

Bush and Lake Safari

- **Itinerary:** Luangwa River Camp 4, Kuthengo 3 nights, Blue Zebra 3 nights.
- **Includes:** All transfers by road starting in Lusaka, Zambia and ending in Lilongwe, local drinks, accommodation on full board basis, activities (except motorized water sports) and laundry.
- **Excludes:** Gratuities, visa fees where applicable + international flights.
- **Valid:** March – early Jan

South Luangwa National Park, Zambia marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoilt wilderness areas and possibly the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa, 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 450 species of birds.

Malawi is a landlocked country, running down the end of the Great Rift Valley. Dominated by Lake Malawi, the third largest lake in Africa, the surrounding country is exceptionally beautiful with dramatic scenery that includes rocky outcrops, high mountains, plateaus and views across what is considered Africa's most beautiful lake. Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" and as people, the Malawians live up to this name. They are extremely friendly and welcoming. There are many market scenes, roadside stalls, cottage industries that a visitor can comfortably visit. With both the scenery and the culture Malawi is a great country to drive in.

Day 1 On arrival at A guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you at Mfuwe Airport for transfer to Luangwa River Camp, through colourful village life. 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 lodge yet with all the intimacy, tailored activities, and flexible mealtimes you come to expect from a bush camp.

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**



Day 2-4 The next few days will be spend as you wish - 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 sewn into various items – perfect for souvenirs or gifts for friends and family. Perhaps a trip to Kawaza Village to experience an authentic Zambian village, interact with the locals and even sample a local meal.

Nothing is set in stone; you can discuss your specific interests with your guide. **LUANGWA RIVER CAMP**



Day 5 After an early breakfast, transfer to Mfuwe Airport for your flight to Lilongwe. The flight time to Lilongwe is approximately 50 minutes. On arrival at Lilongwe's Kamuzu Airport, you will be met by our staff, who will assist onto your road transfer to Kuthengo Camp (approximately 5.5-hours).

Liwonde National Park is considered one of the top birding locations in Southern Africa. The park offers some of the most scenic game viewing, beautiful riverine surroundings and varied bird watching you could wish to find. A great deal of the terrain is Shire River floodplains, much loved by the healthy population of Elephants in this park. They are best viewed during your boat safari on the Shire River, one of the many highlights of a stay at Kuthengo Camp.



Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the Shire River or if you arrive in the afternoon, you can enjoy afternoon tea and the evening game drive. **KUTHENGO CAMP**



Day 6-7 Explore the Shire River and lagoons - an excellent opportunity for sightings of elephants, hippo, crocodile and bird life. Birding is rewarding - specialities include Lillian's lovebird, brown breasted barbet, osprey, palmnut vulture, Pel's fishing owl and Livingstone's flycatcher. Also available is a viewing hide on a tributary of the Shire River and also some interesting visits to the local school and surrounding rural communities. **KUTHENGO CAMP**

Day 8 Transfer to Blue Zebra will be after breakfast, by a beautiful scenic drive north (around 4 hours). A boat transfer will finally take you through to Nankoma Island, which is part of Lake Malawi National Park after the road transfer.



Lake Malawi National Park is home to the color fishes including the Blue Zebra which are endemic to Lake Malawi. These fish species make snorkeling an exciting activity here. You can also enjoy many more activities from here – kayak, island walks, birding. **BLUE ZEBRA**

Day 9-10 Enjoy a couple of days to fully relax and enjoy the tranquility of this beautiful environment. **BLUE ZEBRA**



Day 11 Today you will be transferred back to Lilongwe (approximately 3 hours) in time for your onward connection. **END OF SAFARI**