

Kwalata Safari (7 nights / 8 days) - 2019

This is a tented safari with fixed departure dates focusing on the Kafue NP starting in Lusaka and ending in Livingstone for a minimum of 2 guests.

Safari summary			
Day	Accommodation	Destination	Board basis
Day 1	Wild Dogs Lodge or similar	Lusaka	B&B
Day 2-3	Kasabushi Camp or similar	Kafue NP	2 x B, 2 x L, 2 x D
Day 4-5	Hippo Bay Camp or similar	Kafue NP	2 x B, 2 x L, 2 x D
Day 6-7	Highlands Lodge or similar	Livingstone	2 x B, 2 x D
Day 8	End of Safari	Livingstone	

Day 1 – Arrival in Lusaka

Upon arrival at Lusaka's "Kenneth Kaunda" International Airport (LUN) we welcome you and transfer you to the lodge for the first night. We do the final preparations for the Kwalata Safari which includes the safari briefing. If needed there is shopping time for personal items. Kwalata is the collective noun for Sable and Roan antelopes in the Lozi language.

Accommodation: in rooms or chalets at the lodge

Mealplan: B&B

Distance: 35km / 1hr

Day 2 – Lusaka to Kasabushi Camp / Kafue NP

After an energizing breakfast we load up and leave Lusaka westward. We are heading to Nalusanga Gate via Mumbwa. The roads out of Lusaka can be congested and it might take some time to reach the Kafue NP entrance. As soon as we are registered with the parks authority it is a game drive all the way to Kasabushi Camp. Pukus and Zebras should be amongst the first wildlife we spot. Roan, Sable and Eland are present but usually very shy. As soon as we reach camp it's time to set up. Dinner is cooked over open fire. In the evening we will enjoy the beautiful night sky.

Accommodation: In 3m x 3m x 2m dome canvas tents with stretchers and solar lights

Mealplan: Picknick-Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 350km / 6hrs

Day 3 – Kasabushi Camp / Kafue NP

Every morning starts with breakfast and afterwards we explore the area around the Shishamba River. The river is not flowing most of the year but leaves dambos (waterholes) where lions and leopards try to ambush Buffaloes and Pukus. The African Finfoot is frequently seen here too. We return to camp for lunch and siesta. In the afternoon is time for an optional sunset boat cruise or we had out for another game drive. Our last supper is prepared on the open fire. The hippos in front of the camp will entertain us with their calls before leaving the river to feed.

Accommodation: In 3m x 3m x 2m dome canvas tents with stretchers and solar lights

Mealplan: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner

Activities: Game drive, boat cruise (optional)

Day 4 – Kasabushi Camp to Hippo Bay Camp/ Kafue NP

Today we pack up and move downstream the Kafue River to Hippo Bay Camp. We will pass through Mopane woodlands, crossing a number of mostly dry streams and will reach the lake shore. The track should enable us to move swiftly and by lunchtime we should be at the new destination. Hippo Bay Camp is at the southern shore of Lake Itzhi-Tezhi. In the afternoon we will do a game drive along the lake shore hoping to see herds of Elephants and Buffalo.

Accommodation: In 3m x 3m x 2m dome canvas tents with stretchers and solar lights

Mealplan: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 120km / 4hrs

Day 5 – Hippo Bay Camp / Kafue NP

After an early breakfast we had out to our morning game drive. Game Rangers International (GRI) is having the release facility of their Elephant orphanage in this part of the Kafue NP and we can pay them a visit to see first hand how they operate. We can had back to camp for a lunch and siesta break or can have our picnic lunch under the shady trees at Camp Phoenix before continuing our game drive. In the afternoon a lot of animals come down to the lake shore to quench their thirst. With sunset we return to our camp where we soon will listen to the sounds of the night.

Accommodation: In 3m x 3m x 2m dome canvas tents with stretchers and solar lights

Mealplan: Picknick-Lunch, Dinner

Activites: Game drive

Day 6 – Hippo Bay Camp to Livingstone

Again it's time to pack up and move on. To Livingstone, the tourism capital of Zambia. The town is named after David Livingstone, the famous explorer and missionary, who was strongly campaigning against the slave trade at the time. As long as we are in the park we are still on game drive. Our lunch stop will be in

Kalomo and in the late afternoon we will reach Livingstone. We are lodging tonight and dinner is at own account.

Accommodation: in comfortable rooms at a lodge in Lusaka

Mealplan: Dinner is at own account

Distance: 350km / 9hrs.

Day 7 – Livingstone

The Mosi-oa-Tunya NP just outside Livingstone hosts the only population of White Rhinoceros in Zambia and we are going to track them on foot. Later in the day we will visit the mighty Victoria Falls. If you'd like to do optional activities like helicopter rides or microlight flight please let us know well in advance to make the arrangements.

Accommodation: in comfortable rooms at a lodge in Livingstone

Mealplan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is own account

Day 8 – Departure from Livingstone

It's the last morning of the Kwalata Safari and after the breakfast it is time to say "Good bye". If you fly out from Livingstone's "Harry Mwanga Nkumbula" International Airport we'll take you there in time for your flight.

Mealplan: Breakfast

Distance: 15km / 20min.

Included:

- all accommodation and meals as stated
- all transfers from / to airports and destinations
- all national park and conservation fees
- game drives in Kafue NP
- Rhino tracking in Mosi-oa-Tunya NP
- Visit of the Victoria Falls

Not included:

- visa, travel insurance
- optional sunset cruise on Kafue River
- curios, personal expenses, tips

Internet links:

- Wild Dogs Lodge – <https://www.nature-safaris.de/wild-dogs-lodge/>
- Kasabushi Camp – <https://kasabushi.wordpress.com/campsite/>
- Hippo Bay Camp – <https://www.hippobaycamp.com/>

Zamsato – Zambia Safaris & Adventure Tours

Price:

Rack rate: USD1,400 per person sharing (April – September)

USD1,480 per person sharing (October - November)

For departure dates check at <https://www.zamsato.com/itinerary/kwalata-safari/>

