

ZAMBIA: SOUTH LUANGWA
NATIONAL PARK SAFARI





INTRODUCTION

South Luangwa National Park may be the best kept safari secret in all of Africa. Founded in 1972, this unique conservation area, laden with wildlife, has long-since been a place for seasoned safari-goers and adventurers looking to experience “real Africa”.

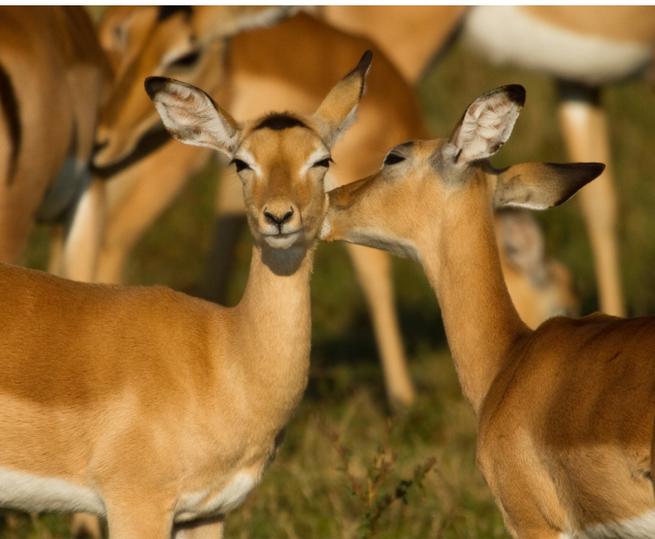
South Luangwa has played host to legends that pioneered the walking safari here. To this day, South Luangwa remains as one of the best parks to explore by foot with the chance to be accompanied by some of the most celebrated walking safari guides in the business.

The Luangwa River is the lifeline of the park, allowing for deep vegetation to sustain a myriad of plant and wildlife species with particularly excellent sightings for hippos and birds. Predators also abound - the area being well regarded for its lion, leopard, and wild dog populations.

Guests to the park will enjoy small, singular safari lodges to experience Zambia’s exceptional game viewing in complete comfort.

Begin your safari with 2 nights in the award-winning Mfuwe Lodge, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World that gained fame for the elephants that saunter through the lobby on occasion.

If time permits, move north, deeper into the park to experience tented camps and spend the night under starlit African skies.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY: 2 NIGHTS, 3 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive into South Luangwa National Park

Fly from Lusaka, Zambia's capital city, to the Mfuwe airstrip. Your guide will be waiting to assist with your transfer to Mfuwe Lodge.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted with a refreshing welcome beverage and left to relax and freshen up before embarking on an exhilarating afternoon game drive. At around 3:00 pm, head into the bush with your guide, keeping an eye out for elephant, lion, wild dog, leopard, hyena, and more.

Enjoy a sundowner and stunning views as the setting sun slowly nears the horizon line, casting a red glow overhead. Return to camp on a game drive in the early evening, when wildlife is most active and it is easiest to spot elusive creatures like porcupine and jackal.

Enjoy your evening by the fire, sharing stories of the day's wildlife sightings and indulging in gourmet cuisine inspired by local traditions.

Day 2: Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

Wake early this morning to set off for another game drive when lions love to lie on the roads to absorb the heat, leopards who prefer to hunt at dawn, and other skittish animals are still about, completing their daily rituals before the heat of the sun sends them back to the shade.

Lunch will be held back at camp, where a delicious spread will be waiting for your return. Fresh fruit, a cool dip in the pool, and the prospect of a lazy siesta will beckon you back to Mfuwe while the heat of the day seems to slow time.

Feeling rested and rejuvenated, head back into the bush in the afternoon for another safari capped with another sundowner and evening drive back in time for dinner - the perfect bookend to an ideal day in South Luangwa.

Day 3: Return to Lusaka and Connect with Onward Flight

After a hearty breakfast, transfer back to the Mfuwe airstrip for your flight to Lusaka. Arrive into Lusaka and connect with your onward flight home.



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Day 2: Game Drive and Transfer to Tented Camp

Rise early today for breakfast as you will set off before the sun has fully risen to explore the park. With the slow crunch of dirt below the tires of your 4x4, guided by the sounds of warning calls from birds, scan nearby areas for indications of recent hunting activity. If you are lucky, you may have the experience of witnessing a lion or leopard kill first hand.

Continue your game drive to the site of your isolated tented camp, where a delightful lunch will be waiting for you.

This afternoon, embark on another game drive from your new location, exploring interesting sites and tracking game species big and small. End your drive with a sundowner drink and snacks with an exceptional view, and return to camp after a fruitful day in time for dinner and an evening spent in utter peace in the Zambian wilderness.



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Days 3-4: Two full days in South Luangwa. Safari and Overnight in Tented Camp.

Wake up early this morning for a light breakfast of tea, coffee, fruit and cakes served around the firepit in the camp's main area. Based on your preference, embark on another morning game drive, or set off by foot on an expertly guided walking safari - an ideal way to get closer than ever to nature and discover the smaller narratives of the bush.

After an exciting morning, return to camp in time for brunch, a communal buffet served in the main Chitenge. Take some time to relax, nap, or just take in the sights and sounds around camp before afternoon tea and an afternoon bush walk or game drive. Sip refreshing sundowners with the sunset, and look for nocturnal species on a night drive back to camp.

This evening, you will have time to enjoy drinks at the bar as you reminisce on the days' experiences before dinner, a gourmet three-course communal meal, followed by a fireside chat under the stars.

Day 5: Departure

Depart with your guide early this morning to the Mfuwe Airstrip from where you will fly back to Lusaka in time to connect with your international departure flight home.

Please note, depending on the Mfuwe/Lusaka flight times, it may require another overnight stay at Mfuwe Lodge, given the road transfer time.

This itinerary can be tailored to include a longer or shorter safari.

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