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11 Days Best of Victoria Falls & Zambia Safari



Zambia, in southern Africa, is a landlocked country of rugged terrain and diverse wildlife, with many parks and safari areas. On its border with Zimbabwe is famed Victoria Falls – indigenously called Mosi-oa-Tunya, or "Smoke that Thunders" – plunging a misty 108m into narrow Batoka Gorge.

During this 10 night itinerary guests will move through some of Africa's most game rich and exciting regions as well as discovering one of the 7 wonders of the world. Starting with 4 nights in the South Luangwa National Park, the birthplace of the walking safari, guests will split their time between two equally luxurious, yet contrasting camps all while discovering why this park is so revered. Following this, guests will head down the Lower Zambezi National Park. This Park's key feature is the vast Zambezi River and the concentration of game this attracts. Guests can experience the Park both on and off the water including, canoe safaris and fishing. Finishing off this itinerary, guests will experience the great Victoria Falls.

Itinerary

Day 1 to Day 3 – Welcome Zambia!

You will have a meet & greet on your arrival at the Mfuwe Airport, South Luangwa before your transfer to the Mchenja Camp in the South Luangwa National Park.

Accommodation: 2 nights at Mchenja Camp on an All Inclusive basis

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNptUsWsLEY>

South Luangwa National Park is in east Zambia's Luangwa River valley. It's known for its abundant wildlife. Inside the Mfuwe Gate entrance, the river is often crowded with hippos. The woodland savannah is home to hundreds of bird species. Trails from the park's lodges wander past baobab trees, herds of elephants and rare Thornicroft's giraffes. Spotlights are used to locate the leopard population after dark.



Day 3 to Day 5 – Mchanja Camp to Chinzombo Camp

After your breakfast you will be transferred to the Chinzombo Camp. Your home for the next two days is the wildlyluxurious Chinzombo Camp. 6 Villas all similar in style with an open plan structure in a beautiful position on a sweeping bend of the Luangwa River. The camp is located 1 hour from the Mfuwe Airport by road and then private access by boat to the camp.

Accommodation: 2 nights at Chinzombo Camp on an All Inclusive basis.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq8Q7zKBTB0>



Day 5 to Day 9 – Chimonzo Camp to Sausage Tree Camp, Lower Zambezi

Today you will fly from the Mfuwe Airport to the Jeki Airstrip in the Lower Zambezi National Park.

Accommodation: 4 nights at Sausage Tree Camp on an All Inclusive basis.

Website: <https://www.sausagetreecamp.com/>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShPX_QmgSQY

Set on the banks of the Zambezi River in the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park and voted "Best Location in Africa" Sausage Tree Camp offers a new take on Safari Chic. Having been completely rebuilt in 2018 the 7 Luxury Suites and two-bedroom Kigelia House can accommodate up to 18 guests with private lounge and dining areas, indoor/outdoor bathrooms, private plunge pools, unrivalled views and butler service offering every comfort for the discerning traveller. Guests can explore this unique wilderness at their leisure (when they want how they want) with private guiding offering a variety of activities to choose from including day/night game drives, walking safaris, fishing, canoeing and boat cruising.



A Typical Day on Safari:

Sausage Tree Camp offers personalized safaris to all guests allowing you to set the pace of your day including the type and length of each activity. Here's what can you expect when on safari at Sausage Tree Camp ...

05:30 - Wake-up to your favourite beverage.

06:00 - Breakfast.

06:30 - Morning activity: perhaps a gentle canoe trip meandering the river banks wildlife, or a game drive to catch sight of lion or leopard before they take shade for the day, or a walk to encapsulate the personality of a herd of elephant or buffalo and to take in the smaller and often missed intimacy of the African bush.

12:00 - Lunch, sustenance is such an important part of a bush day.

13:00 - As the days are warm (even hot) a little time to relax and read up from our library on the experiences of the morning.

15:30 - Afternoon Tea, a little more fortification for the days activities.

16:00 - Afternoon activity, as the sun starts to cool now is the time for fishing, a Sausage Tree Camp spectacular, as we have the finest Tiger fishing in the world. Or you may prefer to head off into the early sunset by vehicle to enjoy the myriad of nocturnal species, not just cats, but honey badger or porcupine or the ever elusive but majestic Giant Eagle Owl or Pels

Fishing Owl.

19:30 - Drinks around the camp fire, time to unwind.

20:00 - Our candlelit dinner whilst reminiscing the memories of the day, or just to enjoy the "spirits" of the evening, and so to bed for a good nights sleep, ready for the next days exploration.

It is all about the activities during your stay!

Walking Safari:

Walking is the perfect way to search for the smaller creatures, learn about the trees, the plants and examine the different tracks and signs. Walking was pioneered in Zambia and remains one of the few areas where this can be truly enjoyed.

Led by a professional walking guide and National Parks Wildlife Officer, walking is carried out in small groups. Taking advantage of the cooler morning temperatures, you will take a game drive from camp to an open area where the walk begins. Beware -not only do you see the smaller things on foot, it is also not uncommon for us to see lion on our bush walks.

Canoeing:

The Lower Zambezi is renowned for its spectacular canoeing. As one of the few privileged operators based inside the National Park, we are able to canoe guests down the most stunning section of the Zambezi, "The Chifungulu Channel". Led by one of our highly qualified canoe guides, explore the banks of the river, where game can be seen from a totally different perspective - looking UP rather than down!

Canoe trips vary in length (from one to seven hours) however a one-hour canoe trip is a great prelude to an evening game drive. No experience or particular strength is required - it is an effortless drift, as the flow of the Zambezi pushes the canoes along. Rather than a work out, this is a time to relax, listen to the sounds of the huge variety of bird-life and admire their sheer beauty.

A full day canoe trip, stopping for a picnic lunch en-route is an unbeatable safari experience.

Boat Cruises:

Scenic boat cruises are a very relaxing way to view the game that comes down to the river to drink and bathe, whilst also taking in the unique water wildlife. Until the Zambezi River is explored by boat, it is impossible to truly appreciate the huge hippopotami pods and crocodile populations. Lucky guests have experienced the truly memorable sight of elephant crossing the Zambezi, from Mana Pools National Park to the Lower Zambezi National Park. To view the most amazing sunsets in Africa, floating sundowners (Gin and Tonic are de rigueur!) in the middle of the Zambezi is a must! This can also provide a photographic opportunity for that perfect African sunset.

Sausage Tree Camp operates scenic boat trips using 7metre aluminium river cruisers. Designed for the Okavango Delta, they are the perfect boat for the Zambezi River as sandbanks make navigation on the water very difficult.

Birding:

Whether you enjoy waking up to the booming call of the impressive Ground Hornbill or watching the fluttering of tiny Redbilled Firefinches there is something at Sausage Tree Camp and the Lower Zambezi for the novice and experienced bird watcher alike.

We have approximately 500 species of birds in the Lower Zambezi National Park from waders on the shores of the Zambezi River to wattle eyes in the Miambo woodland in the escarpment. Some of the special and more interesting birds that can be found in the area are Sadelbilled Stork, African Skimmer, Rufous Bellied Heron, Bee Eaters, Black Crowned Night Heron, Amathest Sunbird and Jamsons Firefinch just to name a few.

Zambezi Fishing – Tigerfish, Vundu & Bream:

The Zambezi River is host to some of the most spectacular fresh water sport fishing in the world with plentiful Tigerfish (*Hydrocynus vittatus*, Latin for "striped river dog") and Tilapia amongst others. Sausage Tree Camp offers both spinning and fly fishing, both strictly catch and release in accordance with the principles of the National Park.

The most sporting and certainly the most fun fish to catch is the famous Tigerfish. A relative of the infamous piranha, Tigerfish have large carnivorous teeth, can grow to 15kg / 33lb (the camp record 11.3kg) and are renowned for their strength and spectacular "leaping out of the water" fighting performance.

Fishing is successful all year round, however the warmer months (September - December) are definitely the best time to catch Tigerfish. This is the breeding season when the fish are more active, feeding more regularly and are far more aggressive. The water level is typically lower and the visibility at its very best.

Massage:

For guests staying at Sausage Tree Camp, a complementary massage is included in their stay. The highly skilled masseuse uses local products and provides the perfect level of pressure.

Having a massage on the deck of your room with the hippos grunting in the background (& maybe an occasional lion roar floating on the air) is the most incredibly relaxing experience.

Day 9 to Day 11 – Mfuwe Airport to Livingstone, Victoria Falls

Your trip will finish in Livingstone at one of Zambia's most romantic camps.

Accommodation: 2 nights at Tongabezi Lodge on an All Inclusive basis.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in2zKdj5O9E>

Tongabezi is set on a large bend in the Zambezi River some 20kms up-stream from the Falls themselves. There are plenty of activities to keep one busy in the Livingstone area but Tongabezi Camp is a wonderful place to relax and, watch the river slowly amble by so don't make yourselves too busy whilst staying here.



Our Tip:

- Visit the mighty Victoria Falls
- Take a dip in Togabezi's "rock pool" complete with high diving board
- Enjoy a "floating dinner" on Togabezi's private pontoon
- Visit the Livingstone Island and take a dip in Devil's Pool, 167 meters high and on the edge of the Falls

Day 11 – Departure & Bon Voyage

After breakfast you will be transferred back to the Livingstone Airport for your flight back home.



Highlights & Travel Tip:

- Incredible wildlife viewing opportunities in some of the most game rich regions of Africa
- Real off the beaten tracks experience
- Water based safari experience in the Lower Zambezi
- The chance to relax in a completely natural environment
- View one of the 7 wonders of the world – Victoria Falls
- Best time to visit Victoria Falls, Kafue and South Luangwa is from May to end of September / April, October and November months are still good
- Best time for Lower Zambezi National Park is May to end of October / April and November months are still good
- Best time to visit Liwua Plain is May and June & September to end of December / April, July & August months are still good

What is included:

- Accommodation – 2 nights Mchenja Camp, 2 nights Chinzombo, 4 nights Sausage Tree Camp and 2 nights Tongabezi Lodge.
- All meals
- Local drinks and house wines
- Walking Safaris & Game drives
- Complimentary massage at Sausage Tree Camp
- National Park fees & Conservation levies
- Airport and inter-camp transfers
- Domestic flights and departure taxes

What is excluded:

- International flights
- Visa fees for entry to Zambia
- Gratuities & Tips
- Victoria Falls entrance fees in Livingstone
- Other excursion/activities not included
- Items of personal nature
- Park & Conservation fees

Costs:

Price from € 8,635 per person sharing

- Rate is based on a minimum of two people traveling.
- Single travelers supplement and child rate will be quoted on request.
- The rates are subject to change without warning if there is an increase to bed levies, fuel prices or sales by third party suppliers or any other circumstances which is beyond our control.
- Price and availability are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
- Standard booking terms & conditions remain applicable at all times.



Notes:

- Booking Deposit: A deposit of 30% of the total amount will be required upon reservations and the balance is due 60 days prior to the guest arrival date.
- If booked less than 60 days prior to the guest arrival date the full payment is required immediately.
- If payment is not received by the due date, Camping Africa reserves its right to cancel all services and charge fees of 5% of the total booking costs.
- Cancellation Policy:
 - From 60 day to 41 days prior to arrival - 20% of total booking costs will be charged
 - From 40 days to 16 days prior to arrival - 50% of total booking costs will be charged
 - From 15 days to 0 day prior to arrival - 100% of total booking costs will be charged
 - No show - 100% of total booking costs will be charged
 - Early departure - 100% of total booking costs will be charged