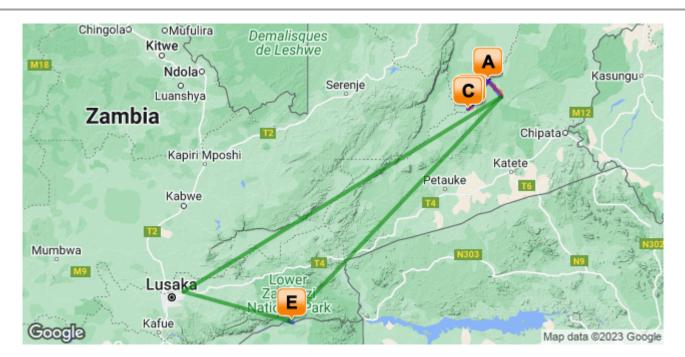


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10N Walk on the Wildside

South Luangwa National Park - Lower Zambezi 11 Days / 10 Nights



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# Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Mfuwe Lodge	South Luangwa National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 3	Chindeni Bushcamp	South Luangwa National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 5	Bilimungwe Bushcamp	South Luangwa National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 7	Mfuwe Lodge	South Luangwa National Park	FI	1 Night
Day 8	Chula Island Camp	Lower Zambezi	FI	3 Nights

#### Key

FI: Fully Inclusive

# Transport

Flight Information						
Date	Flight	Departure/ Arrival				
Day 1	Scheduled Flight	Kenneth Kaunda International Airport [LUN] - Mfuwe Airport [MFU]				
Day 8	Scheduled Flight	Mfuwe Airport [MFU] - Jeki Airstrip				
Day 11	Scheduled Flight	Jeki Airstrip - Kenneth Kaunda International Airport [LUN]				

### Transfers

Date	Road Transfer	Pick Up/Drop Off
Day 1	Shared Transfer	Mfuwe Airport - Mfuwe Lodge
Day 3	Shared Transfer	Mfuwe Lodge - Chindeni
Day 5	Shared Transfer	Chindeni - Bilimungwe
Day 7	Shared Transfer	Bilimungwe – Mfuwe Lodge
Day 8	Shared Transfer	Mfuwe Lodge – Mfuwe Airport

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PACKAGE SEASON	PP SHARING	SINGLE SUPP
01 - 31 May 2025	USD 7,840	USD 1,180
June 2025	USD 8,220	USD 1,290
July – September 2025	USD 9,690	USD 2,240
October 2025	USD 8,800	USD 1,950

# **Special notes**

- Pro Flight flights are included based on Y class flexible fares, subject to availability and schedule for specific dates of travel, pricing is a guideline only.
- Bush Camps Kapamba, Zungulila or Chamilandu may be used in place of Bilimungwe for the same price, alternative camp combination also available at reduced cost.
- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Sep & Oct, neither rate is applicable please request a special quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees (see below)
- Single supplement is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo rate available on request
- Subject to availability at the time of booking

# Included



### Travel for Impact – Responsible Travel

By booking this itinerary, you donate USD\$2 for every night of travel per person on the booking. Your donation goes to **Travel for Impact** (**TFI**) and ensures that your safari has a meaningful impact on the people who live locally. For more information on giving back to your chosen destination of travel, visit <u>www.travelforimpact.com</u>

### Day 1-3 Mfuwe Lodge South Lugnay

Mfuwe Lodge, South Luangwa National Park

Upon arrival into Lusaka International Airport, proceed to Customs / Immigration before collecting your luggage and heading to the arrival's hall where you are met by a local representative to assist with check-in formalities for your onwards Pro Flight scheduled flight to Mfuwe Airport.

From here you are met by a guide for the road transfer through to South Luangwa National Park and onto Mfuwe Lodge, approximately 45 minutes in open game drive vehicle) where you spend two nights on a fully inclusive basis,



South Luangwa is often named as one of Africa's best national parks combining fantastic wildlife experiences and top quality guiding. South Luangwa is all about exploring the bush on foot. The famous walking safaris originated here and it is possibly Africa's finest walking destination.

Exploring the bush on foot is an especially interesting tranquil way to discover the small hidden treasures of this wildlife haven.

The Luangwa River with its distinctive ox-bow lagoons is said to have one of the most intense concentration of hippos and crocodiles in Africa. At night you will silently fall asleep with their snorts and grunts.

South Luangwa National Park is home to over 60 mammal species and 400 birds. It has three endemic species, the beautiful Thornicroft giraffe with a more striking coloration than giraffes in the rests of Southern Africa, Cookson's wildebeest that is slightly more reddish and the Crawshay's Zebra, a subspecies of the plains Zebra, lacking the shadow stripes between the black stripes.

### **Overnight: Mfuwe Lodge**

**Includes:** meals, selected beverages, activities, laundry service, park fees, Conservation fund levy **Excludes:** premium beverages

Activities: day & night game drives and walking safaris

Mfuwe Lodge lies nestled between two picturesque lagoons in the heart of South Luangwa National Park. The lodge specialises in offering unrivalled game viewing and a range of activities in luxurious surroundings.

Each of the 18 tastefully designed en-suite thatched chalets has a private deck overlooking the lagoon, which attracts an abundance of wildlife. The thatched roof has been designed to guarantee maximum ventilation while retaining a rustic, African feel and each chalet is in the shade of huge ebony and mahogany trees. From the main bar area, guests can enjoy a chilled drink by the infinity swimming pool, take in the sounds and sights of the African sky from the open-air deck, or watch the magnificent wildlife and bird life that comes to drink from the lagoon and river. Mfuwe Lodge also offers a well-stocked library which is dedicated to African culture, the natural world and conservation.

There are resident bushbuck, baboon and monkeys that stroll through the camp, and the Pel's fishing owls often hunt from the lagoon at the back of camp, sometimes using the porch railing as roosting posts. Activities on offer at the lodge are morning, day or night game drives and game walks on request.

Airport transfer time: 45 minutes from Mfuwe Airport



# Day 3-5 Chindeni Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (time permitting and possibly part of the transfer) you head further into South Luangwa National Park spending two nights at Chindeni Bushcamp on a fully inclusive basis.

Camp Management will discuss movements and the transfer across the day prior with you.



As previously described

### **Overnight: Chindeni Bushcamp**

Includes: meals, beverages, activities, laundry, park fees, Conservation fund levy Excludes: premium beverages Activities: day & night game drives and walking safaris Chindeni Camp lies nestled on the apex of a permanent oxbow lagoon, offset by the magnificent Nchendeni Hills. From here is a nice walk to neighbouring Bilimungwe Camp.

Raised on wooden decking Chindeni's four en-suite tented chalets are sheltered by a shady ebony grove. Each chalet has its own private raised veranda from which you can view the resident game and enjoy the serene yet breathtaking tranquillity of the vast lagoon. With optimum accommodation for eight guests, this secluded camp provides the perfect location for the ultimate bush experience. Two of the tents have 2 queen-sized beds and the others each have a double/ king-size bed, hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, double vanities and polished floors.

This is the ideal spot for both the avid and intrepid game spotter, as well as the more sedentary visitors who wish to observe nature at its best without too much personal effort. The lush and wide lagoon, which stretches out from just beneath your own private balcony, ensures that you need make little effort as you lazily watch the abundance of game that parades before you in front of camp.

Ancient ebony trees shade the bar and dining area and an adjacent stair case provides access to a lagoonside retreat. From here, guests can enjoy an open-air dining experience, or the spectacular sunset as it reflects from the still waters of the lagoon.

### Airport transfer time: 2 hours 45 minutes from Mfuwe Airport



# Day 5-7

# Bilimungwe Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (time permitting and possibly part of the transfer) you game drive transfer further south. There is the option of doing this transfer as a guided walk approximately 3.5 hours. Here you spend two nights at Bilimungwe Bushcamp on a fully inclusive basis.



As previously described

### Overnight: Bilimungwe Bushcamp

Includes: meals, beverages, activities, laundry, park fees, Conservation fund levy Excludes: premium beverages Activities: day and night game drives and walking safaris

Bilimungwe Bush Camp is situated in the heart of the South Luangwa National Park and has two defining features: the expansive open plain and the shady water hole which attracts some of the most varied game within the park.

Traditional yet quaint, Bilimungwe Bush Camp is the epitome of the traditional African safari camp. Bilimungwe sleeps a maximum of eight people. From the porch of the four thatched en-suite chalets guests can observe game interacting along the open plain, or for a different view they need just to travel a few feet to the communal deck where wildlife gathers to drink at the secluded watering hole. Bilimungwe is the perfect solution for guests seeking a unique experience in a traditional setting.

Activities range from walking safaris, vehicle safaris or a combination of the two. The guides accompanying guests on the game viewing experience are all highly qualified and experienced.

### Airport transfer time: 3 hours from Mfuwe Airport



# Day 7

# Mfuwe Lodge, South Luangwa National Park

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (time permitting and possibly part of the transfer) you transfer to Mfuwe main area and spend one night at Mfuwe Lodge.



As previously described

### **Overnight: Mfuwe Lodge**

**Includes:** meals, selected beverages, activities, laundry service, park fees, Conservation fund levy **Excludes:** premium beverages **Activities:** day & night game drives and walking safaris

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There are resident bushbuck, baboon and monkeys that stroll through the camp, and the Pel's fishing owls often hunt from the lagoon at the back of camp, sometimes using the porch railing as roosting posts. Activities on offer at the lodge are morning, day or night game drives and game walks on request.

Airport transfer time: 45 minutes from Mfuwe Airport



# Day 8-11

# Chula Island Camp, Lower Zambezi

Enjoy breakfast at Mfuwe Lodge (activity on day of departure is time permitting) before you have a light aircraft transfer flight to Jeki Airstrip in Lower Zambezi National Park. Mfuwe Lodge will advise departure time the day prior and plan meals and activities accordingly.

Upon arrival at Jeki you are met by a guide for the onwards game drive transfer to Chula Island Camp where you spend three nights on a fully inclusive basis.



At 4750 square kilometres, Lower Zambezi National Park is a comparatively new addition to the crown of attractions available in Zambia. What a jewel it is at the heart of a very important conservation area which also includes Mana Pools National Park across the river in Zimbabwe and several substantial game management areas. Flying in low over the Escarpment is just start of your adventure into this amazing corner of the world.

The scenery in Lower Zambezi is magnificent, centred on the mighty Zambezi River, whose meandering waters are responsible for depositing the unusually rich soils that line the river, creating broad grassy floodplains and impressive stands of open mahogany and ebony forests. Your first Glimpse of this valley will leave you in awe of this majestic river and its surroundings.

The ever constant and reassuring Zambezi Escarpment rises a short distance from the river creates a majestic backdrop for this hidden world and forms a natural barrier for the wildlife of the Lower Zambezi National Park

The area contains excellent densities of wildlife, notably elephants, lions, leopards, spotted hyenas, hippos and crocodiles. There are also good chances for interaction with wild-dogs.

From a safari perspective, the most outstanding aspect of this area is the very wide range of activities on offer, including vehicle safari, night vehicle safari, walking safari, motorboat safari and canoe safari. Viewing elephants, hippos, crocodiles and other animals from the water is a particular highlight.

The national park itself is home a handful of exceptionally good safari camps, whilst the Game Management Area to the west contains a much larger number of lodges offering lower rates than the camps inside the National Park.

The area is also greatly advantaged by the fact that most of the camps here are privately owned and operated. It is one of those places where you actually get to meet the people involved, benefit from their experience and share their passion.

### **Overnight: Chula Island Camp**

**Includes:** meals, selected beverages, activities, laundry service, park fees, Conservation fund levy **Excludes:** premium beverages

Activities: day & night game drives, walking safaris, canoeing (to be requested in advance), fishing & excursions to our hides

The Chula Island Camp is surrounded by Natal Mahogany trees and sandy beaches, located on the Katengahumba/Discovery Island, the nearest site to Jeki Airfield. Accommodation is provided in tents equipped with ensuite individual bathrooms - accessible without leaving the tent, single comfortable beds with top quality linen, two bedside tables with solar lamps, safe boxes, comfortable camp chairs, and two folding shelf systems for clothes. The game in the area is unbelievable with sightings of leopard, lion, hyena, buffalo herds and lots of elephants to mention a few species.



# Day 11 End of Itinerary

Enjoy an early morning activity (time permitting) and breakfast before you light aircraft transfer to Lusaka for own onwards travel arrangements.

# **Travel Information**

# • Please take note of our Booking Terms & Conditions. It will be understood that these have been read and accepted by you on receipt of confirmation of the booking.

• For your safety and peace of mind, on confirmation of your booking, we strongly recommend that Travel Insurance is arranged to cover cancellation, curtailment, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods.

• Road and air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (shared) unless otherwise requested or specified. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times. Private charters can be requested at an additional cost.

• Passengers weighing over 100kg should please advise us at the time of booking, as we may need to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for your safety and comfort.

• The costs are subject to change at any time due to fluctuations in fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers that are beyond or control.

• Please advise us of the ages of children (under 18) travelling, together with their date of birth, at the time of booking as not all lodges accept children and there may be restrictions or conditions which can affect pricing.

• We recommend that optional activities be booked in advance at time of confirmation to guarantee availability e.g. Helicopter Flight of the Angels in Victoria Falls

• Please allow a minimum 2-3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. It is important that you check that your flight tickets have been issued in your full names as per your passport.

• We require full payment for international and domestic scheduled flights at the time of confirmation e.g., Air Botswana Johannesburg to Maun, Proflight Livingstone - Lusaka and so on. We are not able to guarantee any flights before receipt of payment as seats are often held for a limited period before ticketing is required so this is a time sensitive issue. Air tickets are considered non-refundable unless otherwise specified. Please confirm the details with your consultant at the time of booking.

### Passports, Visas and Travel Documentation

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity before the expiry date and 6 empty pages (not including the endorsement pages). The onus is upon guests to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Please note that certain visas can take up to 3 months to be processed so please consider this when booking.

If you are travelling with children through Southern Africa please be aware that you will be required to have certified copies of their unabridged birth certificates, and passports on hand. If you are not their legal parents, or if only one of you is travelling – you will need to have consent in the form of an affidavit giving you permission to travel with the child.

### Inter-camp transfers

Due to the vast distances involved in travelling in the remote areas of Southern Africa - your itinerary may include road, boat and air transfers in small aircraft.

On shared air transfers, all the flight times between lodges are arranged a few days before the flights take place to avoid endless schedule changes. The lodge or camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time. Although every effort will be made to ensure that guests are transferred together in one vehicle / aircraft, this cannot be guaranteed, especially with larger groups. The aircraft used for inter-camp transfers vary in size from 3-, 5-, 7- and 12-seater aircraft. We recommend that guests susceptible to motion sickness take appropriate precautions due to flying conditions.

### Weight & Luggage Restrictions

There are strict luggage restrictions in place on any itinerary, which includes light aircraft transfers for safety

reasons. Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg per person travelling on seat rates. Only soft bags will be accepted - no hard suitcases or bags with wheels can be transported, as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm/10 inches wide x 30cm/11 inches high and 62cm/24 inches long. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning, your baggage could be delayed, as we may have to fly the baggage into camp at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. However, should you notify us in advance that your baggage will exceed the limit; we may be able to assist you with alternative arrangements e.g. storage or purchase of additional luggage allowance.

For bookings including flights within Zambia & Mozambique, please note luggage weight exceptions under destination information.

#### Lost Luggage

Lost luggage on international flights is a common problem facing travellers today. We suggest that you pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with you as hand luggage. If travelling as a couple or family we suggest that you split your clothing between bags so that if one bag gets lost, you will have basic items on hand to see you through the first couple of days while we try and recover your lost baggage.

Please note that whilst we try our utmost to locate and re-unite you with your bags, that there may be charges involved in getting your bags to remote areas, which would be for your cost. Please remember to report the lost luggage to the airline as soon as you make the discovery - the airline will issue you with a Baggage Claim Form, which you will need in order for us to trace the bag.

#### Health and Dietary

Please note that you are travelling to a Malaria-risk area. Please consult your doctor for medical advice prior to travel.

Although usually safe to drink, we do not recommend that you drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at the camps and lodges.

The camps are isolated and generally have limited power supply and access to supplies. Please notify us in advance of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions and medical equipment you may need with you. Please carry critical medication in your hand luggage.

Yellow Fever Certificates - are only required if you have travelled to a Yellow Fever area as designated by the World Health Organisation. Please check with your Travel Clinic or doctor well in advance of your departure date.

#### **General Travel Information**

• There is no or limited electricity and cell phone coverage in the camps and lodges excluding major towns and cities. All camps do make provision for charging cameras and electronic devices.

• Please ensure that you do not pack any valuables, cameras, cash, laptops in your checked in luggage – these should be kept on your person at all times.

• Please notify us immediately of any changes to flight arrival and departure details as this affects onward transfer arrangements.

• Please note that most camps & lodges in Botswana do not have double beds. Twin beds are pushed together to make up a double room.

• Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules the company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions or

unforeseen circumstances.

• By confirmation of the booking, you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept that the tour carries inherent risks, and that you voluntarily assume all risks which are associated with the tour. You will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps, lodges and service providers, and abide by their operators code of conduct in order to ensure your safety.

• If you have any cause for complaint while travelling, you should immediately bring it to the attention of the camp manager and / or our Maun office that will attempt to resolve the situation immediately.

• Do not remove any animal artefacts, flora or fauna from any of the areas you visit, as there are strict international regulations on the export of such items.

Please refer to the Safari Information for further details on preparing for your safari.



#### Currency

The official currency in Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha. US\$ Dollar notes (2007 Series onwards), and Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

#### Visa

Fees for Visitors to Zambia who are eligible to receive their visa on entry US\$ 25.00 for single entry/ US\$ 40.00 for double entry/U\$D 75 multiple entry /KAZA visa U\$D 50 / Transit visa U\$D 25 / Day Tripper U\$D 10.

Some visitors need to apply for visas before arrival - please check with your Embassy. For more information on visas please visit the following address: Zambian Visa Requirements

ALWAYS have cash available in the correct US\$ amount at all ports of entry - in the event where credit card facilities/ ATMs are not operational.

Effective 1st November 2022 the Zambian Department of Immigration has waived all visa fees (including day trip visas), for Australia, Canada, China, European Union, Gulf States (Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) Japan, South Korea, United Kingdom and United States of America. This visa policy adjustment is pursuant to Statutory Instrument Number 68 of 2022.

The waiver only applies to the visa 'fee' requirement. All other visa requirements, including the need to apply for visas before travelling and obtaining visas on arrival, as the case may be, shall still apply, the only change being that nationals of the above-listed countries will not pay for the visas.

#### Kaza Univisa – Zimbabwe and Zambia

Travellers planning to visit both Zimbabwe and Zambia should apply for a UniVisa (also known as KAZA visa). The visa can be obtained in advance, as well as at ports of entry, but cannot be guaranteed.

The UniVisa allows travellers 30 days travel within both Zambia and Zimbabwe, and is also valid for daytrips to Botswana. Travellers must remain within Zambia & Zimbabwe for the visa to stay valid. Visiting Botswana as a daytrip will not affect the visa's validity, provided travellers return to Zambia or Zimbabwe the same day.

#### **Internal Flights and Transfers**

On fly-in safaris, movement between the game areas is done on a scheduled basis by Proflight Zambia unless otherwise specified. Proflight uses 12-, 18- and 29-seater aircraft for their flights. Transfers between camps in the same game area may be done by light aircraft, but mostly by road/game drive transfer or by boat on a shared seat basis.

#### Flight times around Zambia | Approximate Proflight flying times

Livingstone to Lusaka 1 hour Lusaka to Royal or Jeki Airstrip for Lower Zambezi 35 min Lusaka to Mfuwe Airport for South Luangwa 1 hour 10 minutes Mfuwe Airport to Lilongwe Airport 1 hour

All flights Livingstone to Mfuwe/Lower Zambezi are all via Lusaka and vice versa

#### **Departure Taxes**

Departure taxes are included in ticket prices.

#### Weight & Luggage Restrictions

Luggage allowance on Proflight flights is restricted to 23 kg per person travelling on Y- class seats. For any other class or charter flight, the luggage allowance is 15kg per person. Excess baggage will be charged extra for. Any bag over 32kg will not be flown. Only one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg is allowed per person. Please note that a handbag is considered as a piece of hand luggage.