

G A M E P L A N A F R I C A
Journeys of a Lifetime



ZAMBIA CLASSIC

11 nights/12 days

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ITINERARY:

Day 1:

After your arrival at Lusaka International Airport, you will be transferred by light aircraft from Lusaka to Busanga Airstrip. When you arrive at the Busanga Airstrip, you will be transferred by helicopter to Busanga Bush Camp.

Please note that in some instances you may experience a delay at Busanga airstrip & heli pad before your transfer to the lodge - this is due to the limited number of seats available on the helicopter. Depending on your transfer time to the lodge, Wilderness Safaris will make the appropriate arrangements in terms of this connection - a ranger will accompany you at all times.

You will spend 3 nights at **Busanga Bush Camp** with all meals, daily activities, laundry and drinks (excluding premium import brands) included.



The Kafue National Park is 22 500 sq km, one of the largest National Parks in Africa. In the extreme north of the Kafue lie the Busanga Plains – one of Zambia's most significant wetland resources and one of the few areas in the world that remain untouched by development and human activity.

The Busanga Plains cover an area of approximately 750 sq km and Busanga Bush Camp is located in the centre of this wildlife paradise. The Plains are home to hundreds of red lechwe, ubiquitous puku, stately roan and the diminutive oribi. Lichtenstein's hartebeest, herds of wildebeest, zebra and buffalo make for a full set of antelope. This wealth of game on the plains is also a big attraction for predators, including wild dog, cheetah and prides of lion.

Busanga Bush Camp in the northwestern section of the Busanga is about as 'wild' as you can get in today's world: an unfenced mosaic of expansive grassy seasonal floodplains and "dambos" (open grassy areas that sometimes will fill up with rainwater). This camp is perfectly situated for some of the best lion viewing in Africa. It caters to 8 guests in 4 well-appointed rooms built of reed and canvas with wall-to-wall views of the spectacular wildlife that frequents the plain in front of the camp. Activities include game drives and night drives, led by qualified guides who are extremely knowledgeable about the area and its wildlife. For those interested in birding, the park boasts 491 species, including endemics such as Chaplin's Barbet.

Day 4:

You will be transferred by helicopter from Busanga Bush Camp to Busanga Airstrip where you will be transferred by light aircraft to Lusaka Airport.

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On arrival at Lusaka Airport you will fly by light aircraft from Lusaka Airport to Mfuwe Airport. You will then be transferred by light aircraft from Mfuwe Airport to Kalamu Lagoon Camp.

You will spend 3 nights at Kalamu Lagoon Camp where all meals, daily activities, laundry and all drinks (excluding premium import brands) are included.

Kalamu Lagoon Camp is situated in the Luamfwa Concession in the southern sector of the South Luangwa National Park. Accommodation consists of 8 safari-style reed and canvas tents, each en-suite with both an indoor and outdoor shower. The camp's dining and bar area are under a canopy of giant ebony trees overlooking a beautiful permanent lagoon just off the (South) Luangwa River. A pool and viewing deck area located to the side of the camp offer spectacular views of the lagoon. South Luangwa is renowned as the best walking destination in Africa and guests have the choice to explore the Luangwa riverine vegetation and adjacent dambos on guided walks. Other activities include day and night game drives.

The South Luangwa National Park covers about 9 050 sq km of the Luangwa Valley floor, which varies from about 500m to 800m above sea level. Near the banks of the Luangwa the land is fairly flat, and mostly covered with mature woodlands. There are few dense shrubberies but also open areas where beautiful tall trees stand, shading a mixture of small bushes and grassland.

South Luangwa is a nature-lover's paradise that offers both unique bird watching and exciting game viewing. A secretive leopard might be spotted in the dense undergrowth or a herd of buffalo seen drinking at an old oxbow lake framed by giant sausage trees. Puku, impala and waterbuck



are the most conspicuous mammals while bushbuck and Sharpe's grysbok are regularly seen in the denser vegetation. Lion, spotted hyaena and crocodiles head up the food chain here and a plethora of hippo congregate in the Luangwa River. The Luangwa's often-tuskless elephant can be seen foraging for illala palm fruit or wading through the river and night drives here offer not only the chance of that elusive leopard but

also creatures like genet, civet, elephant shrews and white-tailed mongooses. Thornicroft's giraffe is endemic to the Valley and yellow baboons are regularly seen around the camp.

Day 7:

You will be transferred by light aircraft from Kalamu Lagoon Camp to Mfuwe Airstrip to connect with your light aircraft transfer to Chongwe River Camp in the Lower Zambezi.

You will spend 3 nights at Chongwe River Camp with all meals, drinks and scheduled activities included.

Chongwe River Camp is situated on the confluence of the Chongwe and Zambezi Rivers, directly opposite Mana Pools. The Chongwe River is the boundary of the Lower Zambezi National Park, a four thousand square kilometre pristine sanctuary, teeming with game, and said to be one of the continent's most picturesque wilderness areas. The camp itself looks onto the confluence of the two rivers and the mountains of the escarpment to the north. Chongwe River Camp is a family owned and run business situated in a wilderness area; elephant are more numerous than people in our Albida grove. There are no fences and the animals have complete right of way. The chalets are large, well appointed Mulati tents under thatch, with a luxury open air bathroom en suite. The Bathrooms are an experience on their own: shower under the stars or the early morning sunshine. The chef will prepare a wide variety of dishes, which are served at the outdoor dining table. Dining al fresco in the gloaming of an African night, under a canopy of stars with the sounds of the bush as a backdrop, is truly an unforgettable experience. The game viewing is exceptional, and few other places can give guests the choice of game drives in open safari vehicles, guided walking, canoeing or motor boating. Fishing is also a popular option.



Day 10:

You will be transferred by light aircraft from Chongwe River Camp in the Lower Zambezi to Livingstone Airport, where you will then be transferred by road to Toka Leya Camp.

You will spend 2 nights at the **Toka Leya Camp** with all meals, local drinks and scheduled daily game activities included.



Within the western sector of the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park lies Toka Leya Camp, some 12km up from the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1708 metres wide, Victoria Falls is the most expansive curtain of water in the world and drops more than 100 metres into the sheer Zambezi Gorge. The Tonga and Makalolo peoples lived here for centuries before the Falls were 'discovered' by David Livingstone in 1855, who named

them after his queen. Its local name – after which the national park is named – is Mosi-Oa-Tunya, "the Smoke that Thunders," which describes accurately the huge spirals of spray that can be seen 30km away.

The camp overlooks the mighty Zambezi River and some of its islands and comprises 12 spacious en-suite safari-style tents. Wooden walkways snake between the units and main area, limiting our footprint on this pristine area. Tent interiors boast cool wooden flooring, tasteful, uncluttered African décor in earthy hues, climate-control for a cool summer sanctuary and an

expansive wooden deck from which to soak up the views of the Zambezi River. The camp's dining, lounge and bar areas offer ample space for relaxation and are complemented by an infinity pool. The novel pizza oven is a great hit with our younger visitors! A curio shop exhibits a fine selection of local crafts and a variety of spa and massage treatments are available.

Activities include a tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, game drives within Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, river cruises from the camp, guided nature walks and visits to the David Livingstone museums and Simonga Village. Other activities on offer in the area at an additional charge include sunset cruises on outsourced boats such as Lady Livingstone & African Queen, helicopter flights, micro-lighting, canoeing, jet boating and white water rafting.

Game drives into the Mosi-oo-Tunya Park offer sightings of general game species such as buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and impala. There is rich birdlife here too, including several sought-after species such as African Finfoot, Half-collared Kingfisher, African Skimmer (seasonal), Schalow's Turaco and Rock Pratincole (seasonal). Good birding can be enjoyed within the confines of the camp itself, on boat cruises and out on game drives.

The Zambezi River offers some fishing opportunities and tiger fishing is an unforgettable challenge for keen fishermen, particularly during the warmer months (October - December). There are several varieties of bream (Tilapia) which are a good catch.

Day 12:

You will be transferred by road back to Livingstone Airport for your international flight connection.

2011 Costs

Land Cost

June 1 – June 30	US\$8,790.00 per person sharing US\$1,942.00 single supplement
July 1 – October 31	US\$8,936.00 per person sharing US\$1,942.00 single supplement

SAFARI INCLUDES:

- All accommodation as specified
- All meals as specified
- Some hotels/lodges include house wine, beer and local spirits
- Some hotels/lodges include laundry service
- Twice daily game activities at game lodges.
- All excursions/tours and transfers by vehicle as shown
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Park fees

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- All items of a personal nature
- Cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance
- Gratuities to staff
- Any meals, drinks activities, excursions, entrance fees, portorage, tours & transfers which are not specified
- Visa fees
- Airport departure taxes
- Any new Government taxes
- Entrance fee to Victoria Falls