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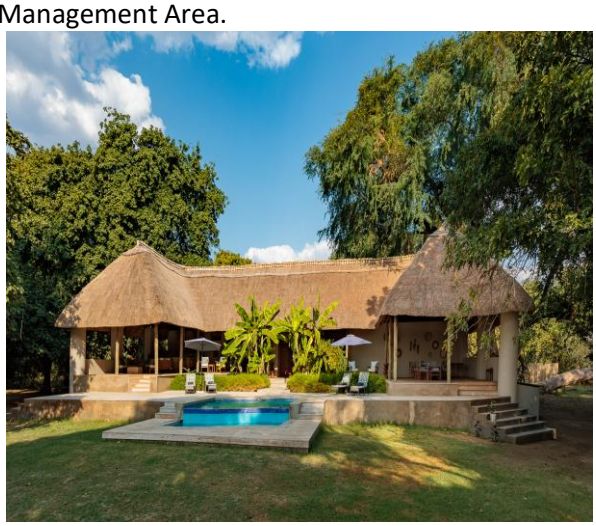
Shoebill Safari

Itinerary Luangwa River Camp 4 nights, Wasa Camp 2 nights,
Shoebill Camp 3 nights & Latitude 15°, Lusaka 1 night (10 nights)
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 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 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 Safaris, who will assist you with your luggage and check-in for your flight to Mfuwe. 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.





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 three days can be spent as you wish, with the option of a walking activity or game drive, or both. Visit Tribal Textiles for locally printed fabrics and gifts for friends and family. Perhaps take 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 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 6 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 7 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 8-9 Two full days of birding and enjoying the surroundings. Watch from the hide at dawn or dusk as thousands of waterfowl fly overhead. **SHOEBILL CAMP**

Day 10 Today you will fly back to Lusaka for an overnight stay at Latitude 15° ahead of your onward connections. **LATITUDE 15°**

Day 11 Transfer to Lusaka International Airport. **END OF SAFARI**