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# Zambia Country Guide

The adventure starts here...





# Zambia

Essence of an Authentic Safari  
(with Victoria Falls to add in)

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# Zambia

• Victoria Falls • South Luangwa • Kafue • Lower Zambezi • Luiwa Plains •



## Key Attributes

- Authentic Safari Destination (very little ‘bling’)
- Victoria Falls (esp. April to August)
- Superb game-viewing & guiding
- Beautiful landscapes
- Game-viewing by vehicle, on foot.
- Boating, canoeing and fishing (Lower Zambezi)

## Important Tips

- Peak Season: July to September
- Many camps closed between mid-Nov and April/May
- Exclusively a fly-in destination
- Can do multi-day walking safaris, or add in walking to varied safari activities



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*Africa has her mysteries and even a  
wise man cannot understand them.  
But a wise man respects them.*

**Miriam Makeba**

(South African singer and civil rights activist)



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# Zambia's USPs

Zambia is one of Africa's  
undiscovered treasures!

This wild, unspoilt & remote country  
offers pristine natural beauty,  
excellent game-viewing and a high  
standard of guiding.

Its also home to Victoria Falls...



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# Top Reasons to Visit



## Game Reserves

Some of the finest wildlife reserves in Africa

## Walking Safaris

Walking from camp to camp, or using one camp as a base

## Victoria Falls

A natural wonder with host of adventurous & relaxing excursions

## Varied Activities

Game drives, walking, canoeing, boating, fishing

## Night Drives

Night drives & walking allowed within national parks

## Zambezi Canoeing

Choose between short or half day excursions



# Varied Activities





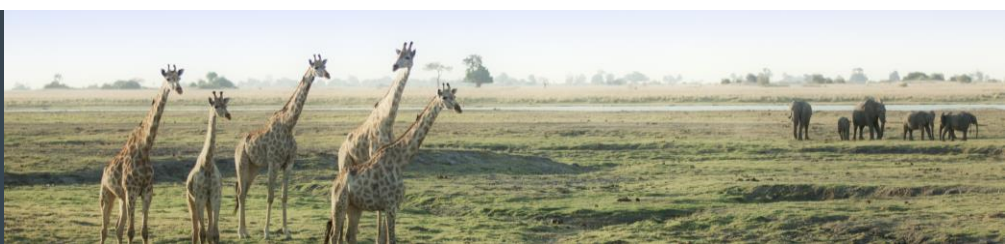
# Best Time to Visit



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# Best Time to Visit



## November – March

### Rainy “Green” season:

Most camps are closed

Wildlife less easy to see

Lots of newborn animals

Great for birding

Photographers dream

Lowest prices

## April – June, October

### Shoulder Season:

Dry sunny conditions

Bush camps open late May

Good combination of  
wildlife viewing & price

However October is  
extremely hot!

## July – September

### Peak Season:

Best wildlife viewing

Less vegetation & rivers are  
critical water sources

Pleasant daytime climate

Highest prices

# Destinations

• Victoria Falls • South Luangwa •  
Lower Zambezi • Kafue

Seasoned Travellers:  
• North Luangwa • Luiwa Plains •



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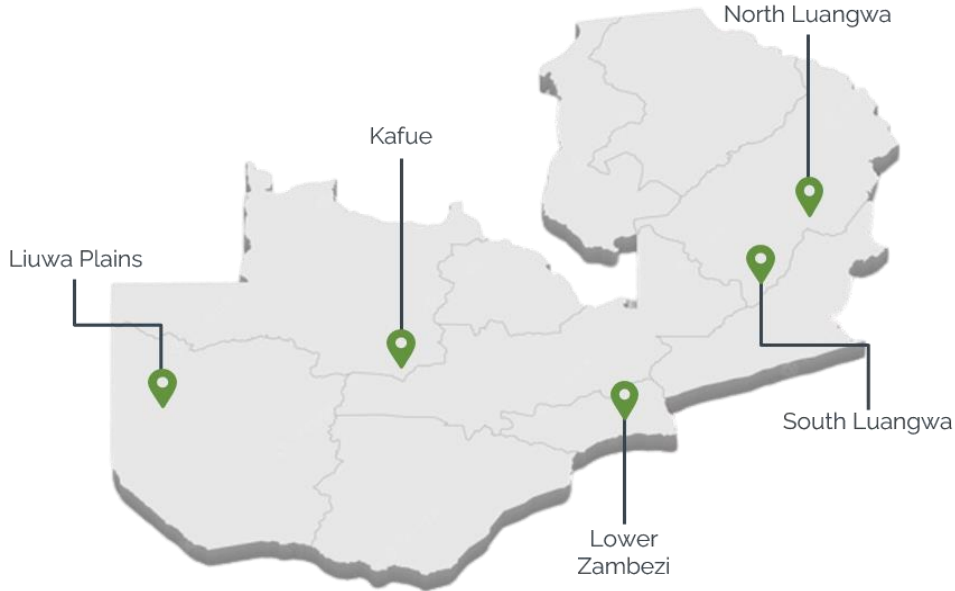
# Key Parks in Zambia

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All parks are ONLY fly-in except Kafue  
(can be road-accessed from Lusaka)

- South Luangwa
- Lower Zambezi
- Kafue
- North Luangwa (accessed via South Luangwa)
- Liuwa Plains

All accessed via Lusaka which connects  
Livingstone (Victoria Falls) to the parks.



# ZAMBIA WILDLIFE

## WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE

Abundant



Elephant



Hippo



Various  
Birdlife



Red Lechwe



Onyx



Tsebebe



Eland



Hartebeest



Zebra



Lion



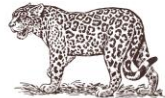
Cape Buffalo



Wildebeest



Crocodile



Leopard



Hyena



Warthog



Meerkat

Common

Occasional



Giraffe



Vulture



Honey Badger



Baboon



Wild Dog



Mongoose



Armadillo



Ostrich



Fish Eagle

Rare



Rhino



Cheetah

Note that  
wildlife sightings  
are not  
guaranteed.



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# Victoria Falls

## Livingstone

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- One of 7 Wonders of the World
- Popular excursions: Sunset cruises on Zambezi, Helicopter flights, Livingstone Island
- Unique: Art Safari with Elephants, River Safaris close to Falls, combined Zim/Zam Tour of Falls
- Adrenalin Activities: White Water Rafting, Devil's Pool, Micro-light Flights, Canoeing, Jet Boating
- Best time: April – May to July

**TIP** – easy to combine with Zambian Parks or Botswana



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# Great Excursions to add in Livingstone



## River Excursions

Sunset Cruises, White-water Rafting, Tiger Fishing

## Livingstone Island

On edge of Vic Falls, swim to Devil's Pool in low water (Oct - Dec)

## Adrenalin

Bungee-jumping, Gorge swings, Micro-lighting, Devil's Pool

## Elephant Café

Jet-boat to a café to encounter with elephants

## Art Safaris with Ellies

Art class with Elephants, fantastic with family/friends

## Cultural

Historical tour of Livingstone, Chief Mukuni's Village or Maramba market



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# Victoria Falls Lodges



Royal Livingstone

- Perfect Location with stunning Zambezi river views
- Unlimited access to the Falls – in Mosi-oaTunya National Park
- Colonial elegance and glamour

5 star Hotel



Tongabezi Lodge

- Luxurious African lodge
- Stunning river setting
- Very romantic
- Range of safari excursions
- African texture, colours & spirit

Luxury Lodge



Waterberry Lodge

- Comfortable Country Lodge on Zambezi River
- FB with choice of 1-2 safari excursions included
- Remote & secluded
- Family-friendly

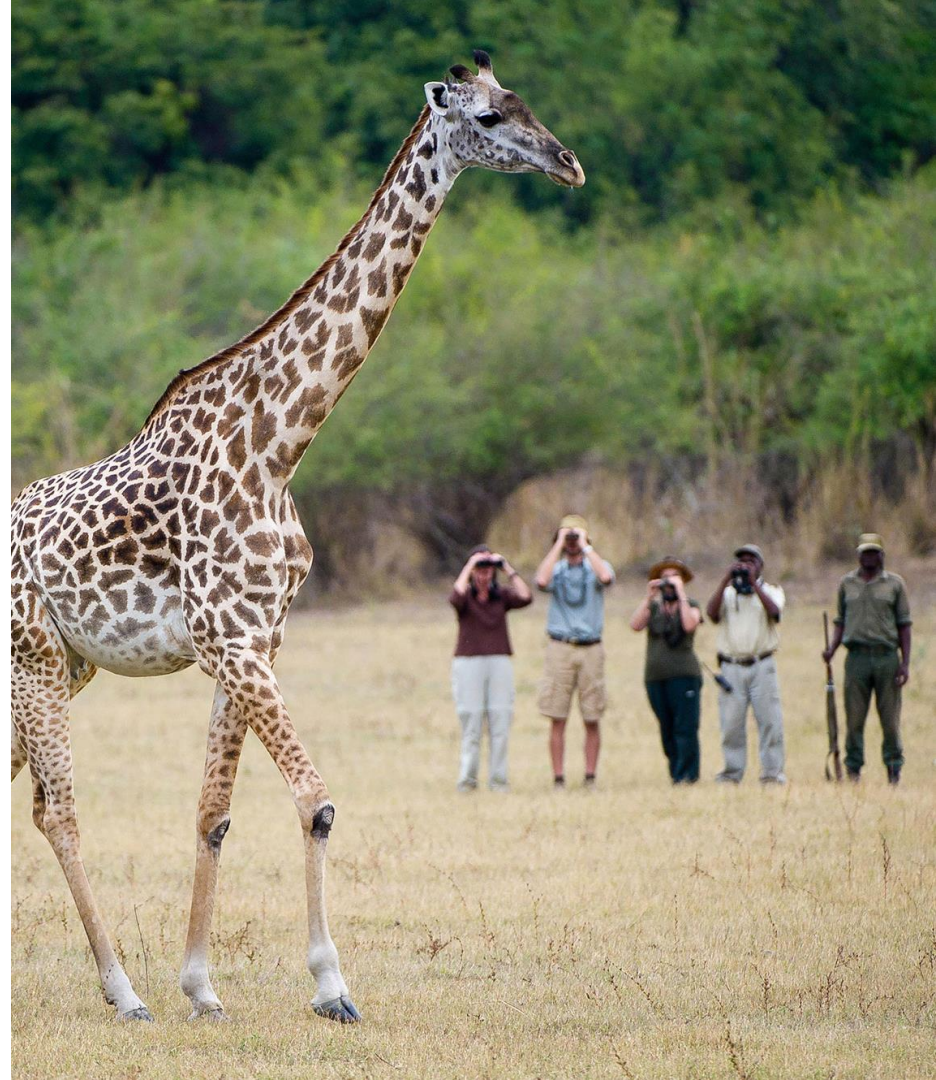
Affordable Lodge

# South Luangwa

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Fly via Lusaka to Zambia's premier wildlife sanctuary

- Excellent leopard sightings
- Nights drives & bush walks both allowed within National Park
- Draw card: Mobile waking safaris from camp to camp
- Only 1h 10min flight from Lusaka
- Central lodges open year-round (not bush camp)





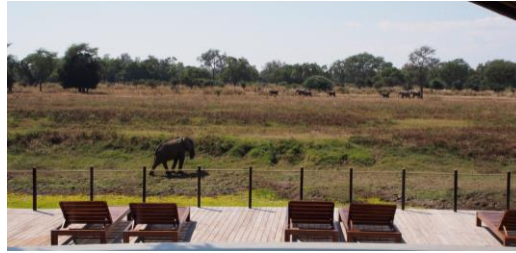
# South Luangwa Camps



Puku Ridge

- Offers a stylish yet authentic safari ambience with a luxurious twist
- Scenic, game-rich area of the South Luangwa
- Puku Ridge is an intimate camp with only 7 tents

Luxury



Lion Camp

- Located on the banks of an oxbow lagoon, attracting a variety of game
- Secluded location in the northern location of South Luangwa Park
- Offers day and night game drives and walking safaris
- Flexible game-viewing programme

Premier



Nsolo Bush Camp

- Focus on walking with limited game drives
- One of the more remote bush camps in the South Luangwa National Park
- 4 spacious open-sided thatched chalets built on raised wooden decks

Bushcamp/ Comfortable



# Lower Zambezi

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Great Place to end your safari as very relaxing

- Amazing predator sighting
- Stunning sunsets over Zambezi river
- Wide choice of safari activities: game drives, bush walks, canoeing, boating & tiger fishing
- Very beautiful
- Romantic
- On of our favourite destination!

**TIP** – we recommend 4-5 nights if possible

# Lower Zambezi Camps



Chiawa Camp

- Lies in heart of the park
- Range of activities tailored to your interests
- Beautiful viewing hide
- Combine with Old Mondoro, its sister camp

Luxury



Chongwe River Camp

- At confluence of two rivers
- Wide variety of activities
- Choice of main camp, or Cassia/ Abida Suites
- More rustic ambience

Premier



Royal Zambezi

- Luxurious suites
- In the Game Management area
- More focus on the river activities than safari
- Well-priced for offering

Larger Lodge



# Other Destinations in Zambia

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## Kafue

- Wild & Unspoilt
- Best game-viewing: Busanga Plains
- Red lechwe & puku are prey to lion & cheetah (latter rarely seen in Zambia)

## Liuwa Plains

- Unique under-visited park in west
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Wildebeest migration in Africa (but without the crowds)
- Great wildlife diversity incl. cheetah, hyena, eland, tsessebe & great birding



# Sample Safaris

Zambia Meander

Romantic Zambia & Malawi

South Luangwa Walking Safari



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# First Time Visitors

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Include the following:

- Victoria Falls: ideally 3 nights, given range of excursions
- South Luangwa: 3 – 6 nights at 1 to 3 camps depending on time
- Lower Zambezi: 3 to 5 nights

OR consider flying onto Lake Malawi from South Luangwa...



# Sample Itineraries – Zambia

Merely some starting ideas. Clients are all unique so each safari is tailored to your needs



Zambian Meander

Luxury Safari

2 nights Victoria Falls

5 nights South Luangwa

4 nights Lower Zambezi

11 nights



Romantic Zambia & Malawi

Offered at two price points

3 nights Victoria Falls

3 nights Lower Zambezi

4 nights South Luangwa

3 nights Kaya Mawa, Lake Malawi

13 nights



South Luangwa Walking

Offered with two safari companies

1 night Mfuwe Lodge

3 nights Chideni

3 nights Bilimungwe

7 nights

# Sample Itineraries – Zambia

Continued...



Valley & Lake

6 nights South Luangwa  
(in 2 different camps)  
4 nights Lake Malawi

10 nights



Authentic Zambia

Affordable  
2 nights Victoria Falls  
4 nights South Luangwa  
3 nights Lower Zambezi

9 nights



Rivers & Rainbows Safari

Green Season ONLY: January to March  
5 nights South Luangwa

7 nights

# Need to Know

Types of Accommodation  
Safari Costs



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# Zambian Accommodation

Virtually no ‘super-luxury’ camps



## Safari Camps

- Authentic safari accommodation
- Permanent camps (however most close for green season)
- Range of safari activities
- No bling, but strong on comfort

## Bush Camps

- Seasonal – only operate late May to October
- Focus mainly on walking safaris
- Small, intimate – your guide is your host
- May be able to walk from camp to camp
- Mid-to-High in cost given set-up costs



# Typical per night Safari Costs in Zambia (per person sharing)

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	Green Season November – March	Shoulder April – June, October	Peak July – September
Affordable	\$300-\$350 <i>(Vic Falls &amp; Chobe only)</i>	\$575 - \$775	\$850 - \$950
Premier	<i>Mostly Closed</i>	\$775 - \$900	\$950 - \$1 200
Top Camps	<i>Mostly Closed</i>	\$900 - \$1 200	\$1 200 - \$1 600*

## NOTES:

This typical per night price includes charter flights, park fees and transfers

\*The top price pp depends on whether it is only Zambia or combining with Malawi

# General Info



## Population

18 Million

## Capital

Lusaka

## Safari Season

A highlight for Southern Africa with so many excursions on offer

## Population Density

Only 25 people per km<sup>2</sup>  
USA is 35, UK is 280

## Getting There

No direct flights to Zambia  
Daily flights from Joburg to Lusaka & Livingstone

## Official Language

English – though there are 70 different ethnic groups



# Thank you!

## Spectacular by Nature, Personal by Design

This guide was created by Cedarberg Africa, safari operator for Southern & East Africa. We'll design an individual safari just for you so that you get the safari you've always dreamed of. But without wasting hours of precious time navigating the endless possibilities. If you're looking for an authentic and magical safari experience to share with loved ones, Cedarberg Africa can help you.

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