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19 – Day Wildebeest Safari

This is a tented safari with fixed departure dates focusing on the Kafue NP, Mosi-oa-Tunya NP and Liuwa Plain NP starting and ending in Lusaka

Departure dates:Please check at https://bit.ly/wildebeestsafariGroup size:min. 2 guests, max. 5 guestsRack rate:USD4,519.00 per person (incl. USD395 national park and conservation fees)

Safari summary

Day	Accommodation	Destination	Board basis
Day 1	Wild Dogs Lodge or similar	Lusaka	Dinner on own account
Day 2 - 4	Bongololo Camp or similar	Kafue NP	3 x B, 3 x L, 3 x D
Day 5	Liseli Lodge or similar	Mongu	1 x B, 1 x L, Dinner on own account
Day 6 - 9	Katoyana Camp or similar	Liuwa Plain NP	4 x B, 4 x L, 4 x D
Day 10	Liseli Lodge or similar	Mongu	1 x B, 1 x L, Dinner on own account
Day 11	Muzauli Camp or similar	Sioma	1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D
Day 12 - 13	Kalahari Sand Ridge Inn	Livingstone	2 x B, 2 x L, Dinner on own account
Day 14 - 15	Hippo Bay Camp or similar	Kafue NP	2 x B, 2 x L, 2 x D
Day 16 - 17	Kasabushi Camp or similar	Kafue NP	2 x B, 2 x L, 2 x D
Day 18	Wild Dogs Lodge or similar	Lusaka	1 x B, 1 x L, Dinner on own account
Day 19	End of Safari		1 x B



Day 1 - Arrival in Lusaka

When you touch down at Lusaka's "Kenneth Kaunda" International Airport (LUN), we'll be right there to take you to the cozy lodge in Lusaka. Once you're settled in, we'll get everything ready and give you a thorough rundown of what to expect on the 19-Day Wildebeest Safari. And guess what? You'll be winding down in some comfy rooms during your stay.

Accommodation: rooms or chalets at a lodge Mealplan: B&B Distance: 10km / 15min.

Day 2-4 – Northern Kafue Ntional Park

Kickstart your day with a wholesome breakfast that'll fuel your adventures. After filling up, we'll pack up and bid farewell to Lusaka, heading west towards the expansive Kafue National Park, Zambia's grandest national park that's even larger than Slovenia. Picture this: the Kafue River runs through its heart, a lifeline for the park's vibrant wildlife.

In the dry season, critters gather along the riverbanks and the remaining waterholes, creating a wildlife spectacle that's truly remarkable. Kafue National Park stands out for its incredible diversity in both species and habitats. Get ready to explore this natural wonder on thrilling game drives, and if you're up for it, there's even an option for a laid-back boat cruise to add an extra layer of adventure to your day.

When it comes to meals, we believe in keeping things fresh and simple. Picture this: delicious dishes prepared with the finest ingredients, all cooked up over an open fire. And as the day winds down, you'll be unwinding in our spacious canvas dome tents – the perfect blend of comfort and adventure.

Accommodation: large canvas dome tents with mattress, chair and solar lights Mealplan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Distance: 320km / 7hrs

Day 5 - Mongu, the capital of Western Province

Rise and shine, early birds! Time to hit the road and head for our next stop – the charming Mongu, the capital of Western Province. Once we've fueled up with a hearty breakfast and loaded up our gear, we'll embark on a transfer game drive through the picturesque landscapes of Kafue National Park until we link back up with the Great West Road at Chunga North Gate.

In the quaint town of Kaoma, we'll take a breather for lunch before cruising into Mongu come afternoon. It's the perfect opportunity to grab whatever essentials you need for the upcoming days in Liuwa Plain National Park.

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And guess what? You'll be kicking back in cozy, air-conditioned rooms for the night. As for dinner, you've got the reins on that one – dinner plans are on your own terms.

Accommodation: a/c rooms or chalets at a lodge Mealplan: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner Distance: 320km / 6hrs

Day 6-9 - Liuwa Plain NP

Get ready for a picturesque journey as we roll across the scenic Barotse Floodplains from Mongu to Kalabo. At Kalabo, we'll cross the Luanginga River over a sturdy bridge. Navigating through the soft white sand, our expedition will lead us to the African Parks Office, where a bit of paperwork awaits – but hey, it's all part of the adventure!

And there you have it – a warm welcome to the breathtaking Liuwa Plain! Over the next three days, immerse yourself in thrilling game drives across the expansive plains, scouting for Wildebeest and Spotted Hyenas. Fun fact: African Buffalo and Lion have been successfully reintroduced into Liuwa Plain National Park, adding an extra layer of excitement to your wildlife encounters. Oh, and let's not forget the incredible birdlife that graces the skies above.

Once the day's adventures wind down, you'll be settling into our spacious canvas dome tents, the perfect blend of comfort and adventure.

Accommodation: dome canvas tents with mattress, chair and solar lights Mealplan: Breakfast, (Picknick-)Lunch, Dinner Activities: Game drives, bird watching Distance: 130km / 4hrs

Day 10 – Mongu

Today's adventure leads us back to Mongu, crossing the impressive Barotse Floodplains—this vast expanse that the Zambezi River generously floods each year. Here, the Lozi people, embracing a semi-nomadic lifestyle, utilize the plains as grazing grounds for their cattle and fertile farmland for cultivating rice and various crops during the dry season. Our pit stop in Mongu is all about restocking for the next leg of our journey. And when it comes to winding down, you'll be in the lap of comfort in air-conditioned rooms.

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Day 11 – Ngonye Falls / Upper Zambezi

Rise and shine, breakfast champions! Once we've fueled up, it's the usual routine – loading up and hitting the road bound for Sioma on a smooth tar road. Our next gem? The lesser-known Ngonye Falls in Sioma. This horseshoe-shaped beauty shows off its prettiest side when the Zambezi River's water levels are at a gentle low. Prepare for a leisurely stroll around the falls area and see its charm unfold before your eyes. And when it's time to call it a day, guess where you'll be? Nestled in the cozy embrace of our spacious canvas dome tents.

Accommodation: dome canvas tents with mattress, chair and solar lights Mealplan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Distance: 190km / 4hrs

Day 12- Livingstone

The journey itself is the real star today! The road is a tale of two halves – the stretch up to Sesheke is smooth as silk, but get ready for a bit of adventure as it takes on a character of its own. We'll glide through the dance of potholes, carving our own path. Then, from Kazungula to Livingstone, it's back to near-perfect road vibes. Today is all about the drive, no specific activities on the agenda. As the day winds down, you'll be unwinding in comfy rooms, and for dinner, the choice is all yours.

Accommodation: comfy rooms or chalets at a lodge Mealplan: B&B Distance: 330km / 5hrs

Day 13 - Mosi-oa-Tunya NP and Victoria Falls

Discover a hidden gem – did you know that Livingstone's Mosi-oa-Tunya NP is home to Square-lipped Rhinos, aka White Rhinos? Early in the cool morning, we're off to the national park for a walking safari. Get ready to connect with nature on a ground level, scout for tracks, and delve into plant stories. Our goal? Spotting White Rhinos up close. After this invigorating exercise, it's time for a riverside picnic.

And because no visit to Livingstone is complete without it, the afternoon plan is all about soaking in the wonder of Victoria Falls. As the day winds down, you'll be settling into comfy rooms. And for lunch and dinner, the choice is all yours to savor.

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Day 14-15 - Southern Kafue National Park

Time to bid farewell to Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia's first capital, as we set our compass northward, venturing back into the wild. Our sights are set on the southern wonders of Kafue National Park – think Mopane and Teak woodlands, the expansive Nanzhila Plains, and the serene Lake Itezhi-Tezhi. Get ready for a wildlife quest in search of Buffaloes and Elephants.

Here's a nugget of info: "Game Rangers International" runs Camp Phoenix in this part of the national park, serving as a haven for orphaned elephant babies. We're penciling in a visit on Day 14, right during feeding time for the young pachyderms. And where will you be settling for the night? In our spacious canvas dome tents, of course!?

Accommodation: dome canvas tents with mattress, chair and solar lights Mealplan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Distance: 330km / 6hrs

Day 16-17 – Central Kafue National Park

Heading even further north, still within the expansive embrace of Kafue National Park, the largest and most biodiverse sanctuary in Zambia. Picture this: it's comparable in size to Wales or Massachusetts. Now, being inside this natural wonderland calls for a game drive extravaganza en route to our next camp.

Cruising through diverse landscapes, we navigate small creeks, conquer hills, and keep our eyes peeled for intriguing wildlife and vibrant birdlife. Our riverside camp, nestled on the banks of the Kafue River, beckons with the comfort of our spacious canvas dome tents. And on Day 17, the adventure continues with exploratory game drive loops. \clubsuit

Accommodation: dome canvas tents with mattress, chair and solar lights Mealplan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Distance: 125km / 4hrs

Day 18 – Lusaka

With a tinge of nostalgia, we'll savor our final breakfast in the wilderness, packing up cherished memories. The exit from Kafue National Park doubles as our last game drive on this safari. As we hit the tarmac, our compass points eastward, guiding us back to Lusaka. The grand circle around western Zambia concludes where it began – Lusaka. A restful night awaits in comfy rooms, marking the perfect end to our epic 19-Day Wildebeest Safari.

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Mealplan: B&B Distance: 300km / 5hrs

Day 19 – Departure / End of Safari

Following a restful night at the lodge, we'll share our final breakfast together. Depending on your flight schedule, there's room for some leisurely sightseeing in Lusaka or simply unwinding. Our team will ensure a seamless transfer to Lusaka International Airport (LUN), ushering you toward your departure or onward flight. Safe travels ahead!

Mealplan: B&B Distance: 15km / 30min.

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 Ngonye Falls and 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/
- Bongololo Camp https://bongololo.com/
- Liseli Lodge https://liselilodge.com/
- Liuwa Plain Community Camps https://www.africanparks.org/the-parks/liuwa-plain/liuwa-plaincampsites
- Kasabushi Camp https://kasabushi.wordpress.com/campsite/
- Hippo Bay Camp https://www.hippobaycamp.com/





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