set into the roof allowing you to experience sleeping under the stars. The en-suite bungalows, have solar lighting, flush toilets and hot showers. The accommodation reflects a thoughtful balance between back-to-nature simplicity and essential comforts. The bush-style dining/bar area or "chitenge" is set under the deep shade of huge ebony trees. Mwamba and Kaingo Camps are only about 20 minutes drive apart.



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LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

The Lower Zambezi National Park covers 4,000 km² / 1,500m² on the north bank of the Zambezi River. It teems with game and is said to be one of the continent's most picturesque wilderness areas. The park is one of several contiguous protected zones, including Mana Pools in Zimbabwe, that make up a much larger game area. The vegetation near camp on the banks of the Zambezi is dominated by large "Winter Thorn" acacias that produce an abundance of seed pods in the dry season. The pods are very nutritious and highly sought after by wildlife, attracting large quantities to the area. There are several inland lagoons surrounded by evergreen mahogany and sausage trees. Elephants, hippos, buffalo and greater kudu are all common as are several other species of antelope. Lion and wild dog are seen fairly regularly and it is a particularly good area for leopard. The game viewing is exceptional, and we can enjoy a choice of game drives in open safari vehicles, guided walking, canoeing or motor boating. Fishing is also a popular option.



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OLD MONDORO CAMP, LOWER ZAMBEZI

Old Mondoro is an intimate camp with only 5 tents, accommodating up to twelve guests, situated on a beautiful site overlooking a maze of hippo-inhabited islands and channels on the edge of the Zambezi River. The camp is about a ½ hour drive from the airstrip, and from there it is about a ½ hour flight to Lusaka. The camp is built of canvas and natural materials in a style with plenty of open space, allowing a cool breeze to pass through the main areas. There are wonderful views of the river and the wildlife coming to drink. The main camp comprises a main dining area and bar, and campfire area.



The accommodation tents are similarly built with concrete floors, a wooden veranda, and an interior with open spaces allowing for the breeze to flow through during the daytime. There are canvas blinds which are drawn at night. Inside there is a king sized bed or two singles draped in mosquito netting, solar lighting, an en suite washbasin and flush loo, and an outdoor shower and bathtub.

There is no Wi-Fi connection, phone lines or cell phone coverage at Old Mondoro.

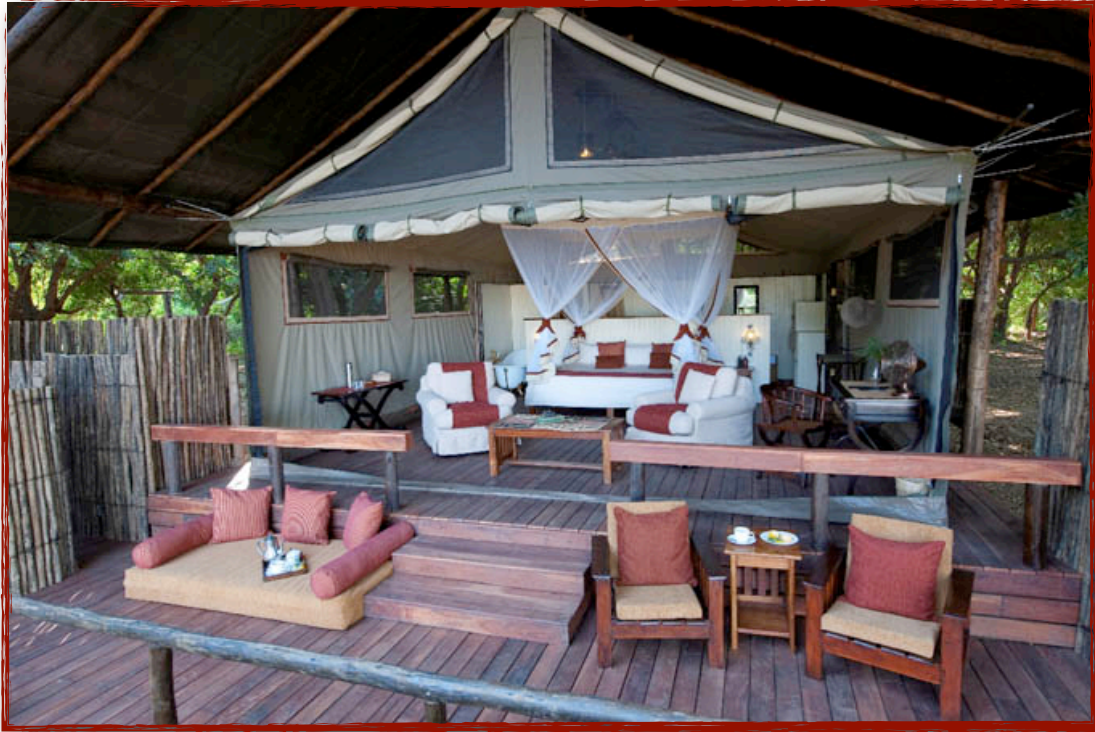


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CHIAWA CAMP, LOWER ZAMBEZI

Chiawa Camp is an intimate camp with only 9 tents set in the shade of a stand of evergreen Mahogany trees. Each tent has his and her sinks, indoor and outdoor shower, hot water and ball and claw bathtub - as well as a view over the Zambezi directly, or over the sand river. The camp is built of canvas and natural materials in a style with plenty of open space, allowing a cool breeze to pass through the main areas. There are wonderful views of the river and the wildlife coming to drink, especially from the lounge's upstairs viewing deck.



As well as a wide variety of game viewing activities, the camp has 2 game viewing hides, a swimming pool and open fitness centre. Chiawa is also known for its high standard of guiding.

Facilities in each tent comprise Free Wi-Fi, 24/7 lighting and charging facilities (220 v UK plugs).

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COST OF THE ABOVE 9 NIGHTS/10 DAYS ITINERARY FOR 2020

Cost in US dollars with *A Step Ahead* professional guide and private vehicle(s) throughout

Number of guests in the group	4	6	8	10	12
July to October	\$14,260	\$13,060	\$12,450	\$12,200	\$11,950
June	\$11,350	\$10,140	\$9,540	\$9,340	\$9,100

FLIGHTS

Scheduled flights Lusaka-Mfuwe-Jeki-Lusaka are included in the cost. Not all flights are daily so we may need to amend the itinerary slightly or fly via Lusaka once we have actual dates for a trip.

POSSIBLE RECOMMENDED EXTENSIONS - PRICES CAN BE SUPPLIED ON REQUEST

1. Add on extension in Mana Pools, Zimbabwe
2. Add on extension at Victoria Falls - Zambia side or Zimbabwe side
3. Old Mondoro has a Pay 4/Stay 5 deal on in 2020 so I have taken advantage of that in the above costs

INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

Included in the above safari cost: Services of a professional guide throughout the safari; accommodation in best available twin-bedded tent/room on full board everywhere from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 10; a morning and an afternoon activity in each camp; services of resident camp guides; all game drives and other activities with private safari vehicle; all park entry and camping fees; scheduled flights Lusaka-Mfuwe~(Lusaka)-Jeki-Lusaka; transfers between airstrips and camps; laundry services (reasonable amounts); local brand soft and alcoholic drinks (not imported or premium brands).

Not included in the above safari cost: International flight to/from and within Africa; any activities not included in the normal camp rates (eg helicopter flights, massages) if available; imported or premium brand drinks; any medical services; emergency medical evacuation; items of a personal nature (e.g. visas, airport taxes, telephone or fax services, massages, internet services etc.); any kind of insurance (medical, health, trip & travel, or any other insurance); breakfast or lunch on Day 1 & lunch or dinner on Day 10; gratuities; any regional flights other than those described above.

PLEASE SEE OUR **TERMS & CONDITIONS (2018)** DOCUMENT FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON TERMS AND INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS



A STEP AHEAD GUIDES

Our guides are keen and passionate bush professionals, who guide safaris because they absolutely love being in nature and helping their guests understand the world they cherish. They are mostly all-rounders, expert at the many varied fields a guide should know about, and are not limited to one field. They have experience traveling and being in the bush in many different countries in Africa and so are able to offer a broad view on most things. They are involved in designing custom itineraries for our guests. They compliment and work well with the locally based guides in the various countries or camps, and they ensure continuity and are good at adding special touches to a safari to make sure you have an amazing experience. Invariably once on safari with one of our *A Step Ahead* professional guides, our guests will recommend no other to their friends back home! That is the greatest tribute they give them. Most of our *A Step Ahead* safaris are led by one of our guides.

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