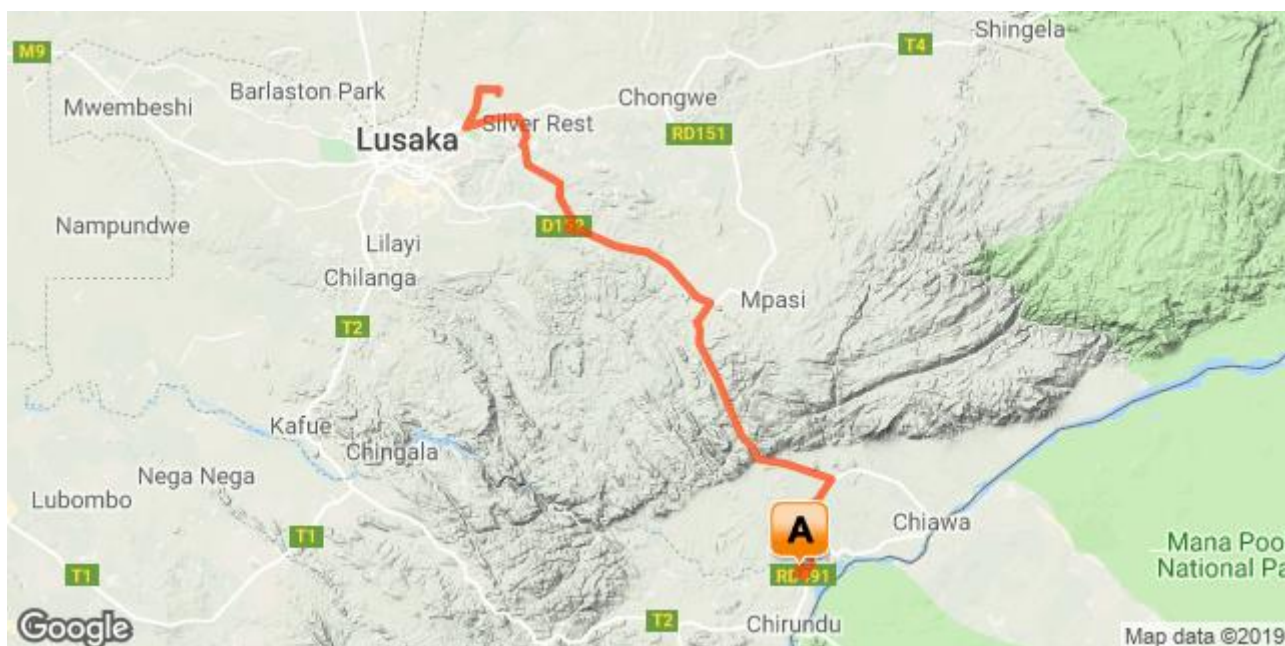

Tandala No Kwangala - Gwabi River Lodge - Lower Zambezi National Park - Zambian Package - 3N & 4D

Chirundu

4 Days / 3 Nights

Group Size: 2-20 pax

Date of Issue: 21 September 2019



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Introduction

| Accommodation | Destination | Basis | Duration |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Gwabi River Lodge | Chirundu | FB+ | 3 Nights |

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 1: Gwabi River Lodge, Chirundu

Chirundu

The name 'Chirundu' roughly translates to 'people following one another in a queue' which hints at this settlement's primary function as a major border crossing over the Zambezi river between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Wild animals, including elephants, are frequently spotted wandering around the town, apparently unconcerned by the presence of people. Tourists typically make use of Chirundu as a gateway to the nearby Chirundu Petrified Forest and the area's numerous game reserves including the world-renowned Mana Pools National Park. However, those who linger will find excellent sport fishing opportunities and several fishing camps which welcome visitors and offer boats for hire. On the Zambian side of the river is a slightly smaller town also called Chirundu.

Day Itinerary

- The host will coordinate activities during your stay and will plan with you on what activities you will be involved in. Below is the suggested schedule for all days.
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- Possible activities
- Full day boat safari - 09:00-15:00
- Sunset Cruise :16:30-18:30
- Overnight canoe safari (lunch on the banks and overnight camping on an island on the zambezi River)
- Game Drive - Full day Activity (you will have to be transferred by boat or by road give 2-3 hrs drive time)

Overnight: Gwabi River Lodge

Gwabi is a fishing lodge situated on the tranquil banks of the Kafue River undisturbed by passing boats. It offers eight en-suite air conditioned chalets, with DSTV and complimentary tea and coffee tray. Rooms accommodate two adults or three in a family arrangement. There is also a large shaded camping ground overlooking the Kafue River, fully equipped with socket points, lights, ablution blocks and braai facilities. At the main lodge there is an open bar with a large outdoor swimming pool. The friendly and talented safari team offers indoor/outdoor restaurant meals that accommodate up to twenty people, for breakfast, lunch and à la carte candle lit dinner. Gwabi is the perfect location for a relaxed weekend away and family time together and is accessible throughout the green season, twelve months of the year. For bird watchers it is the ultimate spot to find over a hundred species of birds, with the help of the lodge's talented safari guides. Gwabi River Lodge lends itself to supporting local communities; and all the staff come from the local villages and surrounding area. There is wireless internet and a computer available for guests to use.



Activities

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| Afternoon | Sunset Cruise |
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Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Included

- All Accommodation
- All Meals
- Mineral Water
- All activities
- Park fees
- Transport

Excluded

- All alcoholic drinks
- Visa
- International flights
- Items of a personal nature

Day 2: Gwabi River Lodge, Chirundu

Activities

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| Morning | Overnight Canoe Safari - On the Islands of Zambezi |
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Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 3: Gwabi River Lodge, Chirundu

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 4: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Transfers

| Date | Company | Pick Up | Drop Off | Time | Vehicle |
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| | | Kenneth Kaunda International Airport [LUN] | Gwabi River Lodge | | Transfer |
| | | Gwabi River Lodge | Kenneth Kaunda International Airport [LUN] | | Transfer |

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Travel Information



This unique, peanut-shaped country, once known as Northern Rhodesia, offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with adrenalin pumping adventure sports, a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. Spend your evenings enjoying the spectacular site of the world's largest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, while sipping on sundowners after an exhilarating day of whitewater rafting down the rapids of the mighty Zambezi River. If that sounds a little too adventurous for your taste, take a houseboat cruise along the exquisite Lake Kariba while watching wild elephants drink at the riverbank as you try your hand at catching the elusive tiger fish. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again soon to this exceptionally beautiful Southern African country.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Zambia's unit of currency is the Kwacha (ZMW), formally ZMK which was rebased in 2013. The denominations are K100, K50, K20, K10, K5 and K2. It is subdivided into 100 *ngwee*. Coins available are K1, 50 ngwee, 10 ngwee and 5 ngwee.

However, some prices are quoted in US\$. It is therefore possible to use dollars and pounds as well.

Banking

In the cities and larger towns, you can change cash and travellers cheques at branches of Barclays Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. Larger branches have ATMs that accept Visa. Foreign exchange offices are easy to find in cities and larger towns.

Banks are generally open on weekdays from 08h15 to 15h30 and 08h15 to 12h00 on Saturdays. Banks are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Proflight flies from Lusaka to Mfuwe (South Luangwa), to Livingstone and the Copperbelt and also does charters. Various air charter companies will fly to any of the many airstrips around the country and most of the areas worth visiting are accessible by air.

Public Transport

There are many taxis available. Prices are negotiable. There is a good bus service to Chipata, Livingstone, the Copperbelt and Harare, but they don't always follow strict schedules. The main bus terminus is in Dedan Kimathi Road in Lusaka where one can inquire about timetables. Other private bus companies offer more reliable services to Livingstone, Harare and Johannesburg.

Travel by Bus

Long range buses frequently leave from Lusaka to all the main towns. The intercity bus terminal can be found one road up from Cairo Road at the station.

Minibuses and taxis, local transport – all painted blue – can be jumped on at pretty much any juncture. They're not expensive and you can always find a minibus that won't cost too much to buy all the seats in it to get your own private minibus to wherever you want to go but you'll have to negotiate.

Travel by Road

Zambia has 38,763 kilometres of roads, about 10,000 kms of which are tarred and another 8000 kms are gravel road. The rest range from reasonable to bad dirt roads.

If you're doing a vehicle trip through Zambia it is a good idea to carry a range of tools and essential spares with you.

Be really careful, especially if travelling at night for road markings are usually non-existent. Do watch out for animals in the road, vehicles without lights, pedestrians, unannounced roadworks, bad drivers and broken down trucks with no warning triangles. If you see a tree branch in the road, slow down immediately – these are improvised warning triangles and there's bound to be a truck or car in the middle of the road up ahead.

Be sure to have all your vehicle papers on hand as you're bound to encounter a few roadblocks.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zambia's native cuisine is based on nshima, a cooked porridge made from ground maize normally accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare nshima if requested, and it is almost always available in small, local restaurants.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas visitors tend to serve a range of international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is typically excellent.

Water in the main towns is usually purified, provided there are no shortages of chlorine, breakdowns, or other mishaps. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zambia for just a few weeks, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water in town.

Out in the bush, most of the camps and lodges use water from bore-holes. These underground sources vary in quality, but are normally perfectly safe to drink.

Climate and Weather

The rains in Zambia come mostly in December, January, February and March though the further north you are, the earlier the rains arrive and the later they leave. Eastern areas and higher areas generally receive more rain than western and lowland areas.

By April and May most of the rain has faded away, leaving a landscape that's still green, but starting to dry out. Nighttime temperatures start to drop, especially in higher and more southerly locations.

In June, July and August the nights become much cooler, but the days are clear and warm. Make sure you bring warm clothes to wrap up if you're out at night, as some nights get very cold! Most of Zambia's small 'walking bush camps' open at the start of June, when the roads have dried out sufficiently to allow access. This is the start of the 'peak season' for these countries – with often cloudless days and continually increasing game sightings.

Into September and October the temperatures climb: the lower-lying rift valleys – Lower Zambezi, Mana Pools and Luangwa Valley – can get very hot in October. However, you'll see some superb game as the animals concentrate around the limited water sources.

November is variable; it can be hot and dry like October, or it can see the season's first downpours. Often it's a very interesting month as you can see both patterns on successive days.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Zambia has mild winters and the summer days can be scorching hot. Lightweight casual clothes can be worn all year round, with a jacket or jersey for early winter mornings and evenings.

On safari keep clothes to neutral colours - khakis, browns and greens. A sunhat, sunscreen, sunglasses and insect repellent are a must.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volt at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round wall plugs are used.
