

8-Day Zambia Wildlife Safari

Overview

This 8-day luxury itinerary combines Zambia's most sought-after wildlife regions, including Kafue National Park and the Lower Zambezi. It's designed to showcase Zambia's unique landscapes with a blend of game drives, walking safaris, and river-based activities, perfect for travelers seeking an exclusive, immersive experience.

Day 1: Arrival in Lusaka - Kafue National Park

- **Accommodation: Shumba Camp by Wilderness Safaris**
 - **Flight:** Charter flight from Lusaka to Kafue (approx. 1 hour 45 minutes)
 - **Description:** After arriving in Lusaka, transfer to Kafue National Park, one of Africa's largest and wildest national parks. Settle into Shumba Camp, a luxurious lodge situated in the heart of the Busanga Plains. After lunch, head out for a sunset game drive, encountering herds of lechwe, buffalo, and potentially the elusive cheetah. Return to camp for an al fresco dinner under the stars.
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Day 2-3: Kafue National Park - Game Drives & Hot Air Balloon Safari

- **Accommodation: Shumba Camp**
 - **Description:** Spend the next two days exploring the Busanga Plains, renowned for its seasonal floodplains and rich biodiversity. Begin each morning with a game drive, spotting predators such as lions and leopards. For a unique perspective, take an early morning hot air balloon ride over the plains (seasonal, optional) and witness the sunrise with views of the wildlife from above. During the afternoons, unwind in the camp's lounge or take another game drive, enjoying sundowners while watching wildlife graze.
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Day 4: Transfer to Lower Zambezi National Park

- **Accommodation: Royal Zambezi Lodge**
 - **Flight:** Charter flight from Kafue to Lower Zambezi (approx. 2 hours)
 - **Description:** After breakfast, transfer by charter flight to the Lower Zambezi. Set along the banks of the Zambezi River, Royal Zambezi Lodge offers a perfect blend of luxury and wilderness. Spend the afternoon on a private river cruise, taking in the scenery and spotting hippos, crocodiles, and waterbirds. End the day with a candlelit dinner by the river.
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Day 5-6: Lower Zambezi National Park - Game Drives, Canoeing & Fishing

- **Accommodation: Royal Zambezi Lodge**
 - **Description:** Over the next two days, enjoy a variety of activities that showcase the Lower Zambezi's unique landscape. Mornings can begin with a game drive along the riverbanks, where elephants, buffalo, and antelope gather. Embark on a guided canoe safari, paddling along quiet channels as you approach wildlife undisturbed. Another highlight is fishing for tigerfish (catch and release), a signature experience in the Lower Zambezi. Enjoy evenings with sundowners by the fire and gourmet dinners at the lodge.
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Day 7: Transfer to South Luangwa National Park

- **Accommodation: Mfuwe Lodge**
 - **Flight:** Charter flight from Lower Zambezi to South Luangwa (approx. 1 hour 45 minutes)
 - **Description:** Transfer from the Lower Zambezi to South Luangwa National Park, Zambia's premier wildlife destination. Settle into Mfuwe Lodge, renowned for its luxury and proximity to wildlife, including elephants that sometimes wander through the lobby! Enjoy an afternoon game drive, with opportunities to spot leopards, giraffes, and zebras. Conclude the day with a sumptuous dinner overlooking the Luangwa River.
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Day 8: South Luangwa National Park - Walking Safari & Departure

- **Accommodation: Day-use room at Mfuwe Lodge**
 - **Description:** Begin your final day with an early morning walking safari, a South Luangwa specialty. Guided by experienced rangers, walk through the bush to learn about animal tracks, plant life, and smaller wildlife. After a leisurely brunch back at the lodge, freshen up and prepare for your transfer to Mfuwe Airport for your onward flight. Depart Zambia with memories of its pristine wilderness, intimate encounters with wildlife, and the luxurious lodges that made this safari unforgettable.
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Luxury Highlights Summary

- **Exclusive Lodges:** Shumba Camp in Kafue, Royal Zambezi Lodge, and Mfuwe Lodge in South Luangwa
- **Diverse Activities:** Hot air balloon ride over Kafue, game drives, walking safari, canoeing, tigerfish fishing, and river cruises
- **Prime Wildlife Viewing:** Large lion prides, leopards, elephants, unique birdlife, and rare sightings like cheetahs and wild dogs

This 8-day itinerary offers a comprehensive luxury safari through Zambia's most iconic landscapes, blending exclusive accommodations with a variety of activities to ensure a rich and dynamic safari experience.