Zambia Safari: Exclusive Camps & Bush Walks

Tour-Only Itinerary



Sip sundowners to the sound of hippos splashing in their wallow. Dine under the stars as elephants stride by. Hear the music of a thousand birds by day, and by night a serenade of mysterious forest sounds. This is the Africa you've been searching for, and you've found it on this exceptional Country Walkers walking adventure through Zambia's iconic South Luangwa National Park, where the walking safari was pioneered. Your adventure begins at award-winning Mfuwe Lodge, a luxurious point of entry from which you venture deep into the bush on daily game drives. Continue to two remote yet deluxe bush camps for an intimate wildlife experience on foot in one of Mother Africa's last unspoiled regions. This is the real Africa—with all the challenge, beauty, mystery, and excitement that a walking safari promises.

Venture into iconic South Luangwa National Park to connect with Africa's abundant safari wildlife. From exquisite bush camps nestled amid natural surroundings, embark on unforgettable walking tours of Zambia's wild landscape. At a comfortable stroll, you can truly experience the unspoiled world underfoot, while local guides reveal to you the wonders of their country. Cover even more ground during daily game drives, marveling at the diversity of wildlife that surrounds you. As night falls, return to your accommodations, exceptionally crafted to create a remote oasis of comfort and luxury in the

untamed wild. This is the real Africa – with all its challenge, beauty, and mystery yours to discover.

Highlights

Gain a deeper appreciation for Zambia's wild nature, as you slow to a walking pace during remote bush walks with expert naturalist guides.
Thrill to close-up encounters with great mammals and colorful birds among the park's floodplains and lagoons on daily game drives.
Catch glimpses of the rare Thornicroft's giraffe, whose entire wild population is found only in Zambia's South Luangwa Valley.
Enjoy the perfect mix of comfort and immersion in nature at intimate, award-winning bush camps.
Take stock of your day as the sun sets, sipping an evening sundowner in dramatic settings along river banks and deep in the bush.



DAY 1

Join your *Zambia Safari: Exclusive Camps & Bush Walks tour*

Afternoon/evening game drive

Upon arrival in Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (LUN) in Lusaka, you clear customs and claim your baggage before re-boarding for your one-hour flight to Mfuwe Airport.

Upon arrival at the tiny Mfuwe Airport you are warmly welcomed by your guide and transferred

approximately 30 minutes to the main entrance of the South Luangwa National Park. Time permitting, you may stop at a local textiles co-op before continuing on to the lovely Mfuwe Lodge, arriving just in time for a lunch break. Afterwards, set off into the heart of the park towards your first bushcamp, Bilimungwe.

Prolific game gives this region its renown: buffalo, antelope, giraffe, crocodile, and other impressive creatures congregate around the lagoons adjacent to the camp and give you hours of entertainment. After your first game drive this evening, relax over sundowner cocktails and dinner, and then enjoy a new spectacle as spotlights pick out a parade of nocturnal creatures. You've arrived in an animal-lovers' paradise!

Accommodation: Bilimungwe Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 2

Morning bush walk and afternoon game drive or walk

1-2 hours of walking, easy

Today you head off on your first morning bushwalk which takes you deep into South Luangwa's wilds. This modern-day Eden has verdant floodplains alive with huge herds of game, mopane woodlands, and indigenous hardwood forests that sustain more than 400 species of birds. The concentration of game around the Luangwa and Kapamba Rivers and their oxbow lagoons is among the most intense in Africa; these twin rivers attract thirsty animals like a magnet. Renowned explorer David Livingstone was one of the first to note the extraordinary riches of South Luangwa Valley, saying, "It is impossible to describe its luxuriance."

After a scrumptious breakfast back at camp, you further acquaint yourself with your surroundings by relaxing on your own private porch or lounging in the camp's main sundeck, all overlooking the camp's watering holes. But be warned - siestas at Bilimungwe are difficult, as there is so much game coming to the waterholes that you never want to close your eyes! Later this afternoon, embark on another game drive or bush walk before returning to camp for a classic Bilimungwe experience: drinking sundowners astride a lounge chair, with your feet immersed in a shallow river.

Accommodation: Bilimungwe Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 3

Morning bush walk and afternoon game drive

1-2 hours of walking, easy

Immerse yourself today in the welcoming warmth and isolated enchantment of Bilimungwe Bushcamp. The camp's idyllic position between the Luangwa River and a series of three waterholes teeming with wildlife often makes guests feel as if they've stumbled upon Noah's Ark. Split your time today between a morning walking tour of Zambia's national parkland and a game drive into the bush, interspersed with time to enjoy the comforts of camp. Read in a cozy armchair under the shade of the giant mahogany tree, watch Bilmungwe's unrivaled multitude of birds and animals flock to the lagoon just off your private porch, or recount you animal sightings with your traveling companions and newfound friends. This evening, enjoy another delicious dinner prepared by your camp hosts.

Accommodation: Bilimungwe Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 4

Bilimungwe Bushcamp to Chindeni Bushcamp: morning bush walk and afternoon game drive

2-4 hours of walking, easy

Leaving Bilimungwe Bushcamp on foot, a two- to four-hour walking tour of the Zambian wilds will take you through the bush to Chindeni, your next camp. Along the way, your expert Zambian guides—all certified under one of Africa's most rigorous training programs—continue to point out exciting new discoveries. Hippopotamus, 14 different species of antelope, Thornicroft's giraffe (unique to Luangwa Valley), eland, impala, kudu, baboons, vervet monkeys, and dozens of other animal species are prolific in Luangwa—as are 400 different species of birds.

This afternoon, settle into the relaxing rhythm of your new bushcamp, enjoying sublime perspectives on the Luangwa River from the spacious deck. Later, head out to explore the surrounding wilderness on an afternoon game drive. Perhaps you'll cross paths with a family of elephants making their way across the

river, or witness a herd of zebra or buffalo roaming the adjacent grasslands. In the evening, join your hosts for sundowners, sit around the campfire recounting the day's adventures, and enjoy a starlit supper at your table overlooking the water.

Accommodation: Chindeni Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 5

Morning bush walk and afternoon game drive

1-2 hours of walking, easy

Today, enjoy the luxurious tranquility of spending every waking moment in and around Chindeni Bushcamp, taking advantage of the camp's many amenities and exploring its gorgeous surroundings. An early morning knock on the door lets you know that tea and coffee are waiting on your doorstep—your invitation to this morning's exhilarating bush walk. Join your group for juice and toast around the campfire, then head off to discover the broad variety of habitat that surrounds your camp. Perhaps you surprise a colorful flock of carmine bee-eaters in their nest along the riverbank, or happen upon a herd of puku antelope, keeping one step ahead of their main predator, the stealthy leopard. Around mid-morning, head back to camp for brunch, followed by a period of relaxing downtime. Later this afternoon, you rejoin your guides for a thrilling game drive before sundowners and a family-style dinner with your small group.

Accommodation: Chindeni Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 6

Morning bush walk and afternoon game drive

1-2 hours of walking, easy

Chindeni Bushcamp continues as your delightful home base for today's explorations. Make the most of your wilderness location with a morning bush walk, setting off early to watch the surrounding floodplains and grasslands come to life, then return to camp for a hearty brunch. Afternoon brings new opportunities to get out and explore in safari vehicles with your expert guides. After another convivial dinner with your small

group, surrounded by the sounds of the African night, perhaps you head out this evening for a drive, in search of nocturnal creatures such as the night ape and bush baby.

Accommodation: Chindeni Bushcamp, South Luangwa Valley

DAY 7

Chindeni Bushcamp to Mfuwe Lodge: morning bush walk and afternoon game drive

1-2 hours of walking, easy

The magic of Luangwa continues to enchant as, after a hearty breakfast, you set off on one final morning bush walk. Perhaps you catch a glimpse of any elusive species that you have not yet encountered on foot. After returning to camp, you transfer back to Mfuwe Lodge in time for lunch and tea before settling into your suite for your final two nights. A National Geographic, Unique Lodge of the World, Mfuwe Lodge's ideal location within the wide plains at the entrance to park yet close enough to the Zambian wilderness makes for close encounters with must-see species such as lion, elephant, and wild dog. Accompanied by your expert guide on a game drive this evening, experience the magic of exploring the South Luangwa Valley, where large herds of buffalo roam grassy plains and elephants pause to drink at fresh springs along the Luangwa's riverbanks. Back at your luxury lodge this evening, enjoy the camaraderie of your small group, sharing recollections of the day's adventures over dinner.

Accommodation: Mfuwe Lodge, Zambia

DAY 8

Morning and afternoon game drives. Optional village visit

This morning, enjoy a game drive through the noticeably different habitats surrounding Mfuwe Lodge. After a sumptuous breakfast, take time to revel in your final full day in the Zambian wilderness. Watch the comings and goings of hippos and other wild game from your private veranda, indulge in a treatment at the lodge's onsite Bush Spa (not included in tour price), or head into the small village of Mfuwe, where you may have the opportunity to visit the local school—funded in part by Country Walkers' sustainable tourism initiatives. In the evening, set out on one final game drive before the day concludes with an intimate

farewell dinner under the stars, with the best of wild Zambia spread out at your doorstep.

Accommodation: Mfuwe Lodge, Zambia

DAY 9

Your *Zambia Safari: Exclusive Camps & Bush Walks* tour concludes

Reflect on your walking tour of Zambia as you bid farewell to the South Luangwa Valley. Transfer to the Mfuwe Airport for your included flight back to the capital city, Lusaka.

What's Included

	Tour Only
Exceptional boutique accommodations	✓
All on-tour meals	✓
Local guides with you throughout tour	✓
Local wine and/or beer with dinner	✓
Entrance fees and special events as noted in the itinerary	✓
Emergency travel assistance hotline available 24/7	✓