

# Wild Zambia

Walking Safaris, Game Drives & River Exploration in the Unspoiled Heart of Africa





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### **Trip Details:**

**Days** 11 Days / Jun–Oct

Price From \$16495 (+Air)

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Few places in the world remain as wild as they were 150 years ago, but there are tracts of Africa that still feel primal. Southern Zambia is one of them. Vast, unmarred landscapes teem with great herds of game and stealthy predators, continuing the great dance of life as they have for millennia. When European explorers like David Livingstone ventured into terrain that was *terra incognita* to the outside world, they were stunned by the vibrancy of these habitats, where wildlife thrives in prolific numbers. That sense of awe is just as palpable in Zambia today, as we encounter nature's immensity on a scale that's rarely matched. About 40% of the country is preserved in parks and game reserves, offering an unparalleled wilderness safari experience without crowds. Come discover Zambia, land of untamed rivers, sprawling plains and abundant animals—where the essence of wild Africa still reigns.

# **Trip Highlights**

Discover Zambia, an under-the-radar safari destination, before others do—on a far-from-ordinary adventure into its most enticing wildlife reserves

Enjoy exclusive occupancy of small, secluded camps in premier wildlife habitat in South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi national parks

South Luangwa is where walking safaris were pioneered—join expert guides on foot, plus game drives, boat cruises and canoe safaris



### **Itinerary At A Glance**

#### Day 1

Lusaka, Zambia

#### Day 2

Chartered Flight to Mfuwe / South Luangwa National Park

#### Days 3 & 4

On Safari in South Luangwa National Park

#### Days 5 - 7

**Exploring South Luangwa** 

#### Day 8

Private Chartered Flight to Lower Zambezi—Amanzi Camp

#### Days 9 & 10

Exploring Lower Zambezi National Park

#### Day 11

Chartered Flight to Lusaka / Depart

# **Wild Zambia Itinerary**

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#### Day 1: Lusaka, Zambia

Arrive in Zambia's capital of Lusaka. Gather for a welcome dinner this evening with your Expedition Leader and fellow adventurers.







#### Day 2: Chartered Flight to Mfuwe / South Luangwa National Park

From Lusaka, take a chartered flight to Mfuwe, then transfer by road to Zungulila Camp on the Kapamba River, our base for exploring the little-visited southern sector of South Luangwa National Park. Our camp, exclusively for Nat Hab guests, is set on a knoll overlooking natural springs and broad plains that are home to prolific game. Four generous Meru-style tents accommodate just eight guests, their wood and thatch construction evoking the classic ambience of a bygone era while belying the luxury of this intimate camp that offers every comfort in this remote bush setting.

#### Days 3 & 4: On Safari in South Luangwa National Park

In South Luangwa, one of Africa's last tracts of primal wilderness, we are immersed in an evocative landscape of undulating hills, seasonal floodplains, ebony forests and rushing rivers. The Edenic vistas are a backdrop for tremendous concentrations of game, from massive elephants and Cape buffalo to agile antelope and the lions and leopards that prey upon them. Without even leaving camp, we're likely to see elephants wandering past and scores of buffalo gathered at the river to drink, not to mention regular camp denizens such as giraffe, monkeys and a wide assortment of birds.

The Luangwa Valley is the birthplace of the traditional walking safari, and to explore it on foot with an expert local guide, in the reassuring company of an armed guard, raises the sensory experience of the African wild to a level unmatched by any other mode. Optional walking safaris are a highlight at Zungulila, offering a rare encounter with raw nature at eye level. Learn to track a leopard by identifying its spoor, scout for tracks of antelope eluding predators, and observe crocodile footprints etched in the damp sand. Camp guides teach you to identify tell-tale animal alarm calls and show how to soothe insect bites with the juice of a sausage tree. Game drives take us farther afield in the comfort of a vehicle to look for hyenas on the hunt, prowling packs of African wild dogs and more. And night drives are a special experience, as we go in search of nocturnal predators including leopards.





#### **Days 5 - 7: Exploring South Luangwa**

Transfer to Bilimungwe Camp for another angle on the vast wilderness of South Luangwa. Tucked within a mahogany grove overlooking three waterholes, Bilimungwe blends seamlessly with its wild setting, lying near both the Luangwa River and an open plain where lions and leopards stalk their prey. Plentiful wildlife is on your doorstep as you observe from the private raised deck of your reed and thatch cottage, entertained by giraffes bending low to drink and hippos splashing about. Large families of elephants are also frequent visitors to the waterholes. Other common sightings include zebra, impala, wildebeest, puku, warthog, baboons, spotted hyenas and wild dogs. Some 400 bird species thrive along the river, including saddle bill stork, marabou stork, great white egret, black headed heron and goliath heron.

Choose to explore the riverine woodland on foot with guides who are deeply familiar with this terrain, and count on plenty of game drives to maximize your wildlife viewing. In the evening, sundowners await on the riverbank, then retreat to a comfortable chair beneath the winterthorn tree and watch "Bush TV": look to the orange horizon as animals emerge from their shaded hiding spots, once temperatures drop. On night drives, listen to the entrancing sounds of the African bush as we search for nocturnal predators. Once darkness descends, camp takes on a romantic ambience, when the flicker of paraffin lanterns illumines our retreat beneath a canopy of glittering stars.

#### Day 8: Private Chartered Flight to Lower Zambezi—Amanzi Camp

From Kapamba airstrip, we fly by private chartered aircraft to Lower Zambezi National Park and transfer to Amanzi Camp, elevated on a steep bank above the Zambezi's Ngwenya Channel with panoramic views. We have exclusive occupancy of the intimate luxury camp, which has four tents on raised wooden decks overlooking the channel and a large island. The camp is perfectly positioned as a launch point for exploration, offering outstanding access to some of Zambia's—and Africa's—best wildlife viewing. The habitat around camp is a mix of miombo, mopane and acacia woodland interspersed with open plains and thick riverine forest—a diverse mosaic supporting a wide range of species.





#### Days 9 & 10: Exploring Lower Zambezi National Park

Covering 1,580 square miles, Lower Zambezi National Park is supreme wilderness, its silence broken only by the cry of the fish eagle and the bleats, calls, yips and roars of abundant wildlife. The park's lifeblood is the Zambezi River, coursing for 90 miles along its eastern edge, drawing spectacular numbers of animals. We go in search of it on varied land- and water-based activities—game drives and walking safaris, boat cruises on the river and canoe excursions on placid channels.

On the opposite bank of the mighty Zambezi is Mana Pools National Park in Zimbabwe, protecting an uninterrupted stretch of habitat for enormous herds of elephant and buffalo. Along the river, hippos are everywhere, snorting in noisy pods, while crocodiles bask in the shallows awaiting their next meal as animals wander down to quench their thirst. Kudu, eland, waterbuck, bushbuck, impala and zebra browse grasses on islands that lie between the two shores, creating an access corridor to both banks. Lion and leopard—the main predators— lie in wait, and our odds of seeing leopards, which thrive in this region, are especially high. Wild dog also roam the area, while spotted hyena and side-striped jackals are never far from the action. Night drives may reveal nocturnal species such as honey badger, porcupine, genet, civet and aardvark. The birdlife is magnificent, with both waterfowl and woodland species in abundance. During the late dry season (late August onward), both white-fronted and carmine bee-eaters nest in the banks of the rivers, their iridescent plumage creating a colorful spectacle.

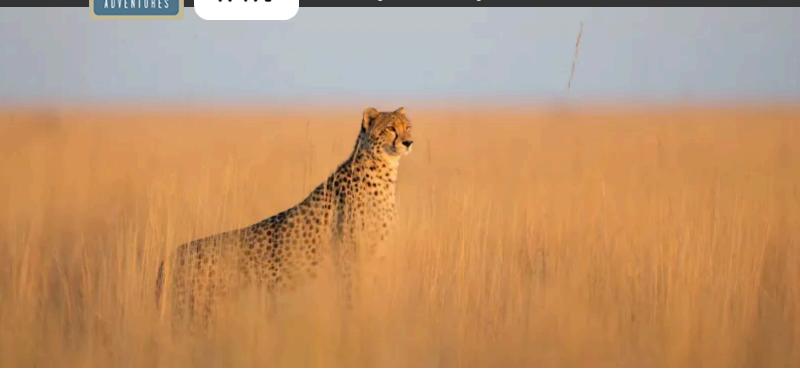
#### Day 11: Chartered Flight to Lusaka / Depart

After breakfast, fly this morning by chartered aircraft back to Lusaka, where we meet homeward flights.

**Please Note:** All departures will spend three nights each at two different camps in South Luangwa National Park. On some departures, Kapamba or Chindeni camps may be substituted for the camps named in the itinerary above.







#### **Accommodation Details:**

Latitude 15

Zungulila

**Bilimungwe** 

Kapamba Bushcamp

**Amanzi** 

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/zambia-walking-safari/accommodations

# **Wild Zambia Accommodations**

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#### Latitude 15

A stylish eco-conscious hotel that blends modern African design with recycled art, offering upscale rooms, a spa, gym, restaurant and easy airport access.



#### Zungulila

Set above the Kapamba River, this solar-powered safari camp features open-air suites, private plunge pools, regional cuisine and views of wildlife and surrounding nature.



#### Bilimungwe

This solar-powered safari camp sits near three waterholes, offering daily wildlife sightings, open-air lounging, locally sourced meals, handcrafted design and strong ties to the surrounding community.



#### **Kapamba Bushcamp**

Set on the Kapamba River, this solar-powered camp features open-fronted chalets, broad river views and a secluded, offgrid location in South Luangwa's southern region.







#### **Amanzi**

Set on the Zambezi River in Zambia, this solar-powered, ecoconscious lodge offers luxurious tented suites, seasonal cuisine and wildlife views—blending privacy, sustainability, and natural beauty.





# Find a Less-Discovered Safari Experience Before Others Do

Zambia is still very much an under-the-radar safari destination, with limited crowds or panache, although it's big on amazing wildlife. Whether you're a safari connoisseur or a first-time visitor to Africa, come explore Zambia with us before it becomes popular. Here are all the reasons why you should!

Our Most Active African Safari...Get Out & Walk!

While most safaris are rather sedentary affairs, requiring that you stay in a vehicle the entire time, Zambia is different: the walking safari was pioneered here, and our guides are seasoned pros at safely exploring on foot. Get your boots on the ground in South Luangwa National Park, as you walk with an experienced (and armed) guide for a rare encounter with nature at eye level. (Though please note that walking safaris are entirely optional.)

- Exclusive Opportunities for Exploration
  In addition to the rare chance to enjoy walking safaris, our itinerary includes other special private opportunities to explore the Zambian wilderness in a variety of modes, including night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife, boat cruises in search of hippos and elephants in the Zambezi River, and canoeing, for a quiet, eye-level encounter with birds and wildlife along the banks.
- Travel in An Exceptionally Small Group—Just Six Travelers

  A small group is key to intimate wildlife encounters. We're able to approach quietly, avoiding any disturbance to the animals. We can bask in the peace of nature without intrusion from noise. And we are able to stay in the smallest of safari camps, adding to the feel of what it might have been like to be in Africa a century ago.
- Superior Wildlife Viewing in Less-Visited Destinations
  In South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi national parks, we find tremendous concentrations of game, from massive elephants and great herds of Cape buffalo to zebra, giraffe and agile antelope species, and the lions and leopards that prey upon them. Other predators include side-striped jackals and packs of rare African wild dogs. You'll also find spectacular birdlife, including marabou stork and rainbow-plumed bee eaters.
- Private Chartered Flights Maximize Your Time on Safari
  Chartered flights by light aircraft seamlessly connect our safari locations, avoiding long, rough, dusty drives—allowing us to spend more time scouting for wildlife instead of enduring uncomfortable conditions in transit. Considering the vast expanses of wilderness that comprise Zambia, this is key feature to optimize your safari experience.





The Best Safari Vehicles—with a "Window" Seat for All 6

You won't find a better mode of safari transport than the state-of-the-art 4x4 vehicles we use, designed for overland travel in the most remote bush conditions, with suspension systems that offer a safe and more comfortable ride. Our vehicles have open sides, with no glass to impede your view. And every guest gets a side seat—no one is stuck in the middle, and since we don't fill them to capacity, there's plenty of room for your gear.

**Intimate Safari Camps Offer Close-Up Wildlife Encounters** 

Our small, solar-powered camps, with just four tents each, are for the exclusive use of Nat Hab guests when we have a full departure with six travelers. Steeped in the classic safari ambience of old, they are replete with every comfort to ensure a welcome respite from your adventures in the bush. Isolated in spots where wildlife is prolific, their settings maximize quiet encounters with animals—many of which often wander right through camp! Private verandas provide guests a personal view on the African wild, with photography possibilities right out the door of your tent.

**Zambia's Most Outstanding Safari Guides** 

Our guests enjoy the personalized service of some of the Africa's top naturalist guides—a Nat Hab hallmark. Our Zambia guides are also experts at conducting walking safaris, which were pioneered in Zambia and remain a safari centerpiece in this country. Your Expedition Leader is among the most highly trained guides in Africa, with additional resources provided by WWF's top scientists—meaning you get superlative interpretation to enrich your wildlife encounters and nature immersion. Our philosophy on this is simple: an African safari is only as good as the guide, so we must provide the very best! See Expedition Leader bios and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Zambia Safari With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states

that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise.

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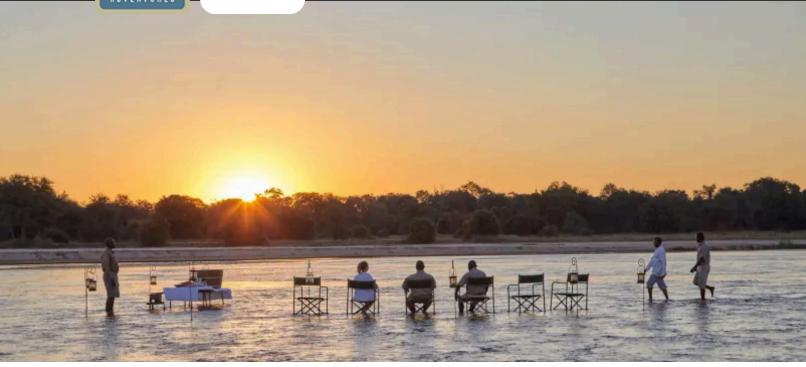
We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

**Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner** 11 Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel

partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!







# Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$16495 (+Air)

**Group Size:** Limited to 6 Travelers

# Wild Zambia Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jun 11, 2026	Jun 21, 2026	\$16495 USD (+internal air)
Jul 1, 2026	Jul 11, 2026	\$16995 USD (+internal air)
Jul 13, 2026	Jul 23, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Aug 2, 2026	Aug 12, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Aug 15, 2026	Aug 25, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Sep 1, 2026	Sep 11, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Sep 24, 2026	Oct 4, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Sep 28, 2026	Oct 8, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Oct 7, 2026	Oct 17, 2026	\$17495 USD (+internal air)
Oct 19, 2026	Oct 29, 2026	\$16995 USD (+internal air)

#### 2027 Departures

	Departure	Return	Notes	
Prices not confirmed for 2027				
	Jun 5, 2027	Jun 15, 2027	\$15995 USD (+internal air)	
	lun 20, 2027	Jun 30, 2027	\$16495 USD (+internal air)	





Departure Return Notes

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 \$16995 USD (+internal air)

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 \$17495 USD (+internal air)

 Aug 2, 2027
 Aug 12, 2027
 \$16995 USD (+internal air)

 Aug 15, 2027
 Aug 25, 2027
 \$16995 USD (+internal air)

 Aug 26, 2027
 Sep 5, 2027
 \$17495 USD (+internal air)

 Sep 10, 2027
 Oct 2, 2027
 \$17495 USD (+internal air)

 Oct 9, 2027
 Oct 19, 2027
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#### **Pricing**

See https://nathab.com/africa/zambia-walking-safari/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

#### **Included**

- ➤ Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees
- > Internal air cost includes: All charter flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

#### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

### **Getting There & Getting Home**

This trip begins and ends in Lusaka, Zambia. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials. You must arrive in Lusaka by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to attend the 7 pm welcome dinner.

You may depart Lusaka anytime after 2 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



#### **Extension Details:**

Madagascar Explorer \$11995

Namibia Desert Extension \$5795

**Cape Town Extension** \$1995

Wild Cape Coast Extension \$2995

**Ultimate Madagascar** \$14995

# **Wild Zambia Extensions**

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#### **Madagascar Explorer**

Look for rare and endemic flora and fauna on a compact itinerary revealing a mix of contrasting ecosystems—primary rainforest, pristine beaches, ancient baobabs and coastal mangroves

**\$11995** (+air)



#### **Namibia Desert Extension**

Namibia's towering sand dunes, arid canyons and desertadapted wildlife offer a distinct contrast to other southern Africa safari destinations—look for endangered black rhino, desert elephant and more.

**\$5795** (+air)



#### **Cape Town Extension**

Discover one of the world's most entrancing cities and its natural environs. Survey the view from Table Mountain, explore the Cape Peninsula, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, see penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour the Winelands. \$1995







#### **Wild Cape Coast Extension**

From our luxury ecolodge base on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, explore pristine coastal wilderness including the rare Cape Floral plant kingdom and Stony Point penguin colony. \$2995



#### **Ultimate Madagascar**

Look for lemurs and many more species found only here as we explore the biodiversity treasure trove of the planet's most unique island. Madagascar is an evolutionary time capsule—truly a world apart!

**\$14995** (+air)



