

# Shoebill Safari

**Itinerary** Luangwa River Camp 2 nights, Bangweulu Swamps 2 nights, Kasanka 2 nights & Lusaka Hotel 1 night

**Included** Internal flights Lusaka/Lusaka and all safari costs

**Not included** Visa and airport departure taxes

**Valid** June set departure

**Note:** The costing of this itinerary is based on minimum 4, maximum 6 guests

This is an exceptional safari combining South Luangwa National Park, Kasanka National Park and Bangweulu Swamps. One of our top safari guides will lead this trip to ensure an enhanced experience throughout.

The **Luangwa Valley**, which marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoilt 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 oxbow lagoons, woodland and plains of the valley host huge concentrations of game - including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, hippo - and over 450 species of birds.

The **Bangweulu** wetlands, just north of Kasanka are one of Africa's most spectacular wildlife secrets with over 100,000 black lechwe and the world's most visible shoebill storks. **Kasanka** is famed for having over 400 bird species, as well as both the tsessebe and sitatunga species of antelope. The South Luangwa adds to the wildlife experience with the chance to see wild dog and explore the lush, colourful landscape at this time of year.



**Day 1** On arrival at Lusaka International Airport, you will be met by a representative from Robin Pope, who will assist you with your luggage and check-in for your flight to Mfuwe. Your safari guide will be waiting for you at the Mfuwe airport where he will drive you to Luangwa River Camp. The drive to camp is 1 hour through colourful local scenes of villages, agriculture as well as bush. Luangwa River Camp sits nestled under an ancient ebony grove on the banks of the Luangwa River overlooking the game rich area known as the Luangwa Wafwa. This small and intimate camp with just five bush suites, along with its setting and location creates a real “wow” factor and a romantic feeling simply flows through the camp. Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy lunch or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**

**Day 2** This is a full day to explore the Luangwa, onboard a vehicle or on foot. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**

**Day 3** After breakfast around the campfire you will be transferred to Mfuwe Airport 50 mins flight to Kasanka National Park. Depending on your flight time you may arrive in time for lunch and then enjoy birding for the afternoon along the Luwombwa River. With luck you may see African finfoot, ross' lourie, pel's fishing owl and osprey. Returning to camp for dinner and an early night or after dinner drinks around the campfire. **WASA CAMP**



**Day 4** Enjoy a day of birding and game watching in the hope of seeing many mammal species such as Lichtenstein's hartebeest, sable antelope, reedbuck and the rare blue monkey. Visit the sitatunga hide with its panoramic views over the Kapabi Swamp where you can spot as many as 40 sitatunga feeding at one time. **WASA CAMP**

**Day 5** Transfer by plane to Bangweulu Swamps, arriving at Shoebill Camp. The search by boat and foot will start - to track down the elusive Shoebill. Back to camp for lunch and out again after tea to see the herds of antelope for which the area is famous. Dinner is simple but adequate and then an early night. **SHOEBILL CAMP**



**Day 6** A full day of birding and enjoying the surroundings. Watch from the hide at dawn or dusk as thousands of waterfowl fly overhead. **SHOEBILL CAMP**

**Day 7** Today you will take a flight back to Lusaka for an overnight stay ahead of your onward connections. **LUSAKA HOTEL**

**Day 8** Transfer to Lusaka International Airport. **END OF SAFARI**