



# SOUTH LUANGWA

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

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## ABOUT SOUTH LUANGWA

Experts have dubbed South Luangwa to be one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world, and not without reason.

The concentration of animals around the Luangwa River, and its oxbow lagoons, is among the most intense in Africa. The Luangwa River is the most intact major river system in Africa and is the life-blood of this 9059 km<sup>2</sup> Park. The Park hosts a wide variety of wildlife, birds and vegetation. The now famous 'walking safari' originated in this Park and is still one of the finest ways to experience Africa's pristine wilderness first-hand. The changing seasons add to the Park's richness, ranging from; dry, bare bushveld in the winter, to a lush, green wonderland in the summer months. There are 60 different animal species and over 400 different bird species in South Luangwa National Park. The only notable exception is the rhino, sadly poached to extinction.

With about 400 of Zambia's 732 species of birds appearing in the Park, including 39 birds of prey and 47 migrant species, there is plenty for the birdwatcher to spot, whatever the season. An interest in the vegetation of Zambia will enhance your experience of the bush. Some magnificent trees and plants grow in the Luangwa Valley and it certainly adds to the richness of one's experience to be able to recognize the different tree species and to discover exotic wildflowers. Among the more common trees in the valley are the mopane, leadwood, winterthorn, the tall vegetable ivory palm, the marula and the magnificent tamarind tree. There are some magnificent baobab specimens and a few large ebony forests to admire.



## PEAK SEASON FOR WILDLIFE

The best time for watching wildlife in South Luangwa National Park is during the dry season, which takes place from July to October. The Luangwa River becomes a gathering place for animals during the dry season, as they emerge from the high-temperature, bush areas in search of the refreshment of the river's clean water.

The park is renowned for its high leopard population and these elusive cats are commonly seen on night drives. The park is also home to large elephant herds and there are a great number of hippo and crocodile in the river. Lions are commonly seen and it is the only place in the world where they are known to kill hippos.



## PHOTOGRAPHY

Samuel Cox, your photographic host, first visited South Luangwa back in 2012 and ever since has been looking to go back and share its magnificence with others. Now, exactly a decade later, the trip is finally happening for this limited and exclusive time only. This photo safari has been carefully developed to make sure it offers guests the absolute best experience possible.

Travelling during peak season gives us the opportunity for action-packed game viewing when animal interactions are more abundant and furious, but without the extreme heat (and less mosquitos). Sam will be with you on every single game drive, offering photographic advice and guidance to make sure you get the best shots possible at every given opportunity, and back at camp he'll be providing additional tuition and editing assistance - ensuring you leave with a new portfolio of diverse and amazing images.



## ACCOMMODATION

Your camp is a classic Zambian lodge combining all the essentials for a great safari, including its spectacular location at the edge of the floodplain. Your shared safari chalets stand on raised wooden platforms and have thatched roofs and private viewings decks. Each room comes with mosquito nets, ceiling fans and a coffee making set.

Your camp also offers an intimate spa, with a variety of massages and treatment choices, designed to spoil you with a moment of pure bliss and relaxation - perfect to unwind inbetween game drives!

Alternatively, spend time in the wildlife hide! The floodplain and waterhole in front of the lounge is a haven for all sorts of animals, be it a family of elephants, a few giraffes or the resident fish eagle - there is always something to observe and photograph.

You will never go hungry with early morning tea, buffet brunches, afternoon tea, sundowners and ending the day with a four-course dinner, usually under the stars. The cuisine is inspired by Africa's rich cultural heritage and is sophisticated, tasty and healthy. No matter what your dietary restrictions are, the chefs will be happy to prepare delectable dishes to please all palates.



# ITINERARY

## DAY ONE:

Sam will meet you at Arrivals at Mfuwe airport on the day of your arrival. From there you will be transported to the lodge, which is approximately a 45 minute drive. We aim to arrive at our lodge in time for people to settle in, take in their new surroundings and enjoy High Tea before heading out for the first of many game drives.

## DAY TWO - SEVEN:

Below is an example of what to expect in terms of a daily routine.

<b>05:30</b>	→	<b>05:45</b>	→	<b>06:15</b>	→	<b>11:30</b>	→	<b>11:30 - 15:30</b>	→	<b>15:30</b>	→	<b>16:00</b>	→	<b>20:00</b>
WAKE UP CALL		MORNING TEA		MORNING GAME DRIVE		BUFFET BRUNCH		PHOTO TUITION OR DOWN TIME		AFTERNOON TEA		AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE		4-COURSE DINNER

## DAY EIGHT:

An final morning game drive is complimented by a short breakfast before being transported back to Mfuwe airport.



## INCLUDED / EXCLUDED

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- Meet and greet at Mfuwe airport
- Road transfer from Mfuwe airport to Lodge
- Seven nights accommodation
- All meals and drinks
- Laundry service
- Twice daily game drives on private group vehicle
- Photographic guidance and tuition throughout
- All reserve and conservation fees
- Return road transfer from Lodge to Mfuwe airport

### EXCLUDED

- Flights / travel to Mfuwe from country or province of origin
- Premium alcoholic drinks
- Travel / health insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips for lodge staff and guide
- Rented or borrowed camera / computer equipment



# WHAT TO BRING

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Mirrorless camera or DSLR  
Telphoto or zoom lens  
Wide angle lens  
Plenty of batteries and memory cards  
Laptop with Adobe Lightroom classic  
External hard-drive  
Memory card reader (if needed)  
All charging cables and power adaptors

## OTHER

Comfortable clothing  
(Neutral colours are best)  
Fleece or warm jacket  
Beanie, scarf & gloves  
(it can be cold due to  
the wind chill factor)  
Comfortable walking shoes  
Sunglasses, Hat & Sunblock  
Travel / Health insurance  
Insect repellent  
Cash (US Dollars)  
Any chronic medication



## EXTRA INFORMATION

### CURRENCY:

Zambia uses US Dollars for its currency and is worth organising some cash to bring with before travelling

### VISA:

All visitors require a tourist visa to enter Zambia and this is easily obtained upon arrival at the airport. Upon leaving the country, all guests must pay a USD \$25 departure tax. Both of these are a lot easier to pay for with cash, so please make sure you have notes available and easily accessible upon arrival and departure times

### MALARIA:

South Lunanga is in a malaria area, so it's important you talk to a medical practitioner about anti-malarial medication before departure for the trip

### TIPPING:

It is customary to tip good service in Zambia and an acceptable amount is usually 10 - 15%. However, during our trip the only time you need to worry about tipping the lodge at the end of your stay. We recommend approximately \$150 for the lodge - which will see that money distributed fairly amongst all staff

### ELECTRICITY:

Power points are UK plugs, so please make sure to have the correct adaptors to charge your equipment and gadgets

### EXTRA PAYMENTS:

Should you need to pay a bill at the end of your stay, Kafunta accepts Visa and Mastercard, but they pass on a small percentage surcharge. They cannot take Amex. Cash payments may be made in Zambian kwacha or US dollars

### INTERNAL FLIGHTS:

The internal flights from Lusaka to Mfuwe (and back) have a strict luggage weight allowance of 15kg. However, additional bundles of 15kg can easily be added at the time of booking online to ensure you're able to travel with your needed camera equipment. These bundles cost roughly USD \$30. The total dimension of each checked in bag must not exceed 30kg or 157 cms/61 ins. - add the length, width and height of your luggage to obtain its total dimensions

## PRICING

Group size is strictly limited to a maximum of six guests to ensure space and comfort on game drive vehicles and efficient and plentiful tuition.

Cost in GBP per person:

£4,500  
based on 2x people sharing pr room

£5,000  
single supplement



## BOOKING

In order to book your spot on this photographic safari, please simply get in touch with us at RAW Photographic via our website, e-mail or by directly messaging us on any of our social media platforms as listed below and we look forward to chatting with you about this incredible adventure!

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