



BACK TO BASICS - BEST OF THE BUSHCAMPS SAFARI
Valid 01 July – 31 October 2019

Day 1 Arrive in Lusaka and connect through to your onward flight to Mfuwe.

Flight from Lusaka to Mfuwe Proflight Zambia
0715/0825, 1040/1150 or 1630/1740

You will be met at Mfuwe airport by one of our safari guides and transferred by road to camp (+/- 30 minutes)

Day 1-4 **JACKALBERRY TREEHOUSE AT FLATDOGS CAMP – 3 nights**

Flatdogs Camp is situated on the Luangwa River in the southern Mfuwe area of the South Luangwa National Park; an area where the wildlife has been protected for so many years that game almost entirely ignores safari vehicles, so we are lucky to have some extraordinarily exciting sightings of predators as well as their prey.

You will be staying here at Flatdogs in the unique Jackalberry Treehouse, your own private eyrie looking out onto a floodplain



dotted with acacia and sausage trees. The Treehouse has been created from three teak platforms built around three living Mchenja trees (African Ebony or Jackalberry tree).

The whole of the front of the Treehouse is open, allowing you to



sleep “under the stars” and feel part of this thrilling landscape where you may be

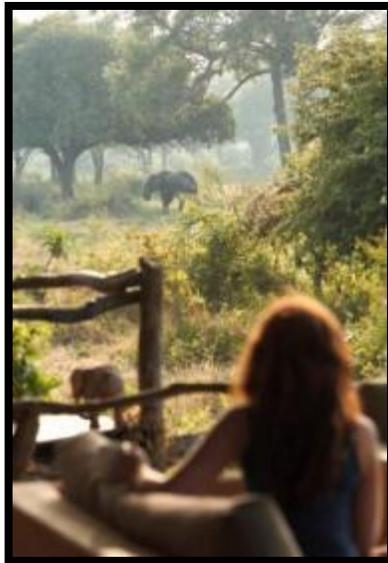


awoken by a family of elephant taking an early morning mud-bath in front of you. Set away from the rest of camp, and surrounded by fairly thick indigenous trees and bushes, we need to transfer you to and from the house by vehicle for safety. You will have a hand held radio at the Treehouse so you can call to order meals or a vehicle to come and collect you.



In the afternoons, you will be collected from the Treehouse by your

safari guide at around 3.30pm and driven up to the main courtyard at camp to meet the rest of us for tea. You and your guide will then start to explore this part of the Park, listening out for alarm calls to follow and enjoying the various habitats found in this area. You will stop most likely at a scenic spot on the river or a lagoon to watch



the infamous African sunset and for night to fall before continuing on with a spotlight, looking for some of our local predators. Lion, leopard, hyena, fishing owl, honey badger and genet are some of the nocturnal species regularly seen. You will return to camp as the park closes at 8pm, in time for dinner which you can either have at the main camp, or on your deck at the Treehouse.

In the mornings, your guide will pick you up at around 0530 and bring you up to the main part of camp where you can take a light breakfast of toast and cereal before heading into

the Park to further explore or maybe return to an exciting sighting from the night before to see what has developed. Guides here in the South Luangwa have to take in depth examinations in order to qualify as professional guides and are specialist naturalists, knowledgeable in all aspects of the Park, from the wildlife and birds, to the trees and shrubs on which they feed, animal behaviour & ecology, conservation principles and the history of the Park.



Usually we return to camp just after ten in time for either a big cooked breakfast or a brunch type lunch, whichever you prefer? Our a la carte restaurant is open all day, so you can choose to eat when you are hungry. You can then relax during the heat of the day, sitting in the Treehouse watching what game comes to the waterhole, or head up to camp to sit on the river bank next to the swimming pool, or if you are interested in seeing more of the Mfuwe area, we can happily



organize to take you up to the village where you can spend a couple of hours visiting the local markets, the local schools we are supporting, the rural health clinic, the nearby anti-poaching base and some of the local conservation and community projects. The safari package includes your private accommodation in the Treehouse, all meals, shared safari activities, National Park Entry fees, LCCF, laundry, WiFi and airport and inter-camp transfers. Not included are drinks other than tea and coffee or items of a personal nature like shop purchases.

Day 4

This morning we will set off at 6am with your luggage packed and ready and drive off north towards our meeting point at Fish Eagle lagoon inside the National Park. We do this transfer as a game drive, aiming to reach the half way point at around 0830 for a short break before your next hosts drive you onto your remote walking bushcamp.



Day 4-7

MAPAZI CAMP – 3 nights

This truly authentic bushcamp is the pride and joy of your guide and



host, Deb Tittle. Deb has been guiding in the Luangwa for over 25 years and has a deep passion for the area and animals who make it their home. Her love is the excitement of walking in remote areas; she is

particularly happy if she can find cats on foot and quietly track them to get sightings not usually possible from a vehicle. Deb's knowledge of all other aspects of this environment is legendary, from birds, to grasses, seeds to insects and her enthusiasm is inspiring. She has trained several generations of safari guides in the Luangwa to her exacting standards and started the careers of many of the guides still working in the valley. Mapazi camp is only open for 5 months of the



year so it is in the style of a mobile tented camp, with minimum impact on the environment. The tents are airy and have private flush toilet, hot shower and basin in the private "bathing tent" a few steps away. The camp is simple but provides guests with all they need in between the fascinating walks – fully refrigerated drinks and good wholesome meals. All meals, local drinks, safari activities, Park and Conservation fees, laundry and transfers are included. Not included are premium spirits or champagnes. Please be aware that because this is such a remote camp there is no cell phone signal. Mapazi provides the opportunity for all guests to



immerse themselves in nature for the duration of their stay. The camp is a Wi-Fi - free retreat.

Day 7 You will be transferred back down through the Park to Flatdogs for a last night in the luxury tents at camp for a different view of the Luangwa.

Day 7-8 **FLATDOGS CAMP – 1 night**

The luxury ensuite safari tents offer you a different experience of the camp, now at ground level with large windows all around the tent so you can see and hear the animals feeding in camp as well



as the hippopotamus honking to each other in the river in front of you! The tents are spacious with king or twin beds, large mosquito net, electric lights and plug sockets for re-charging batteries (UK style plug sockets). The luxury tents have semi open ensuite bathrooms with hot shower, WC and basin. All meals, shared safari activities, National Park Entry fees, LCCF, laundry, WiFi and airport and inter-camp transfers. Not included are drinks other than tea and coffee or items of a personal nature like shop purchases.

Day 8 You will be transferred back to Mfuwe airport for the flight to the Lower Zambezi.

Mfuwe – Jeki
1110/1240

Proflight Zambia

You will be collected from Jeki airstrip and transferred to your first fly camp.



Day 8-12 **TUSK & MANE BUSHCAMPING EXPERIENCE – 4 nights**



Tusk and Mane are the only operators in the Lower Zambezi National Park offering more of a natural wildlife experience. They prefer to show their guests more of an authentic wilderness adventure based from either their Chula island or Kutali fly camps. With a four night stay, you will

also get to enjoy an overnight fly camp in a different site to experience even more of the Park. Game viewing is totally flexible but is primarily on foot or on the canoes from both camps, however you are also welcome to try game drives, boat cruises and fishing if you would like a change? The camps are very simple, built as the



explorers would have made their mobile camps as they explored these areas, back in the day. The tents have large mosquito gauzed windows and the main dining tent is set under the stars,



next to the campfire. Each tent has private ensuite bucket shower, flushing toilet and washbasin with a mirror.



In the mornings, you will rise early with the light before walking through the winterthorn forest, listening for alarms and following tracks before returning to camp for lunch. In the afternoon you might canoe down “discovery channel” in the peace of the afternoon light before cruising back by boat to camp. On day 3 of the adventure



you may set off for a longer walking safari, pausing for a bush breakfast on the infamous Jeki plains. After sustenance, you can walk back to the base camp before packing a night bag and taking a boat cruise along the mighty Zambezi, enjoying the sights of the river. You will arrive at sunset at your fly camp where a real bush dinner awaits. In the morning you might canoe down river before meeting a game-viewing vehicle and continuing on a game drive before returning to your base camp for lunch. Your Tusk & Mane bushcamp experience includes all meals, game-viewing activities, drinks, laundry, National Park Entry fees and airstrip transfers.

Day 12 You will be transferred back to Jeki airstrip for your flight back to Lusaka at the end of your Lower Zambezi adventures.

Jeki – Lusaka
1255/1330 or 1650/1725

Proflight Zambia

End Services in Lusaka

TOTAL COST PER PERSON SHARING ACCOMMODATION: US\$8238.00

This quote includes all internal flights as described, airport departure taxes, all accommodation on full board basis, all safari activities, National Park Entry fees, Conservation fees and levies, laundry, drinks while at Mapazi and Tusk & Mane camps and all inter-camp and airport transfers.

Not included in this quote are tourist visas for Zambia, drinks while at Flatdogs Camp or items of a personal nature.