

Mpala Safari (5 nights / 6 days)

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

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

Day 1 – Livingstone to Hippo Bay Camp / Kafue NP

We meet the guests at their accommodation in Livingstone at 07:00hrs. A pre departure briefing was done in the evening of the previous day. We leave town and head to Ndumdunwezi Gate via Kalomo. The roads after Kalomo can be rough and it will 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 Hippo Bay Camp on the southern shore of Lake Itezhi-Tezhi. Kudus and Impalas 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 on the 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 / 9hrs

Day 2 – 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 picknick 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 3 – Hippo Bay Camp to Kasabushi Camp / Kafue NP

Today we pack up and move upstream the Kafue River to Kasabushi Camp. We leave the lake shore and will pass thru Mopane woodlands, crossing a number of mostly dry streams. The track should enable us to move swiftly and by lunchtime we should be at the new destination. Our campsite is on the banks of the Kafue River under tall shady trees. In the afternoon we will go out for our game drive looking for Lichtenstein's Hartebeest and try our luck in finding some predators.

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

Mealplan: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 120km / 4hrs

Day 4 – 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 trying 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 super is prepared on the open fire. The hippos in front of the camp will entertain us with their calls beofre 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 5 – Lusaka

Again it's time to pack up and move on. To Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia. A town that was planned for 500 000 people and now it's home to about 3 million people. As long as we are in the park we are still on game drive. Our lunch stop will be in Mumbwa and in the late afternoon we will reach Lusaka. We are lodging tonight and dinner is at own account.

Accommodation: in comfortable rooms at a lodge in Lusaka

Mealplan: Lunch and dinner is at own account

Distance: 350km / 7hrs.

Day 6 – Lusaka – Time to say good bye

This safari ends after breakfast.

Mealplan: Breakfast

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

Not included:

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

Internet links:

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

Price:

Rack rate: USD1,170 per person sharing

