

# ACACIA HOLIDAYS

ZAMBIA-ZIMBABWE SAFARI



# ITINERARY

Zambia-Zimbabwe Safari | JULY 2018

## DAY 1

### ARRIVAL & WELCOME

Upon arrival in Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Zambia, an Acacia Holidays representative will assist you in connecting to your scheduled flight to South Luangwa National Park. Upon arrival, you will be met by an Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you to Mfuwe Lodge and help with check in formalities as you relax after your journey.

#### South Luangwa National Park

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of the most breathtaking and untouched wilderness in Africa. As a result of this and the parks' successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has developed into a world-renowned wildlife haven. The South Luangwa National Park is renowned for its walking safari, which allows visitors to view elephant, hippo and even lion close-up under the supervision of professional and knowledgeable armed guides.

#### Mfuwe Lodge

A unique lodge situated in the South Luangwa National Park with 18 luxury en-suite thatched chalets, each with a private decking area that overlooks a lagoon that attracts abundant wildlife. Overlooking a beautiful oxbow lagoon in Zambia's South Luangwa National Park, the lodge provides the visitor with a special glimpse of Africa as she was - untouched, unspoilt and unforgettable. Game drives and walks are conducted by an experienced and knowledgeable team of guides. The lodge also boasts a Bush Spa where a range of relaxing and healing African therapies are provided. Mfuwe Lodge is open all year and all age groups are welcome!



OVERNIGHT – MFUWE LODGE,

MEALS: B/L/D

## DAY 2-3

### SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy two days exploring the splendors of the South Luangwa National park. Waking up, you will need no encouragement to get out of bed for breakfast. Ahead of you is a day packed with world-class wildlife watching. A morning game drive is followed by a leisurely lunch back at the lodge. Later in the afternoon, head back out into the savannah for a second game drive, returning once more to the lodge in time to take in the glorious sunset. Dinner and overnight at the Mfuwe Lodge.



OVERNIGHT – MFUWE LODGE

MEALS: B/L/D

## DAY 4

## LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred by a light aircraft to Lower Zambezi National Park via Lusaka, where you will be met by an Acacia Holidays and transferred to Royal Zambezi Lodge, your home for the next three nights.

The **Lower Zambezi National Park** is the newest of Zambia's exceptional, undeveloped wildlife areas. And together with Zimbabwe's Mana Pools Reserve the area provides a massive wildlife sanctuary. Most activities are concentrated along the Zambezi River as this is what draws the animals and aside from game drives and walking safaris the area offers canoe trips and tiger fishing.

**Royal Zambezi Lodge**, a spacious but intimate privately owned lodge, situated in Zambia on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River just minutes from the Lower Zambezi National Park and directly opposite Zimbabwe's famous Mana Pools World Heritage Site. Royal offers the ultimate in luxury and cuisine while enjoying and participating closely in the sights and sounds of the African wilderness. The lodge offers a vast range of activities that guests can choose from – from unrivalled game viewing, canoeing on the Zambezi river, to world class fishing, or relaxing in the award winning Royal Bush Spa. At the end of your day meet at the famous Sausage Tree bar over the river or the open air pool to tell stories of siting's during the day, or the one that got away!



## OVERNIGHT – ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE

## MEALS:FULLY INCLUSIVE

## DAYS 5 & 6

## LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy two splendid days with scheduled activities. The location of the Royal Zambezi Lodge offers a wide variety of activities available due to the river, the bush and the mountains surrounding the lodge: canoe safaris, game drives, walking safaris as well as fishing. Dinner and Overnight at the Royal Zambezi Lodge

**Canoe Safari**-The canoeing experience involves peace and tranquillity punctuated with animal magic in all its forms. Everyone keeps a wary eye open for crocs and hippos and the guides know how to avoid "surprising" them. Game viewing from that low level is quite different and quite wonderful. The wildlife simply doesn't care about these floating objects and goes about its business quite uninterrupted. The higher river banks provide burrow type nesting sites for bee-eaters and kingfishers which always abound.

**Games Drives**-An open vehicle offers all round views and an elevated aspect which helps considerably when searching afar for game. It also facilitates moving reasonably quickly from one place to another especially if lion sightings for example are reported over the on-board radio. A vehicle trip is often considered as a supplement to a boat trip and vice versa.

**Walking Safari**-People argue that the best way to see the bush is to walk in it. In many ways we feel they are correct as this intimate form of mixing with nature permits a close study of the various plants, animals, spoor, lairs, burrows, nests and more. All the sounds and scents are there and completely uncontaminated and there's time to study everything properly without having to move on.

**Fishing** on the Lower Zambezi offers one of the finest freshwater angling experiences in the world and is home to one of the world's premiere game fish, the Tiger. The variety in the Zambezi, *Hydrocynus vittatus*, can grow up to 10 -12 Kg and is a superb fighter. For guests who are new to fishing or fly-fishing, our guides provide expert instruction and assistance. Fishing is on a Catch & Release Policy.



**OVERNIGHT – ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE**

**MEALS: FULLY INCLUSIVE**

**DAY 7**

**VICTORIA FALLS**

After breakfast, you will board your scheduled flight to Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport. Upon arrival, you will be met by an Acacia Holidays Representative who will transfer you and your luggage to Victoria Falls Safari Lodge. Our representative will help you with check in and other formalities as you acquaint yourself with your home for the next three days.

**Victoria Falls** presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – *'The Smoke that Thunders'*. In more modern terms Victoria Falls is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world. Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometers, into a gorge over one hundred meters below.

**Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**-built on a plateau overlooking the Zambezi National Park, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is just 4km from the majestic Victoria Falls and offers a unique wildlife experience. A consecutive award winner for Best Safari Lodge in Zimbabwe for twenty years, the lodge boasts of warm and professional staff. Built of thatch and timber, the lodge rises several levels, giving the impression of a vast open-plan tree house. All its rooms have private balconies, most of which overlook a central waterhole, offering the opportunity to observe herds of buffalo, elephant and kudu, as the sun goes down, and hyenas later in the evening.



**OVERNIGHT – VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS:B**

**DAY 8**

**VICTORIA FALLS**

Enjoy the day with planned excursions that will definitely leave an indelible mark on this tour. Start with a day tour to the Victoria Falls bridge and later that evening wind down your trip to Africa with a sunset cruise on the Zambezi river. Dinner and overnight at Victoria

## Falls Safari Lodge

**Victoria Falls Bridge Tour**-A visit to the historic railway bridge which connects Zambia and Zimbabwe is an integral part of any Victoria Falls experience. The Historic Bridge Tour is a journey through 100 years of Victorian engineering to the heart of Cecil John Rhodes' vision of a Cape to Cairo railway. The Tour includes a light hearted but informative talk on the history of the bridge, magnificent views of the rapids, rainbows and majesty of the Victoria Falls and Batoka Gorges on the walkways actually underneath the bridge and an opportunity to see a bungee jump up close.

**Sunset Cruise**-The sunset cruise on the Zambezi River is a definite must on any trip to Victoria Falls. Relax with a sundowner and snacks as you gaze out onto the banks of the river. Have your camera ready to capture one of the most amazing sunsets in Africa. You'll be sure to spot wildlife animals as they come down to the river for a drink after a hot day in the Zambezi National Park (Zimbabwe) and the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Zambia). Sightings of elephant, giraffe and other resident game are common. There's always an abundance of hippos and crocodiles. Birdlife is superb and the Fisheagles will usually fill the scene with their calls.



**OVERNIGHT – VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS:B**

**DAY 9**

**FAREWELL**

After breakfast you will be transferred to Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport where you embark for home. Sadly, the adventure comes to an end, but the memories are forever.

**\*\* End of Acacia Holidays Arrangements \*\***

# PRICING

**ITINERARY:** Luanda | South Luangwa National Park | Lower Zambezi national Park | Victoria Falls |

**DURATION:** 8 Days / 8 Nights Safari *plus* 2 additional travel days to/from Africa

**Optional Supplements:** | 4X4 Safari Van <INCLUDED>

LAND ONLY (USD)	JAN-MAR 2018	APR-MAY 2018	JUN-SEPT 2018	OCT 2018
Per Person Sharing	\$ 4,630	\$ 4,945	\$ 6,103	\$ 5,745
Single Room Supplement	\$ 615	\$ 615	\$ 710	\$ 615

*Safari begins based on a minimum of 02 persons traveling together.*

#### Costs Include

*From the moment you arrive until your departure, we make sure you are free to relax and enjoy your safari!*

- Exclusive use of an English-speaking chauffeur/guide
- Exclusive use of safari 4 X 4 for game drives and transfers
- Bottled mineral water while on safari
- Transfers to/from airport upon arrival/departure
- Full board accommodation while at Mfuwe Lodge
- All-Inclusive accommodation at Royal Zambezi Lodge
- Overnight accommodation and breakfast in Victoria Falls
- Guided Bridge tour and Sunset Cruise in Victoria Falls
- All park entrance fees
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- All Zambia & Zimbabwe government taxes & service charges
- Flying Doctors evacuation service

#### Costs Exclude

- **International flights to Luanda & from Victoria Falls**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusions



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