



ON SAFARI IN AFRICA

with Ken Duncan 2020

SOUTH LUANGWA & LOWER ZAMBEZI VALLEYS, ZAMBIA

Brief Itinerary

- 6 Sept - tour starts in Lusaka, Zambia (following your optional pre-tour extension).
 - 7 to 11 Sept - 4 x nights at Anabezi Camp, Lower Zambezi NP.
 - 11 Sept - fly Lower Zambezi to Mfuwe (South Luangwa).
 - 11 to 15 Sept - 4 x nights at Lion Camp, South Luangwa NP.
 - 15 Sept - return flight to Lusaka to meet your onward connections (or post tour extension).
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Detailed Itinerary

6th Sept

Our tour starts on your arrival into Lusaka, Zambia's capital *. After clearing immigration, you will be transferred to our Lusaka hotel, Latitude 15.

Latitude 15 is set amidst the beautiful tree-lined avenues on the south-east corner of Lusaka, 20 minutes to the city centre and 30 minutes from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. With 34 spacious guest rooms, a restaurant, bar, lounge and poolside terrace Latitude 15 blends modern Africa with a cosmopolitan twist. There is also a private members' club - The Other Side - which offers all hotel guests a separate dining, drinking, networking and socialising den, a heated pool, a gym, a spa, a contemporary set of workspaces and a series of music, art, fashion, business and party events.

Overnight Latitude 15 (Dinner, bed & breakfast).



Contemporary furnishing at Latitude 15 in Lusaka

* Depending on whether you are participating in any of our pre-tour extensions you may be arriving into Lusaka from Victoria Falls, Kafue or Johannesburg.

7th Sept

Following breakfast, we will return to Lusaka airport catch our 10am flight to Jeki airstrip deep inside the Lower Zambezi NP (a 35-minute scenic flight over the Zambezi escarpment and into the Zambezi Valley). We will be met and transferred to Anabezi Camp by open 4x4 safari vehicles taking in the landscapes of the Zambezi Valley on route.

After a brief introductory talk, you will be taken to your rooms to freshen up prior to lunch. A selection of activities (game drive, boating, canoeing) are available in the afternoon and will be discussed with the group following lunch.

Overnight **Anabezi Camp** (Fully inclusive).



Luxurious safari lodging at its best, Anabezi

Located in the north-western sector of the Lower Zambezi National Park, **Anabezi Camp** is made up of twelve spacious, secluded tents, each raised on timber platforms to give you a magnificent view of the Zambezi River and foreshore. Each tent features an indoor and outdoor bathroom, a spacious sitting area, two teak double beds (or one king sized bed) with mosquito nets, a private deck, and a plunge pool overlooking the wonders of the Zambezi floodplain.

Activities on safari at Anabezi Camp:

Game drives

Open 4x4 vehicles make it easy for you to follow the animals as they spend their days roaming the woodlands and open plains of the Park. From lazy lions, to buffalos, herds of elephant and countless antelope to mention only a few. Let Anabezi's experienced guides teach you about their natural world, while giving you some truly memorable photographic moments. It is also a feature of the Park that you can also explore further after the sun goes down - spot the big cats as they patrol or hunt at night and look out for the less-noticed nocturnal species: leopard, porcupine, armadillo and genet - along with a beautiful starry African sky.

Boating on the Zambezi River

Explore the river bank, islands and channels along the Zambezi River on a custom-built motor boat - the most comfortable way to discover the wildlife, plants and birdlife (with a cooling drink in hand). From fish eagles to crocodiles, hippos and buffalos, make the most of the open water as you gently cruise the river and enjoy the stunning sunsets (with a cocktail and a delicious assortment of snacks).

Canoeing (for the more adventurous)

The Zambezi River is the fourth largest river in Africa, and what better way to explore it than by canoe. Each canoeing trip is led by an experienced guide, who not only has a vast knowledge of the animals, plants, fish and birds that reside alongside, and in the river, but also the water conditions too. This is a uniquely intimate and authentic adventure experience - truly once-in-a-lifetime.

Guided walking

Usually leaving first thing in the morning to take advantage of the cooler weather, our walking safaris are a great way to acquaint yourself with all the wonders around you. With guides who will point out various birds, plants and insects, offering you interesting details and facts, you'll not only get up close and personal with the wildlife, but learn a lot too.



8th to 11th Sept

Being in a secluded part of the Lower Zambezi National Park, we will not see any other vehicles and will have this very productive area all to ourselves. Whilst game drives will be the mainstay of our activities, we do also have the choice of morning walks with a qualified guide, afternoon boating excursions and canoe safaris on the Zambezi River. Each offers a distinctive perspective on the wildlife viewing/photography and we recommend sampling each at least once over the 4 days.

Overnights **Anabezi Camp** (Fully inclusive).

11th Sept

This morning, after a relaxed breakfast, we will transfer back to Jeki airstrip for our charter flight to South Luangwa. On arrival we will be met at Mfuwe Airport and transferred to Lion Camp in open 4x4 safari vehicles, taking in the sights as we game drive to the lodge for lunch.

After a brief introductory talk, you will be taken to your rooms to freshen up and get ready for the afternoon game drive.

Overnight **Lion Camp** (Fully inclusive).



Looking out from the central dining area at Lion Camp

Lion Camp is located in the northernmost reaches of South Luangwa National Park, away from the busier central region to ensure an authentic wilderness experience without the congestion of other vehicles for an unforgettable wildlife experience.

Lion Camp has been delivering truly memorable safari experiences in South Luangwa for the past 10 years and continues to delight our seasoned travellers with a newly renovated, chic, bespoke experience in a setting of understated luxury.

Lion Camp is independent and individual, a main lodge linked to 10 suites by elevated wooden walkways, offering the unique experience of an unfenced lodge, stretching along the length of a tranquil oxbow stream, where game and birds are plentiful, all season.

In the absence of fences, game moves freely through the camp. With a healthy population of lion, leopard, buffalo and giraffe in the immediate area, as well as elephant, hippo, bushbuck, and antelope regularly seen around the lodge, you are guaranteed an amazing safari experience, whether in camp or on drive.



Luxury accommodation - Lion Camp

12th to 15th Sept

We have three full days to explore this game rich region in search of photographic opportunities with each day bringing different rewards.

Being a private group, and having no set schedule, we will immerse ourselves in this breathtaking wilderness - setting out early and returning late to make the best use of the light. On our day-time drives on open 4x4 vehicles (morning and afternoon with a break for lunch either 'out' or back at camp), we will seek out the region's big attractions - lion, leopard, wild dog, elephant, buffalo, hippo, giraffe, and zebra.

Once the light has faded and the sun has set, we will stop for a celebratory sundowner drink (a safari tradition that combines a 'medicinal' end of day drink with a 'comfort stop' and a leg stretch) before heading back to camp using a spotlight to highlight any nocturnal activity. The Luangwa Valley features an assortment of Ebony forests, water channels, leadwood and mopane woodlands as well as open grasslands and riverine forest - habitat for a vast assortment of species of all sizes.

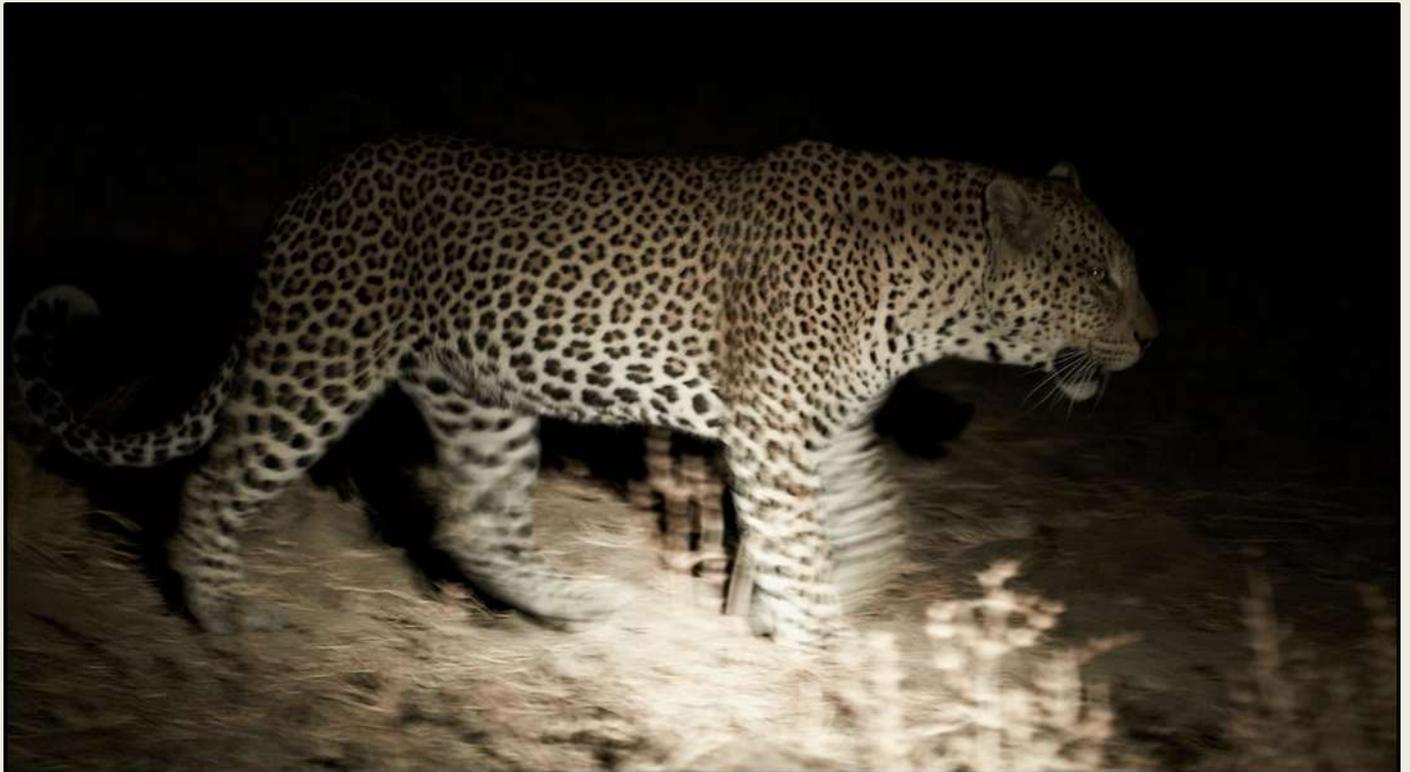
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Activities on safari at Lion Camp:

Game drives

Lion Camp is based in one of the most abundant game-viewing areas in Africa and therefore delights with its daily game drives. Game viewing during the dry season is spectacular with lions, leopard, wild dog, large herds of elephant and buffalo, incredible bird viewing, unique Thornicroft's giraffe, Cookson's wildebeest and the Crawshay's zebra and with the highest concentration of hippo in Africa.

Never a dull moment on drive at Lion Camp.



Encountering the night life is part of the fun in Zambia

Our exclusive area of the Park offers seasoned travellers a distinctive landscape with woodlands interspersed with open grasslands and scenic views of the meandering Luangwa River. Visit the Leadwood forest, large Ebony groves, spectacular Mahogany & Sausage Trees, and the amazingly spectacular Baobab Forest.

Be your interest birds, wildlife or landscape, Lion Camp is a photographer's dream.

Guided walking

South Luangwa is well known for its walking safaris - a very different experience to being on game drive; just the quiet solitude of Africa. On foot you are brought directly in touch with the land, wilderness and ecosystem of the bush. It is genuinely humbling and breathtaking to set out with your guide (and scout) and immerse yourself in this wonderful wilderness, sharing the same space with the wild animals - on foot.

15th Sept

After a final morning game drive (or guided walk) we say goodbye to life on safari and return to Lusaka, taking advantage of a scenic flight over the Zambezi valley to photograph its waterways, islands and escarpment from the air.

For those who have selected a **post tour extension** (or other destination) you will connect directly from Lusaka to your next destination (be it onward to Livingstone or the Kafue NP).

End of arrangements.



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