



FLATDOGS CAMP & CHIKOKO WALKING TRAIL PACKAGE – 7 nights - 2024

The ideal mix of game drives to start with before setting off on foot into an historical area of the Park, literally in the footsteps of Livingstone, following the signs of the wild and exploring on foot, as he did, this wildlife haven which has been undisturbed for centuries.

Day 1 Lusaka – Mfuwe Proflight Zambia
0700/0810 or 1030/1140 or 1635/1745 depending on your connections

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

Day 1-4 **FLATDOGS CAMP – 3 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 as well as the hippopotamus honking to each other in the river in front of you! The tents are spacious with a



king bed, 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 luxury tents have semi open ensuite bathrooms with hot shower, WC and basin.

Depending on your time of arrival, you can settle into camp and have some lunch, before we meet again in the courtyard for tea at 15h30, then you'll head into the Park at 16h00, ready to explore this

magnificent wilderness. 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 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 at around 20h00 in time for dinner and to relive your sightings with us!

It's an early start in the mornings; we offer you an early breakfast of toast and cereal, tea and coffee from 05h30 before you head out at 06h00 on a morning game drive, 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 would prefer? Then there is time to relax during the heat of the day,



enjoying a dip in the pool perhaps or a siesta after your early start? We can also organize walking safaris for you in the mornings if you want any practice before the real thing!



If you are interested in village life in this area, we can also happily organize a visit to the nearby Mfuwe village, including our anti-poaching base and some of the local community projects, including schools, that

we are supporting in this area. We have included three nights on our safari package basis which includes your accommodation in a luxury ensuite safari tent, all meals, two game-viewing activities per day, National Park Entry fees, LCCF (Luangwa Conservation & Community Fund fee), laundry and return airport and other transfers. Not included are drinks or items of a personal nature like shop purchases or internet use.

Day 4

This morning you will head off early (at 06h00 as usual!) with your luggage packed to transfer to the first of your Chikoko Walking Trail's bushcamps. We will game drive north through the Park, aiming to be at the meeting point on the Luangwa river at around 1000. Depending on the day, you might be ferried further up river by boat to walk into your first bushcamp. As both bushcamps are situated in an area where there are very limited roads, the final part of your transfer will be on foot. A guide and armed National Park scout will escort you and porters will be



on hand to carry your luggage and carry it into camp, leaving you free to enjoy your first walking experience in this remote wilderness. All you need to carry is your camera and binoculars, hat and sunscreen. Please note that the order of the camps may change, depending on availability. Although the landscape is generally flat the paths can be uneven, so lightweight, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Natural coloured clothing is also necessary for blending into the bush.

Day 4-6

CHIKOKO TREE CAMP – 2 nights



Chikoko Tree Camp is situated 8km upstream from Tafika. Here, the three chalets accommodate a maximum of only 6 guests. The chalets are raised above the ground ensuring that they sit, rather romantically, within the surrounding tree canopies. The ground floor is the bathroom area and stairs alongside the chalet lead up to the bedroom area on the raised platform. The raised position enhances the view of the spectacular surrounding acacia grove, the array of wildlife that frequent it, allowing

interesting observations to be made throughout the day. Each room has en-suite toilets and showers with hot water provided in the evenings and upon request.

You will arrive in camp for lunch and to settle in before heading out on an afternoon walk, exploring the area on foot until dusk when you need to return to camp for a sundowner celebration before a delicious dinner cooked over the fire by the skilled bush chefs. Rising early in the morning, you can sit and watch the game drinking at the waterhole as the sun rises for the start of another exciting day! Morning walks are around four hours long, starting early to avoid the heat of the day and stopping frequently for the guide to share the secrets of the bush. Midway, the accompanying tea-bearer conjures up a welcome cup of fresh tea or coffee with a sweet treat.



In the afternoons, like the animals, you become active after the heat of the day dissipates, exploring what's happening in the area until dusk falls and you will return to the camp fire. The transfer to your next bushcamp is incorporated into your morning walk, arriving into your next camp in time for brunch. As before, your luggage will be transferred across by porters and will be waiting for you in your chalet on arrival. All meals, drinks, activities, laundry, portering and park fees are included.



Day 6-8

BIG LAGOON CAMP – 2 nights



Big Lagoon Camp occupies an historic camp site within the South Luangwa National Park which was left to be reclaimed by nature until Remote Africa Safaris were able to return it to its former simple beauty. There are also only three chalets that all rest beneath a grove of spectacular Muchenja (Ebony) trees. The camp overlooks a huge lagoon that is perfectly situated to enable guests to observe the daily wildlife action as it unfolds. The chalets are a delightful combination of natural building materials and imaginative

architecture. The end result is a simple, comfortable and personal experience for guests. Similarly to Chikoko Tree Camp, Big Lagoon offers ensuite facilities and hot water in the evenings after your afternoon walk and upon request otherwise.

The daily itinerary is much the same as before, relaxing in the heat of the day before enjoying your afternoon walk, exploring this new area and the game which call it home, returning in time for sundowners and dinner, then a longer early morning walk, striding out to cover ground or following alarm calls to an interesting sighting, you decide! On the last morning, there is time to enjoy a last morning walk before you walk out of the area, aiming for the river crossing point where you will be transferred back across the river to meet the vehicle which will transfer you to the airport. All meals, drinks, activities, laundry, portering, transfers and park fees are included.



Day 8

Mfuwe – Lusaka
1220/1330 or 1815/1925

Proflight Zambia

End Services Lusaka airport

Total cost per person sharing June: US\$4355.00

Total cost per person sharing July: US\$4697.00

Total cost per person sharing August/September/October: US\$4997.00

Single supplement June = US\$1461.00

Single supplement July-end Oct = US\$1500.00

This package includes internal flights Lusaka – Mfuwe – Lusaka, road transfers in South Luangwa, National Park fees*, domestic airport departure taxes, Luangwa Community & Conservation Fund contribution, full board accommodation, game viewing activities, bar on the Chikoko walking Trail & laundry.

Price Excludes: Bar at Flatdogs apart from sundowner drinks, items of a personal nature.

***Please note that Park Entry fees for 2024 have not yet been officially confirmed by the Department of National Parks and Wildlife and these may increase without notice. Any increases will have to be passed onto the guests.**