



## ZAMBIA & LAKE MALAWI EXPLORER

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, Zambia



15 days from AU\$25,795 pp



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## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Visit Victoria Falls, the 'Smoke That Thunders', plunging a misty 108 metres into narrow Batoka Gorge
- Stay in luxurious and secluded camps and lodges that embody intimacy and romance
- Experience exhilarating safaris on water, land and foot where the wilderness is largely untouched
- Uncover the nocturnal realm with rare night game drives for a whole new perspective
- Settle in for four days of paradise at the luxury Kaya Mawa, on Likoma Island
- Decide on a variety of activities in each location, with plenty of down time to relax and connect



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Zambian side of Victoria Falls**

Arrive in Zambia to a warm A&K welcome and transfer privately to your beautiful lodge nestled on the banks of the Zambezi River, upstream from Victoria Falls. Embodying romance and exclusivity, guests can dine on their own private terrace enjoying the magic of the river.

***Tongabezi / Meals: D***

### **Day 2: Zambian side of Victoria Falls**

Enjoy a full day at Tongabezi, exploring all that the Zambezi River, the national Park and Victoria Falls have to offer. You might like to rise early for a sunrise boat cruise down the river then find a secluded spot for a picnic lunch. Keen anglers can fish, while bird enthusiasts will relish a walk surrounded by exotic bird species. A guided visit to the Zambian side of Victoria Falls with a picnic lunch is breathtaking. If it's culture you're looking for, journey into Livingstone to peruse the museums and markets with a guide or enjoy a tour of a local Simoonga village. Alternatively relax in luxury by the pool before a sunset boat cruise. A visit to Livingstone Island is included during your stay.

***Tongabezi / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Zambian side of Victoria Falls - Lower Zambezi National Park**

Fly to the Lower Zambezi National Park, an area of unspoilt wilderness and a striking sanctuary for wildlife in its natural habitat. Lying on the northern bank of the mighty Zambezi River and covering an area of almost 4,100 sq km, the river's verdant floodplain attracts a variety of species including massive herds of elephant, and a spectacular array of birdlife.

You'll be staying at the luxurious Sausage Tree Camp, in one of five generous 'Signature Tents' featuring private decks with plunge pools, and views over low-set reed islands teeming with game. Settle in and enjoy the view with sundowners.

***Sausage Tree Camp / Meals: BLD***

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### **Days 4-5: Lower Zambezi National Park**

Sausage Tree Camp offers some of the finest game viewing of anywhere in Africa. Its location within the Lower Zambezi National Park on the banks of the Zambezi River means that game-viewing activities take place on the water — by boat and canoe — and on land.

Enjoy two full days exploring the national park with a whole host of activities to choose from. An early morning canoe safari is one of the most serene and exciting ways to explore the Zambezi River. A half-day game drive will bring close encounters with elephant, buffalo, lion and possibly the endangered wild dog, and a guided walking safari will highlight the smaller creatures of the bush.

#### ***Sausage Tree Camp / Meals: BLD***

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

Fly east to Mfuwe where you are met and transferred by light aircraft to remote Sungani, the perfect place for luxurious adventure. The elegant custom-designed tents featuring private decks and plunge pools are edged by a bountiful lagoon and sheltered by magnificent indigenous trees. Settle in for sundowners and a delicious dinner of locally sourced African flavours and fine wines.

#### ***Sungani / Meals: BLD***

### **Days 7-8: South Luangwa National Park**

Spend two full days exploring the magnificent South Luangwa National Park. This world-renowned wildlife haven supports large populations of Thornicroft's giraffe, and herds of elephant and buffalo often several-hundred strong. The vegetation is diverse and keen spotters are rewarded with incredible sightings of lion 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.

#### ***Sungani / Meals: BLD***

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**Day 9: South Luangwa National Park**

This morning, enjoy another guided wildlife experience. Perhaps capture some striking shots at the Sungani photographic hide adjacent to the watering hole. Sit atop the viewing platform on the lagoon and wait to catch a glimpse of the elusive Roan antelope, watch the hippos frolic, or witness a crocodile capture his next meal.

This afternoon, transfer to Kulandila, a traditional bush safari camp on the magnificent banks of the Luangwa River, just slightly upstream from Sungani Lodge. Nestled among towering Lala palms, the luxurious camp consists of four elevated tents that back onto a serene lagoon. Settle in with a dip in the pool and relax on the viewing decks with vast vistas of the Luangwa. Perhaps take a nice long bubble bath while you soak up the sights and sounds. End the day with an unforgettable African Sunset and romantic dining under the stars.

***Kulandila / Meals: BLD***

**Day 10: South Luangwa National Park**

Today, you'll have another opportunity to experience the national park. Pack your binoculars and camera and set off from camp in the cool of the early morning to enhance your chances of seeing game and their prey. At night, a whole new nocturnal realm is yours to experience. Listen in for an array of new noises and notice your sense of smell sharpen as the spotlight illuminates the night in search of big cats and the elusive mongoose.

***Kulandila / Meals: BLD***

**Day 11: South Luangwa National Park - Likoma Island, Lake Malawi**

Take a short flight back to Mfuwe Airport for your onward flight to Likoma Island via Lilongwe. If you could choose an island in Lake Malawi to be romantically castaway on, Likoma would be it. Situated in the north-eastern corner of Lake Malawi, the island is surrounded by crystal clear waters, bone-white beaches, and an abundance of cichlids. Kaya Mawa offers couples and honeymooners an indulgent getaway. Experience sandy bays, lush forests of baobab and mango trees, diverse marine life and warm, smiling locals. Perhaps take your first walk around the bay, relax with a massage at the spa, or take to the turquoise waters for snorkelling.

***Kaya Mawa / Meals: BLD***

**Days 12-14: Likoma Island**

Spend three days of blissful romance relaxing on the island. Diverse marine life, with 400 species of colourful cichlid fish create a magical viewing experience for snorkellers. Keen sailors might like to hop aboard a Topaz for a sailing safari. Perhaps grab a kayak and explore the waters beyond the bay, as colourful fish flash in the clear water below. Feel the warmth of the sun on your back as you glide across the lake on a stand-up paddle board or walk to the Katundu community workshop to meet the smiling locals. Alternatively, simply laze on the beach with a picnic basket, washed down with a glass of South African wine, Malawian beer or a locally distilled gin cocktail.

***Kaya Mawa / Meals: BLD***

**Day 15: Depart Lilongwe**

Fly back to Lilongwe for your onward flight.

***Meals: B***



## Map



## Accommodation

### Sausage Tree Camp, Lower Zambezi



Sausage Tree Camp is the epitome of luxury, deep in the Lower Zambezi National Park, sophisticated comforts come to Zambia in this elegant camp. Accommodation is in luxurious white Bedouin-style tents. The central dining and bar area is fronted by an enormous teak deck overhanging the Zambezi River. The large swimming pool is idyllically situated under shading Mahogany trees. Tents are generously spaced along the Zambezi River bank allowing the elephants to amble in between. Local materials create a minimalist style in which the teak furniture contrasts with pure white fabrics and flowing mosquito nets.

Each of the seven luxury suites have been built close to the edge of the Zambezi River, giving unparalleled views of the wildlife. Each suite boasts a lounge area, bedroom and indoor bathroom with an open air shower. Sliding teak doors open onto private decks complete with an outdoor lounge area and infinity pool.

Each tent has its own personal butler, 24 hour power and plentiful hot and cold treated water. The African inspired fusion cuisine is served in a variety of unexpected locations with impeccable service, white linen and atmospheric candle lighting.

### Why we like it



- Set on the banks of the Zambezi River in the Lower Zambezi National Park
- Host to a maximum of 18 guests
- An intimate and traditional safari experience
- Activities on offer are game drives, boat and canoe activities , bush walks and Tiger Fishing (September - December), and excellent bird watching
- Your own personal butler or Muchindas meaning "attendant to chief" will ensure a very special stay

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