

The
Thornicroft's
Safari



BRIEF SAFARI OVERVIEW

The Thorncroft's Safari combines two of the best wildlife destinations in Zambia, The South Luangwa and the Lower Zambezi Valley. It is an itinerary designed to give travellers the opportunity to disconnect from the modern-day rat race and experience two of Zambia's most breath-taking destinations. This is a memory-making, story-telling, life-changing journey!





DAY 1 - 4: Kafunta River Lodge (South Luangwa)

On arrival in Lusaka you will be ushered to your light aircraft to catch a flight to Mfuwe, the gateway to the South Luangwa National Park. The flight is approximately an hour and you will feel the excitement set in as before your eyes as the urban jungle of the capital city is transformed into a vast, African wilderness. Upon landing, you will be met by your safari guide and transferred by open game viewer to Kafunta River Lodge. The Luangwa Valley is home to an astonishing diversity of wildlife and birdlife, including around 100 species of mammals, more than 400 bird species and over 2000 types of plants! Added to this, there's an amazing density of game, particularly along the riverine strip.

Kafunta River Lodge



Floodplain Setting

Each of the luxury private chalets, the main lounge and the dining decks overlook the game-rich floodplain.



Excellent Game Viewing

Fantastic leopard populations, hippo, lion and elephant are complimented by a healthy range of other species too.



Natural Hot Tub

Relax in the only natural hot tub in the Luangwa Valley, and watch wildlife as they pass by the waterhole



Activities on offer

Also known as the Valley Of The Leopard, The South Luangwa National Park is considered to be one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in Africa. The park showcases a high concentration of animals and is one of Zambia's main destinations for wildlife enthusiasts. With this in mind, Kafunta has a variety of activities on offer to make sure you get the most out of a visit to South Luangwa. Game Drives and walks will allow you to experience the high density of mammal species in the park. For birding enthusiasts, there is the option of a guided walk with a professional birding guide.

In between activities, you can enjoy a soak in the natural, geo-thermal hot tub or observe wildlife from the photographic hide situated in a quiet part of the Camp. Additional to wildlife focused activities, guests are able to visit the various community and conservation initiatives in the Luangwa Valley. Kafunta supports various community initiatives in the valley and guests have the option to experience and immerse themselves in the local cultural activities - for more information, please enquire with your reservationist.





DAY 4 - 6: Three Rivers Camp (South Luangwa)

Your next stop is a short game drive away. Three Rivers Camp is the latest addition to Kafunta Safaris' portfolio and is set at the confluence of the Luangwa, Kapamba and Lusangazi Rivers in South Luangwa. The stylish tents sit under shady sausage trees facing the Luangwa River or the diverse wildlife of the lagoon.

This camp's location is simply spectacular. The rooms are set far apart with the wildlife passing through camp. The dining area offers boundless views of both the Luangwa and the Kapamba River where hippos love to bask on the white river sand. Three of the tents are positioned right on the edge of the oxbow lagoon, teeming with wildlife, and our guests can relax on the plush daybeds while observing giraffes and waterbucks strolling by.

Three Rivers Camp



River Setting

The lovely, open plan communal area has spectacular views of the river and oxbow lagoon.



Night Skies & Star Beds

Each tent has its own private sleep out, safely connected to the tent for convenient access day and night.



Stylish Safari Tents

An intimate camp with only five spacious tents, elegantly decorated with natural materials and earthy hues.



Activities on offer

Game drives in the South Luangwa National Park, as well as bush walks around the camp area and along the river banks are on offer at Three Rivers Camp. Encounter elephants, giraffes, waterbuck and perhaps the relatively rare roan antelope, as well as lions, leopards and wild dogs.

The unique feature of the camp is that each tent has its own private sleep out, safely connected to the tent for convenient access day and night. Spend a night on the plush star beds, surrounded only by the sights and sounds of the African bush.





DAY 6 - 9: Baines' River Camp (Lower Zambezi)

After five unforgettable nights in the Luangwa Valley it's time to say goodbye to the team at Kafunta. You will be transferred in a light aircraft to your next destination, the Lower Zambezi Valley. This is an incredibly scenic flight as your pilot takes you over the escarpment and winds down into this magnificent valley. Upon landing, you will be met by your safari guide and transferred by open game viewer to Baines' River Camp.

Set under the Tamarind and Jackalberry Trees on the banks of the Zambezi River, this camp built in the style of an African manor house, offers a unique experience in one of Africa's most scenic safari areas. The combination of river activities, excellent game viewing and refined hospitality makes Baines' the perfect destination to complete this adventure in Zambia.

Baines' River Camp



Tranquil River Setting

All the amenities at Baines' overlook the mesmerising Zambezi River.



Diverse Activities

Boat Safaris, Game Drives, safari walks, canoeing, beach boules and gin tasting.



Luxury Accommodation

Secluded, free-standing units each with their own private veranda facing the river.



Activities on offer

The Lower Zambezi boasts a variety of activities that few destinations in Africa can offer. The Lower Zambezi conservation area has an abundance of predators and excellent sightings of Elephants as they reach into the winterthorn canopies for tree pods. Observe wildlife on foot, by game viewer or on the river on a boat safari. You may wish to try and catch a Tiger fish, Zambezi style, always an entertaining and fun experience for anglers and non-anglers! For avid twitchers, you are sure to add a few lifers to your list here!

Special species in the area include Lillian's Lovebird and Livingstone's flycatcher.

In between safari activities and meals, enjoy the tranquility of the camp in one of the open plan lounge areas or relax by the swimming pool overlooking the river, there will always be a member of staff around to serve you a cold refreshment! Enjoy some peace and quiet knowing your children are in safe hands and taking part in activities suited to their interests. Some of these fun activities include 'Dober-Dober' fishing, baking with the chef in the kitchen, arts and crafts, bow and arrow making or an afternoon at the swimming pool. Activities are designed to be both educational and inspiring. A lovely end to the day is a family game of Boules' on the river banks before watching the sunset, sharing stories of a day well spent on safari.



Safari Travel logistics

Day 1: Lusaka - Kafunta River Lodge

This package begins in Lusaka where you will be transferred by light Aircraft to Mfuwe airport. You will be met by your host at Kafunta River Lodge who will drive you into camp.

Day 4: Kafunta River Lodge - Three Rivers Camp

After an early breakfast, you will take a short game drive to Three Rivers Camp - also located in The South Luangwa.

Day 6: Three Rivers Camp - Baines'

After breakfast and an optional short activity, you will be transferred to Mfuwe airport where you will catch a flight from there to Royal Airstrip where you will be met by your host at Baines' River Camp.

Day 9: Baines' River Camp - Lusaka

After breakfast and an optional short activity, you will be transferred to Royal airstrip where you will catch a flight from there to Lusaka or to your next safari destination. We are also able to book third party properties as an addition to this itinerary.

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