

Emerald Season Bush Camping

- **Itinerary:** Nkwali Camp 2 nights, Bush Camp 1 night & Luangwa River Camp 2 nights
- **Includes:** All transfers starting and ending in Mfuwe (South Luangwa), full board, all drinks, all activities, laundry, LCCF and Park fees
- **Excludes:** Gratuities, visa fees where applicable + domestic and international flights
- **Valid:** April

****Note:** there is an option to spend 2 nights bush camping and only 1 night at one of the other camps if preferred

This itinerary offers a unique bush camping experience in a prime location of the South Luangwa during the underrated Emerald Season.

The **LUANGWA VALLEY**, which marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoiled wilderness areas and possibly the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa. It covers an area of over 9000 sq. km. through which the meandering Luangwa River runs. The ox bow lagoons, woodland and plains of the valley host huge concentrations of game - including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, hippo - and over 400 species of birds.

Always after offering off the beaten track experiences, we launched this safari during the month of April to give a different dimension to bush camping when the Luangwa Valley is at its most dramatic. A combination of two fixed camps and an overnight 'camping' will make for an exceptional safari especially for this time of year. Activities will include walking, game drives and possibly boating (largely depends on how much rain fall the Valley would have received).

Day 1 A guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you at Mfuwe Airport and transfer you to Nkwali Camp through colourful village life and a bit of game viewing too. This camp is set on a wide view of the Luangwa River. On Robin Pope Safaris' private land, and overlooking the South Luangwa National Park, Nkwali offers both stunning location and easy access to the park. The six rooms all look out over the river and have open air bathrooms. Meals are served looking out over the lagoon to the back of Nkwali or dotted around the camp, so you can fully appreciate the openness of Africa – whether it's the clear skies or a magical starlit sky at night! **NKWALI CAMP**



Day 2 An option is there to take a walking activity or game drive; or even both. For those with a knack for shopping can take a trip to Tribal Textiles for locally printed fabrics which are tailored into various items such as clothes, cushions, bags, bedspreads, wall hangings etc. – perfect for souvenirs or gifts for friends and family.

NKWALI CAMP

Day 3 After your early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to Nkwali Camp then a walk out to your campsite where you will camp out for the night. This small campsite is set on Robin Pope Safaris' private land in the Game Management Area just outside the National Park. There is good game activity in the area which provides some great walking options. **BUSH CAMP**



Day 4 A traditional camping breakfast of porridge around the campfire is served. Those keen to explore the area further have an option to spend a second night here.

Alternatively you will be transferred to Luangwa River Camp where you will end-off the safari. The ten bedded camp is situated opposite the Luangwa Wafwa (a game rich area of the park) in the Upper Lupande Game Management Area. It offers all the creature comforts of a camp yet with all the intimacy, tailored activities and flexible mealtimes you come to expect from a bush camp. The camp is unique with its décor of locally crafted and handmade details. The main area is elevated between 1-3 metres on wooden decks affording great views to the park and river. The swimming pool is sunk into the deck, linked by a waterfall. Seating areas are all elevated and open plan with a bar area as well as a dining and reading area.

Depending on your arrival time you may settle in for some lunch, siesta then off on an afternoon activity. There is an option to turn back after sundowners or continue to see what nocturnals you can spot, returning to camp by 8pm. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP OR BUSH CAMP**

Day 5 Your last full day in South Luangwa, explore it either on foot or on a game drive. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**



Day 6 Time allowing you may have a chance to have a final activity before heading onto Mfuwe Airport for your onward connection. **END OF SAFARI**