



## BUSH & LAKE SAFARI ITINERARY

The South Luangwa National Park is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, this never-disturbed valley provides sanctuary for lion, leopard, wild dog and hyaena as well as buffalo, hippopotamus, giraffe & zebra. After a busy safari, how better to relax than on the lakeshore, with freshwater lapping a pristine beach in the no less beautiful natural environment of Nankoma island on Lake Malawi.

Day 1 Lusaka – Mfuwe Proflight Zambia  
1030/1140 or 1610/1720 depending on the day of the week

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

Day 1-5 **FLATDOGS CAMP – LUXURY SAFARI TENT - 4 nights**

The luxury ensuite safari tents offer you a back to nature taste of the wild, with

large windows all around the tent so you can see and hear the animals feeding in camp. The tents are



spacious with either a king-size bed or two single beds inside a large mosquito net, electric lights and plug sockets for re-charging batteries (UK style plug sockets).

There is also a room safe and tea and coffee-making facilities. The tents have a semi-open bathroom at the back of the tent with hot shower, flush loo and basin.



Since you will probably arrive in the afternoon on the first day, we will show you into camp and give you a safety talk on what to do when you see animals in camp, before you can freshen up and then head to the bar/restaurant to enjoy some refreshment and dinner before retiring to your tent to be serenaded by the nearby hippo!

In the morning, it's an early start so you can make the most of the light and when the animals are at their most active. We offer you an early breakfast of toast and cereal, tea and coffee at 05h30 before you head out at 06h00 on a morning safari, exploring the park, taking the sightings as they come, with your guide detailing all you



are seeing and adding interesting observations drawn from his years of experience in the Park. You will head back to camp at around 10h00, in time for breakfast or a brunch/lunch type meal – whichever you prefer? Then there is time to relax during the hottest part of the day, enjoying a dip in the pool perhaps or a siesta after your early start? If you prefer to stay active, then we shall find you plenty of other interesting things to do! If you are interested in village life in rural Zambia, we can happily organize a visit to the nearby Mfuwe village, including our anti-poaching base and some of the local community projects, including schools, we are supporting in this area.

In the afternoon, we meet again in the courtyard at around 3.30pm, for



some tea (hot or iced!) before heading back into the Park with your guide for the afternoon safari. The South Luangwa National Park is one of the last few undisturbed wilderness areas in Southern Africa. The habitat has been left untouched since life first began. Our guides take

huge pride in their work, being able to identify numerous alarm calls and to track animals and try to anticipate their next move so as to position you for the best sightings.

As the sun starts to dip towards the horizon, your guide will aim to find a good spot to stop so you can stretch your legs and watch the sun set with a cold drink in hand... Then, once it's nearly dark, you will carry on game-viewing with a spotlight, searching for some of our interesting nocturnal residents, like the leopard, lion, porcupine, civet, genet, owls and hyaena. You will return to camp just after 8pm when the Park closes, in time for dinner and to relive your sightings with us!

Your stay at Flatdogs includes your accommodation in a luxury safari tent, all meals, two game viewing activities per day, National Park Entry fees, an hour's internet per day, laundry and return airport transfers. Not included are drinks or items of a personal nature.



#### Day 5

You will be transferred back to Mfuwe airport in time for check in for your light aircraft flight to Lilongwe. You will need to pay international airport departure taxes of US\$40 per person in cash before you fly off in your small plane.

Flight from Mfuwe to Lilongwe  
1200/1300 (Tues, Thurs & Sat only)

Ulendo Airlink

Once you have completed immigration formalities, you will be met by the transfer driver from Blue Zebra Lodge who will drive you to the Lakeshore to meet the boat which will take you across to Nankoma island. The drive will take around 2 hours and the boat takes 20 minutes to cross to the island.

Day 5-9

### **BLUE ZEBRA LODGE – 4 nights**

This lovely eco-friendly lodge is tucked away on Nankoma island, one of the three islands of the Marelli archipelago and a UNESCO World Heritage Site within the Lake Malawi National Park. The islands offer wonderful opportunities to see some of the rare Chichlid fish species found in the lake which has made the area famous and protected. The islands are also home to numerous bird species including



the rare Africa Pitta which all add to this unspoilt natural paradise. The island is quite steep in the interior and there are several nature trails for



you to follow if you would like to explore/take some exercise. You can ask for a guide to accompany you if you'd like some help identifying any birds or trees along the way.

There is also a spa on

the island offering pampering treatments from massages to pedicures.

There is a swimming pool looking out over the lake and a beach in front of camp for relaxing as you listen to the waves lap the shore. Accommodation is in a lake safari tent with ensuite facilities. Some tents are quite far from the main area, along quite steep trails, so do let us know if you would rather be closer? All meals (continental breakfast with hot meal to order, 2-course lunch, 3-course dinner); afternoon tea & snacks; unlimited coffee, tea & purified water. and non-motorised water sports such as snorkelling from the lodge, kayaking, the nature trail and volley ball are included. Also included is one complimentary sunset cruise around the Marelli islands, including a local drink for a 'sundowner'. Not included are other drinks, motorised activities (sunset boat cruises, wake-boarding, water-skiing,



tubing, seasonal scuba diving) and Lake Malawi National Park fees at US\$10 per person per day are at extra cost.



Day 9

The boat transfer is scheduled to leave the island at 1100 after a leisurely breakfast and perhaps a last kayak around the island? You will be dropped back on the mainland and then transferred by road to Lilongwe airport in time for your onward flight. (you can also be dropped off at a Lilongwe hotel if preferred)

End Services Lilongwe airport or hotel

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LOW SEASON: 01 April 2022-30 June 2022 & 01 Nov-15 Dec 2022

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON SHARING: US\$3293.00**

HIGH SEASON: 01 July 2022-31 October 2022

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON SHARING: US\$3824.00**

This package includes all accommodation on a full board basis, game viewing activities and Park Entry & Conservation fees while in the South Luangwa, international flights on a seat in charter basis with Ulendo Airlink and all necessary road and boat transfers to the camps.

Not included are tourist visa fees for Malawi or Zambia, airport departure taxes from Mfuwe, drinks, motorized water sports while at Blue Zebra lodge or items of a personal nature.