

## Exclusive Houses of Zambia

- **Itinerary** Luangwa Safari House 3 nights; Chongwe River House 3 nights & Waterberry Farmhouse 3 nights
- **Includes** all safari activities except in Livingstone (see cost sheet for included activities), meals, bar (premium drinks extra), laundry, airport transfers plus domestic flights
- **Excludes** international flights, airport taxes, visa fees, gratuities and items of a personal nature.
- **Valid** April to mid-November

### DESTINATION OVERVIEW

An exclusive safari experience in Zambia's prime areas - homes away from home!

This safari covers two of the premier parks in Zambia - The South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi plus Livingstone, home to the spectacular Victoria Falls. 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. The Luangwa River flows into the **Zambezi River** - just below the **Lower Zambezi National Park**. This park, scenically bordered by an impressive escarpment, has excellent game, which can be viewed from either the river or by land. Quietly drifting past a huge elephant feeding is a great experience. **Livingstone** is home to one of 7 natural wonders of the world, the **Victoria Falls**, and offers many opportunities, both adrenaline filled and more sedate, to view this amazing site. There are game viewing opportunities too, with a chance to see the white rhino in Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park and river trips on the Zambezi River. Combining these three areas in Zambia gives you an exceptional safari.



**Day 1** On arrival at Mfuwe International Airport a guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you. The drive to the Luangwa Safari House is just under an hour through colourful local scenes of villages, agriculture as well as bush. Luangwa Safari House lies on the edge of a wonderful lagoon system - a highway for animals. The four rooms are all individually designed, are large and with fantastic views of the bush. The main sitting area is two storeys high and has an open view over the plunge

pool and the lagoon. Lunch is served on the deck - that stretches out into the lagoon area, so you often eat lunch surrounded by elephants. Depending on your arrival time, you will enjoy lunch or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive. **LUANGWA SAFARI HOUSE**



**Day 2** During your stay at the house the rhythm of your day is your choice. This is the joy of staying at a private house. The usual day will start with breakfast at just after dawn. The morning walk or drive will leave soon after, entering the park by boat from the camp or by the nearby pontoon. The game in the area is excellent - and includes many family herds of elephants and the endemic species of giraffe, the Thornicroft Giraffe. A mid morning break of tea, coffee and cake will be taken by a scenic point on a lagoon or the Luangwa River. Return to the house for lunch around mid day. After lunch you can cool off in the pool or siesta. Tea will be served in the afternoon and then off on an afternoon game drive that continues into the early night giving the chance to see the nocturnal world. Usually one returns to camp about 20.00 hrs with dinner generally at 20.30. **LUANGWA SAFARI HOUSE**



**Day 3** Another day to enjoy the game viewing or you may wish to go on an all day picnic. Taking a scout with you, you will be able to enjoy a walk or explore further afield in the park. Lunch will be under a tree or next to a lagoon and you will then be able to take a siesta or simply spend a lazy couple of hours reading a book or watching the fascinating animals and landscape around you. Returning to the house when you are ready - you may decide to continue straight on your evening drive and return to come after sundowners - this is a very flexible day. With so much game coming past the house you may choose to spend a morning in and book a massage while you watch the elephant nearby. Or again, go out into the bush to explore further. Another option is to visit the Kawaza Village in the community. **LUANGWA SAFARI HOUSE**



**Day 4** After breakfast you will transfer to Mfuwe Airport for your flight to Royal/Jeki Airstrip. This could be either direct (1 hour 40 mins flight) or via Lusaka (1 hour flight then a 30 min transfer to another plane and a 30 min flight). At Royal/Jeki you will be met by Chongwe River House team. The house itself looks onto the Chongwe River and is near the confluence of the Chongwe and Zambezi rivers with the mountains of the escarpment to the north. The house is unique - built out of feral cement, following the lines of natural wood, there is not a straight line to be seen. Each room commands a spectacular view and has a bathroom with “waterfalls” for showers. You will arrive in time for a delicious buffet lunch. In the afternoon you will have the choice of game viewing by vehicle or you can jump in a boat and experience life on the Zambezi. Back in time for an alfresco dinner and chat around the campfire. **CHONGWE RIVER HOUSE**



**Day 5** Today you can continue with the drives or walks or you may wish to take advantage of the fantastic fishing opportunities. The Zambezi 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. A strict catch and release policy is adhered to. Canoeing for a morning or even the whole day is another option which is well worth the effort - although an experience guide will be with you and you can actually just float along if you wish. The Lower Zambezi is renowned for superb canoeing safaris - the most unobtrusive way to encounter big game. Like the Luangwa Safari House your time is your own and the hosts will follow your wishes. **CHONGWE RIVER HOUSE**



**Day 6** A further day to take part in the various game viewing options or you may wish to relax in camp and enjoy the tranquil surroundings. A sundowner boat trip would be the perfect end to the day. **CHONGWE RIVER HOUSE**

**Day 7** After breakfast and farewells, a drive through the park to the airstrip to meet the plane taking you to Livingstone via Lusaka (1.5 hours). On arrival you will be met and transferred to



Waterberry Farmhouse, where you will settle into your accommodation and be served a delicious lunch. This is a large and stylish family house fabulously located on the banks of the river. It is ideal for families or groups looking for exclusivity and complete privacy while visiting the Victoria Falls. **WATERBERRY FARMHOUSE**



**Day 8-9** There is a wide range of activities on offer including fishing, canoe trips on the river, game drives in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park. For the more adventurous, Livingstone boasts a whole host of adrenaline filled activities including whitewater rafting, bungee jumping and microlighting. Or you may just wish to rest and the house and enjoy the spectacular scenery and peaceful atmosphere. Please refer to cost sheet for activities included. **WATERBERRY FARMHOUSE**



**Day 10** After breakfast, a morning activity time permitting or a transfer to Livingstone Airport for onward connection. **END OF SAFARI**