



6 – Day Mpala Safari (Southbound)

This is a tented safari with focus on the Kafue NP starting in Lusaka and ending in Livingstone

Departure dates: This safari is available all year round and can run on short notice.

Group size: min. 2 guests, max. 8 guests

Rack rate: USD1,170 per person (incl. USD100 national park and conservation fees)

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

Day 1 – Lusaka to Kasabushi Camp / Kafue NP

We meet the guests at their accommodation in Lusaka at 07:00hrs. A pre departure briefing was done in the evening of the previous day. We leave town and head to Chunga Gate via Mumbwa. At times it can be challenging to get out of Lusaka but than we have the open road ahead of us. Just after Mumbwa we pass through the first national park gate. We might see the first Baboons and Impalas at the roadside. We proceed to Chunga Gate where we register with the parks authority. From here it is a game drive all the way to Kasabushi Camp on the banks of the Kafue River. Lichtenstein's Hartebeest, 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. 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: Picknick-Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 350km / 7hrs

Day 2 – 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 on the Kafue River or we head out for another game drive. Dinner is freshly prepared and served by the campfire. 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activites: Game drive

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

Today we pack up and move downstream along the Kafue River to Hippo Bay Camp. We pass through 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 at the southern shore of Lake Itezhi-Tezhi. 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 – 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: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner

Activities: Game drive, boat cruise (optional)



Day 5 – Livingstone

Again it's time to pack up and move on. To Livingstone, the tourist capital of Zambia. The town was founded in 1905 and has been the administrative centre during colonial times. Many old buildings are still standing and the Livingstone Museum is the most informative history museum in Zambia. 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 Livingstone

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 (USD25 per person)
- curios, personal expenses, tips

Internet links:

- Hippo Bay Camp – <https://www.hippobaycamp.com/>
- Kasabushi Camp – <https://kasabushi.wordpress.com/campsite/>
- Kalahari Sand Ridge Inn – <https://www.kalaharisandridge.com/>

