

# Quintessential Zambia



## ITINERARY

### 1 Arrive in Livingstone

Arrive at Livingstone International Airport, transfer to the lodge and overnight. The transfer time is approximately one hour.

Livingstone is a historic colonial city and present capital of Zambia, a tourism centre for the Victoria Falls lying north of the Zambezi River, and a border town with road and rail connections to Zimbabwe on the other side of the Falls. Victoria Falls, described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - 'the Smoke that Thunders' and in more modern terms as 'the greatest known curtain of falling water', they are a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe. A path along the edge of the forest rewards visitors prepared to brave the tremendous spray with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife edge bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Sindabezi Lodge | Silver: Tongabezi | Gold: Royal Chundu Island Lodge

**Meal Plan:** L,D

### 2 Livingstone

See one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World with a trip to Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, and as a non-inclusive activity take a trip to Livingstone Island and a dip in the famous Devil's Pool. Accompanied by your guide, enjoy a canoe safari. Take a relaxed paddle through the water and witness elephants trekking from one side to the other and a new vantage point. Encapsulating the essence of Africa, a cruise down Zambia's glorious Zambezi River at sunset offers wonderful African wildlife sightings in an incredibly romantic setting. Explore the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, the only wildlife park in the area that provides refuge to white rhinos, which are closely protected by anti-poaching units. While on your game drive, keep an eye out for giraffe, buffalo, waterbuck, impala, wildebeest, zebra and diverse bird life. Visit the Livingstone Museum, a place to learn about Zambia's culture and natural heritage.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Sindabezi Lodge | Silver: Tongabezi | Gold: Royal Chundu Island Lodge

**Meal Plan:** B,L,D

### 3 Lower Zambezi National Park

After breakfast, meet your guide in the reception area of the lodge for your transfer to Livingstone International Airport. The transfer time is approximately one hour. Depart by shared light aircraft flight to the Lower Zambezi airstrip (via Lusaka), transfer to the camp and overnight. The flying time is approximately one hour and 20 minutes.

The Lower Zambezi National Park lies opposite the famous Mana Pools Reserve in Zimbabwe, making the entire area on both sides of the river a massive wildlife sanctuary. The rivers edge is overhung with a thick riverine fringe, mostly diasporus, ficus and other riverine species. Further inland is a floodplain fringed with mopane forest and interspersed with winterthorn trees Acacia Albida. The hills that form the backdrop to the park are covered in broadleaf woodland. The Lower Zambezi National Park covers an area of 4,092 square kilometres, but most of the game is concentrated along the valley floor. There is an escarpment along the northern end which acts as a physical barrier to most of the parks animal species. Enormous herds of elephant, some up to 100 strong, are often seen at the rivers edge.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Chongwe River Camp | Silver: Chiawa Camp | Gold: Lolebezi Safari Lodge

**Meal Plan:** B,L,D





#### 4 & 5 Lower Zambezi National Park

The day is at leisure to enjoy the lodge / camp activities.

Game drives are the safest and most effective way to view big game. Usually departing in the early morning, drives can last anywhere from two to four hours depending on what's seen and the requirements of the guests. Once the sun has set, night drives commence. Zambia is one of the few countries that permit night drives, perhaps the most interesting of all safari activities. Pioneered in Zambia, bush walks are essentially a "micro-safari". An armed ranger and qualified and experienced guide will guide you through the wilderness on foot, interpreting spoor, identifying the various flora and fauna, and highlighting conservation issues. River cruises make for relaxed game viewing, photography and bird watching. Although the Zambezi offers many activities, perhaps it is best known for canoeing. No where else is there such a combination of breathtaking scenery, varied wildlife and such interesting channels to paddle through.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Chongwe River Camp | Silver: Chiawa Camp | Gold: Lolebezi Safari Lodge

**Meal Plan:** B,L,D

#### 6 Fly to South Luangwa National Park

Transfer to the airstrip for your shared light aircraft flight to Mfuwe International Airport (via Lusaka), transfer to the camp and overnight. The flying time is approximately one hour and 30 minutes.

South Luangwa National Park is wild and remote. It offers a superb safari - enormity of space, diversity of habitat, large numbers of animals, rarity of species and magnificent lodges. With over 1000 species of mammals and over 420 species of birds as well as various reptiles, insects, amphibians and plants, a safari in South Luangwa emulates traditional African adventures in one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Chikunto Safari Lodge | Silver: Puku Ridge Camp | Gold: Chinzombo Camp

**Meal Plan:** B,L,D

#### 7 & 8 South Luangwa National Park

The days are at leisure to enjoy the camp/lodge activities.

The South Luangwa is home of the walking safari and it remains the best way to experience the sights and sounds of the bush, accompanied by an armed game scout and taking careful note of the wind to mask any scent. The area is home to 60 mammals and over 400 bird species, making it one of the top birding destinations in the world. Take a boat across the river with an experienced guide for a game drive, safari walk or boat cruise (seasonal) to catch sight of lions, leopards and other predator action.

**Overnight:** Bronze: Chikunto Safari Lodge | Silver: Puku Ridge Camp | Gold: Chinzombo Camp

**Meal Plan:** B,L,D

#### 9 Depart

Meet your guide in the reception area of the camp/lodge for your transfer Mfuwe International Airport. The transfer time is approximately two hours. Depart by shared light aircraft charter flight to Lusaka International Airport for your onward flight and journey. The flying time is approximately one hour.

**Meal Plan:** B



## OVERVIEW

2 NIGHTS - LIVINGSTONE

3 NIGHTS - LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

3 NIGHTS - SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

## INCLUDES

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated
- Meet and assist upon arrival at each Airport

## BRONZE & SILVER

- Private transfer from Livingstone International Airport to camp/lodge to Livingstone International Airport.
- Shared light aircraft flight from Livingstone International Airport to Lower Zambezi airstrip via Lusaka to Mfuwe International Airport via Lusaka to Lusaka International Airport

## GOLD

- Scenic helicopter flight from Livingstone Airport to Lodge
- Private road transfer from Lodge to Livingstone International Airport
- Shared light aircraft flight from Livingstone International Airport to Lusaka to Lower Zambezi to Mfuwe International Airport via to Lusaka International Airport.

## EXCLUDES

- Meals not specified
- Champagnes, cognacs, fine wines, premium brand spirits, cigars
- Touring and excursions
- All items of personal nature, telephone calls, curio shop purchases
- Gratuities
- Scheduled and international flights
- Fuel surcharges

## PLEASE NOTE

- From rates are for 2023, per person sharing and based on a minimum of two people and subject to availability and change
- Rates are based on entry level category rooms
- Transfers and guiding with an English speaking driver/ guide
- Seasons are subject to camp/lodge/hotel seasons

