



BEST OF ZAMBIA

Be captivated by this outstanding wilderness experience including the South Luangwa, home of the 'walking safari', the unspoiled wilderness of the Lower Zambezi and the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, Zambia



10 days from AU\$19,765 pp



Private

Journey Overview

Marvel at the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, before embarking on an outstanding wilderness experience in the South Luangwa, home of the 'walking safari'. The area is widely considered one of Africa's finest and most unspoiled wildlife reserves and it makes for an exciting contrast with the Lower Zambezi where you'll see game from safari vehicles, get up close on foot and float gently past herds which frequent the river and its banks. Unspoilt natural beauty and abundant game make these two areas unparalleled for a wildlife adventure.

Journey Highlights

- Stand in awe of spectacular Victoria Falls, with a visit to the Zambian side of the 'Smoke that Thunders'
- Soak up Zambia's diverse landscapes – rivers, mountains, open bush and ebony groves – in two of its great parks
- Enjoy the thrill and intimacy of a walking safari in the South Luangwa National Park
- Canoe the mighty Zambezi River amidst the breathtakingly beautiful Lower Zambezi
- Meet inspiring Zambian safari guides dedicated to conservation
- Stay in exclusive and intimate camps in idyllic locations



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Zambian Side of Victoria Falls

On arrival transfer to your beautiful lodge located on the banks of the Zambezi River in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, only a short drive from the world-famous Victoria Falls.

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma

Day 2: Zambian Side of Victoria Falls

Today is at leisure at Sussi & Chuma, discovering the beauty of the Zambezi. Experience a guided tour of the Zambian side of Victoria Falls, a visit to Nakatindi village and the local school, a game drive in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, walking safaris, canoeing, fishing, or an early morning or sunset cruise on the river. There are also a range of activities available at additional cost including whitewater rafting, helicopter flights over the falls, or a visit to Livingstone Museum.

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma / Meals: BLD

Day 3: Livingstone - South Luangwa National Park

Fly to Mfuwe in the east of the country. You are met and transferred to Puku Ridge Camp, situated in the vast and spectacular South Luangwa National Park. Overlooking a floodplain and wildlife-rich lagoon, Puku Ridge comprises eight luxurious tents that exude safari chic with light natural timbers and beautiful textiles, as well as luxury appointments including sumptuous bedding, a balcony, plunge pool, a starbed, bathtub and indoor and outdoor shower.

Puku Ridge / Meals: BLD

Days 4-5: South Luangwa National Park

Enjoy two full days exploring the magnificent South Luangwa. This world-renowned wildlife haven supports large populations of Thornicroft's Giraffe, and herds of elephant and buffalo often several hundred strong. The vegetation too is diverse and keen spotters are rewarded with incredible sightings of lion, elephant, giraffe and any number of antelopes from bushbuck and puku to Greater Kudu and impala. Each day enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive with sundowners and a thrilling night drive. Or, as the South Luangwa is 'home' of the walking safari, head out on foot with your guide to see the bush from a different perspective.

Puku Ridge/ Meals: BLD

Day 6: South Luangwa National Park - Lower Zambezi National Park

Fly to the Lower Zambezi National Park, an area of stunning wilderness where you are met and transferred by vehicle and boat to Chiawa Camp. The first safari lodge established in this reserve, Chiawa is situated under a grove of evergreen Mahogany trees on the banks of the Zambezi River and features light and spacious safari tents under thatch, each fronted by a raised timber deck with relaxing daybeds.

Chiawa Camp / Meals: BLD

Days 7-9: Lower Zambezi National Park

Spend the next three days soaking up the atmosphere and surroundings of Chiawa Camp, which offers outstanding cuisine, service and of course, abundant wildlife. Game concentrates in the corridor between the steep escarpment and river, and the camp's viewing platform in a quiet corner offers a wonderful vantage point. Activities at Chiawa include day and night drives, walking safaris, motorboat cruises and canoe trips to uncover some of the park's 50 mammal and 400 bird species.

Chiawa Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 10: Lower Zambezi - Depart Lusaka

Farewell from A&K as you end your safari with a flight to Lusaka.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, Victoria Falls



Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma lodge is named after David Livingstone's faithful friends, Sussi and Chuma who carried his body all way back to England from where he died in Zambia. The lodge consists of 12 beautiful tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses, both of which take full advantage of their stunning river-bank setting.

Each of the 12 suites have a private viewing deck and boasts en suite facilities with air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets and all the little luxuries you would expect from a lodge of this calibre. The two bedroom Chuma houses are perfect for private use, ideal for families or small groups they are privately staffed and each with a private swimming pool.

The main lodge building features a spectacular raised bar/lounge deck, open air dining area, curio shop, swimming pool and lawns sweeping down to the water's edge. Resident wildlife, such as hippopotamus and elephant, are likely to wander through the grounds at any time. Guests may enjoy a wide variety of activities - early morning river cruises, afternoon game drives, a tour of the Victoria Falls or perhaps a visit to a local village are certain to enthrall.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is located on the banks of the Zambezi River a short from the magnificent Victoria Falls
- Activities included are game drives in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a local village tour, sundowner cruise on the river and a tour of the Victoria Falls
- A treatment room is available to experience spa treatments using products from the Africology line with a range of body therapies, body rituals and facial skin care
- The lodge has 12 tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses
- Children six years and older are welcome in the Sussi Tree houses. Children of all ages are welcome at the Chuma Houses.

Puku Ridge, South Luangwa National Park



Newly renovated with no detail forgotten, Puku Ridge is a luxury safari lodge in the heart of South Luangwa National Park worth escaping to.

With only eight luxury tents sat on an elevated ridge, you'll feel at one with this refined wilderness. Drawing inspiration from the bygone era of South Luangwa bush camps, elements of traditional village life and authentic local artwork have been seamlessly integrated. Elegant architectural lines are encompassed by trees and scrub bush, all warmed by gentle lanterns as the night creeps in.

Puku Ridge is blessed with an outlook onto a private floodplain and watering hole, an elevated landscape enriched by the rolling gait of giraffe, the heart-shaped nose of the puku (antelope), and the twilight whoop of the hyena – seemingly unphased by its visitors.

Puku Ridge is affectionately known as the 'Valley of the Leopard,' owing to the park's remarkable population density of these elusive animals. Whether it's during the heat of the day or under the cover of night, sightings of leopards are plentiful and exhilarating.

Post renovation, you'll find enhanced facilities, service and guiding to the highest standard. While maintaining its quality promise, the camp has a reenergised focus on minimising its environmental impact. Relax in the indoor and outdoor lounges with loved ones as you learn about the local wildlife, savour delicious food from the camp restaurant, and take your sundowner out to the campfire as the night awakens.

Why we like it

- Stunning vantage point in the Luangwa Valley where visitors can enjoy a beverage
- Tents have access to a small private tower which can be a bed under the stars
- Views overlooking the waterhole that's popular with local wildlife for incredible encounters and photo opportunities
- Eco-conscious luxury
- Puku Ridge is known as the 'Valley of the Leopard,' owing to the park's remarkable population density and a high chance of spotting one in the wild
- **Our top tip:** after a relaxed dinner around the campfire, watch the elephants at the nearby watering hole with a sundowner in hand

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