

TRIP IDEAS FOR ZAMBIA

Zambia offers a wide variety of camps, and internal hops between the different national parks by light aircraft are relatively easy. When you're planning your trip, we'd generally recommend that you stay at each of the national parks that you visit for a minimum of four or five nights and a maximum of 10–12 nights; seven nights is an ideal stay – and you'll often split this between two or three camps.

To help you get some idea of what's possible, and an accurate idea of the costs involved, we've split our trips into three separate elements:

- **Fly-in Safaris** – whole, stand-alone trips to Zambia, including international flights

from London. We can also arrange trips excluding these flights if you are travelling from outside of the UK or would rather arrange them separately.

- **Waterfall Add-ons** – start or end your trip with a few relaxing days by Victoria Falls. In

Livingstone on the Zambian side, or Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwean side.

- **Safari Add-ons** – just a few of the many possible optional extras to your safari.

To get an idea of the costs, simply take one of the *Fly-in Safaris* and, if you wish, add to it one of the *Waterfall Add-ons* and/or *Safari Add-ons*.

The following safaris are just examples; we're delighted to plan something entirely different for you. Call to discuss your ideas with someone who has first-hand experience of all the places you are considering. Then we can plan and cost a trip designed around what you want.

Fly-in Safaris

The following trip ideas are just examples. To see more ideas, including these trips described in more detail, see 'Trip ideas' on our website (www.expertafrika.com) – or call to talk through your own ideas with one of our experts. We are here to design and plan a trip around your interests and budget.

Spotted Hyena Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Flatdogs Camp (fba)
- 1n South Luangwa – Kawaza Village (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Luangwa River Camp (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Scrub Hare Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Tafika (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Chikoko Tree Camp (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Crocodile Camp (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Elephant Shrew Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Kapani (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Luwi/Nsola (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Kakuli/Mchenja (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Hippo Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Nkwali (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Nsefu (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Tena Tena (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Slender Mongoose Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 4n Lower Zambezi – Chiawa (fba)
- 3n Lower Zambezi – Old Mondoro (fba)

Greater Bushbaby Safari

Fly-in: 8 nights/9 days

- 4n South Luangwa – Luangwa Safari House (fba)
- 3n Lower Zambezi – Chongwe River House (fba)

These safari houses are designed for groups of four people or more.

Zambia Wildlife Safari

Fly-in: 9 nights/10 days

- 3n Kafue – Lufupa Bushcamp (fba)
- 2n Kafue – Musanza Bushcamp (fba)
- 2n Kafue – Busanga Bushcamp (fba)

This is a guided small-group trip, fully detailed on our *Wild about Africa* website: www.wildaboutafrica.com Flights via Johannesburg. Includes hot air balloon ride.

Boehm's Zebra Safari

Fly-in: 9 nights/10 days

- 3n Kafue – Lufupa Bushcamp (fba)
- 2n Kafue – Busanga Bushcamp (fba)
- 2n Kafue – Shumba Camp (fba)

Flights via Johannesburg.

Vervet Monkey Safari

Fly-in: 10 nights/11 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Puku Ridge (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Mchenja (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Zebra Plains (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Eight Reedbuck (bb)

South Luangwa Lucky Dip Safari

Fly-in: 10 nights/11 days

- 8n South Luangwa – Kapani/Luwi/Nsola/Kakuli/Mchenja (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

In South Luangwa, this trip includes two or more of the above camps, which are not specified at booking time. We confirm the precise camps two weeks before departure.

Giraffe Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 3n South Luangwa – Tafika (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Chikoko/Crocodile (fba)
- 4n North Luangwa – Mwaleshi (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Aardvark Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 1n South Luangwa – Kapani (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Luwi (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Nsola (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Kakuli (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Mchenja (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Civet Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 1n South Luangwa – Mfuwe Lodge (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Chamilandu/Chindeni (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Kapamba/Zungulila (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Kuyenda/Bilimungwe (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Duiker Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 3n South Luangwa – Kaingo (fba)
- 3n South Luangwa – Mwamba (fba)
- 1n Lower Zambezi – Kasaka River Lodge (fba)
- 1n Lower Zambezi – Tsika Island (fba)
- 2n Lower Zambezi – Chongwe River Camp (fba)

Black Lechwe Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 2n Kasanka – Wasa Lodge (fba)
- 2n Kasanka – Luwombwa Lodge (fba)
- 3n Bangweulu – Shoebill Island (fba)
- 2n South Luangwa – Kapani (fba)
- 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Prices are for January – December 2012; contact us for 2013 prices

Flight notes

Note these itineraries have generally been based on lowest fares available. These are excellent value, but sell out swiftly – so booking early is essential. If you book later, and miss these fares, then a supplement will be required.

Accommodation Codes

bb... bed & breakfast

hb... half board

fb... full board

fba... full board and activities – usually included at all safari camps

Crawshay's Zebra Safari

Fly-in: 11 nights/12 days

- 3n South Luangwa – Nkwali (fba)
 2n South Luangwa – Tena Tena/Nsefu (fba)
 3n Lower Zambezi – Chiawa (fba)
 2n Lower Zambezi – Old Mondoro (fba)

Oribi Safari

Fly-in: 13 nights/14 days

- 3n Kafue – Lufupa Bushcamp (fba)
 2n Kafue – Musanza Bushcamp (fba)
 2n Kafue – Busanga Bushcamp (fba)
 3n South Luangwa – Kalamu Walking Trail (fba)
 1n South Luangwa – Kalamu Lagoon (fba)
 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Outbound flight via Johannesburg. Includes hot air balloon ride.

The first seven nights in Kafue are a part of a guided small-group trip, see the *Zambia Wildlife Safari* on our *Wild about Africa* website: www.wildaboutafrica.com

Perekani Walking Trail

Fly in: 12 nights/13 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Tafika (fba)
 2n South Luangwa – Chikoko (fba)
 2n South Luangwa – Crocodile (fba)
 2n South Luangwa – Mwamba (fba)
 2n South Luangwa – Kaingo (fba)
 1n Lusaka – Pioneer Camp (hb)

Robin Pope Walking Safari

Fly in: 12 nights/13 days

- 2n South Luangwa – Nkwali (fba)
 5n South Luangwa – Mobile Walking Camp (fba)
 3n South Luangwa – Tena Tena/Nsefu (fba)

This is a guided small-group trip, fully detailed on our *Wild about Africa* website: www.wildaboutafrica.com
 Returns via Johannesburg.

Fly-in safari prices include

Prices include return scheduled flights with *British Airways* or *South African Airways* from London (see *Flights between Zambia and London* box), all internal flights, international departure taxes and all transfers. Most safari camps include drinks and park fees; a few do not. Most also include 4WD game drives, walking safaris, boat trips and meals.

Zambia's safari season is short; most bushcamps only open between June and October, or for a short period from mid-January to March. Outside these times, some of the itineraries include just the main lodges: for example, the *Hippo Safari* features eight nights at Nkwali; the *Aardvark* and *Elephant Shrew safaris* stay only at Kapani; the *Civet Safari* remains at Mfuwe Lodge; and the *Scrub Hare* remains at Tafika.

Flying between Zambia and London

Starting from London, the easiest and most direct flights from London to Lusaka are with *British Airways*. These currently depart from Heathrow on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings, arriving in Lusaka the following morning. Many of our Zambia trips use these outbound flights.

Alternatively, and when the safari itinerary requires it, you can fly from London to Lusaka/Livingstone, via Johannesburg, with *South African Airways*. These are daily flights departing from Heathrow each evening and arriving in Lusaka around midday the following day. Our *Zambia Wildlife Safari*, *Oribi Safari* and *Boehm's Zebra Safari* use these flights.

Leaving Zambia via Lusaka you have a choice:

- You can take a direct BA flight back to London Heathrow, departing early on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, and arriving in Heathrow later that day. To catch such an early flight, you need to spend your last night on holiday either in or near Lusaka, or in the Lower Zambezi.
- You can fly from Lusaka to Johannesburg and then travel back overnight on BA or SAA's flight from Jo'burg to London. This route is a little more costly than the direct service from Lusaka, but can be more convenient. Some of our trips use these flights.

Leaving Zambia from Livingstone at the end of your trip, it's usually best to fly back to Johannesburg, and then travel overnight on to London with BA or SAA. The additional costs for these flights have been included in the prices of our *Waterfall Add-ons*.

We can easily swap these around on your particular trip, helping you to settle on the most convenient flight option for your holiday.

ZAMBIA FLY-IN SAFARI PRICES

	Safari duration	1 Jan - 31 Mar	1 Apr - 31 May	1 June - 30 June	1 July - 31 Aug	1 Sep - 30 Sep	1 Oct - 31 Oct	1 Nov - 30 Nov
Spotted Hyena Safari † *	8 nights / 9 days	-	£2,495	£2,578	£2,711	£2,711	£2,711	£2,562
Scrub Hare Safari % ~ *	8 nights / 9 days	-	£3,157	£3,157	£3,257	£3,413	£3,257	£3,302
Elephant Shrew Safari ~ § # ¶ *	8 nights / 9 days	£2,893	£2,610	£3,152	£3,389	£3,389	£3,152	£3,152
Hippo Safari ~ ± *	8 nights / 9 days	£2,762	£2,770	£3,263	£3,568	£3,568	£3,568	£2,770
Slender Mongoose Safari ~ *	8 nights / 9 days	-	£3,244	£3,652	£4,157	£4,157	£3,652	£3,652
Greater Bushbaby Safari # † *	8 nights / 9 days	-	£3,945	£4,054	£4,449	£4,534	£4,449	£3,945
Zambia Wildlife Safari *	9 nights / 10 days	-	£3,514	£3,514	£3,514	£3,514	£3,514	-
Boehm's Zebra Safari * « ~	9 nights / 10 days	-	-	£4,326	£4,326	£4,326	£4,326	£3,224
Vervet Monkey Safari § « *	10 nights / 11 days	-	-	£4,067	£4,460	£4,460	£4,341	-
South Luangwa Lucky Dip Safari § ~ *	10 nights / 11 days	-	£3,329	£3,329	£3,714	£3,714	£3,329	£3,329
Giraffe Safari ~ *	11 nights / 12 days	-	-	£4,612	£4,639	£4,639	£4,639	-
Aardvark Safari ¶ # ~ § *	11 nights / 12 days	£3,419	£2,770	£3,944	£4,261	£4,261	£3,944	£3,944
Civet Safari ~ † *	11 nights / 12 days	£2,958	£2,958	£4,486	£4,486	£4,486	£4,486	-
Duiker Safari † *	11 nights / 12 days	-	-	£4,424	£4,565	£5,164	£4,565	-
Black Lechwe Safari § # *	11 nights / 12 days	£4,721	£4,721	£4,805	£4,884	£4,884	£4,805	£4,805
Crawshay's Zebra Safari } ± § ~ *	11 nights / 12 days	-	£4,704	£5,524	£5,936	£6,154	£5,756	£4,488
Oribi Safari ~	13 nights / 14 days	-	-	£5,582	£5,582	£5,582	£5,582	-
Perekani Walking Trail † *	12 nights / 13 days	-	-	£4,466	£4,566	£4,878	£4,566	-
Robin Pope Walking Safari %	12 nights / 13 days	-	-	-	£5,146	£5,146	-	-

* Between 14 Jul–16 Aug these safaris have a flight supplement of £217 per person. Between 11–31 Oct the **Zambia Wildlife Safari** and **Boehm's Zebra Safari** have a flight supplement of £120 per person.

% Between 1–24 May the **Scrub Hare Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £145 per person. Between Jul–Sep the **Robin Pope Walking Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £196 per person on some departures.

¶ Between 1–19 Jan the **Elephant Shrew Safari** has an accommodation reduction of £283 per person; and the **Aardvark Safari** has a reduction of £351 per person.

Between 20–31 May the **Elephant Shrew Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £542 per person; the **Aardvark Safari** is £1,174; the **Black Lechwe Safari** is £84; and the **Greater Bushbaby Safari** is £110.

§ Between 1–14 Oct the accommodation supplement for the **Elephant Shrew Safari** is £237 per person; the **Vervet Monkey Safari** is £119 per person; the **South Luangwa Licky Dip Safari** is £385 per person; the **Aardvark Safari** is £318 per person; the **Black Lechwe Safari** is £79; and the **Crawshay's Zebra Safari** is £218 per person.

± Between 22–31 May the **Hippo Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £494 per person; and the **Crawshay's Zebra Safari** one of £361 per person.

† Between 1–31 Aug the accommodation supplement for the **Duiker Safari** is £599 per person; the **Perekani Walking Trail** is £312; the **Scrub Hare Safari** is £157; and the **Greater Bushbaby Safari** is £86.

« Between 1–10 Nov the **Boehm's Zebra Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £1,273 per person; and the **Vervet Monkey Safari** of £275 per person between 15–30 Jun.

‡ Between 16 Apr–31 May the **Civet Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £287 per person; and the **Spotted Hyena Safari** of £69 per person between 1–21 May.

} Between 1–14 Apr the **Crawshay's Zebra Safari** has an accommodation supplement of £62 per person; £219 between 15 Jul–31 Aug; £676 from 1–15 November.

~ Most bushcamps close from about Nov to May. At these times, these trips either include lengthened stays at main lodges or the safari is not offered.

Waterfall Add-ons

Below are some ideas for visiting Victoria Falls at the end of your Zambian safari; either from Livingstone on the Zambian side, or Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwean side. For lodges in Livingstone see page 133, and for lodges in Victoria Falls see page 162. Although similar to the *Waterfall Add-ons* mentioned on page 112, for Botswana, these prices (based on 2012) are higher, reflecting the extra costs of flying to/from Livingstone and Victoria Falls.

Horseshoe Falls Add-on

2n Livingstone – Zambezi Sun (bb)

Costs £605pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £493 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £668 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Boiling Pot Add-on

2n Livingstone – Royal Livingstone (bb)

Costs £839pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £726 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £901 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Eastern Cataract Add-on

2n Livingstone – Islands of Siankaba (fba)

Costs £836pp sharing (1 Jan–31 May); £874 (1 Jun–13 Jul & 17 Aug–10 Oct); £762 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £937 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Sindabezi Island Add-on

2n Livingstone – Sindabezi Island (fba)

Costs £897pp sharing (1 Jan–31 May & 1 Nov–7 Dec); £965 (1 Jun–13 Jul & 17 Aug–10 Oct); £852 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £1,027 (11 Oct–31 Oct).

Batoka Gorge Add-on

2n Livingstone – Toka Leya Lodge (fba)

Costs £1,057pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £944 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £1,119 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Zimbabwe Safari Add-ons

Virtually all of our trips to Zambia pass through Lusaka, and many also visit Livingstone (page 133) or Victoria Falls (page 151). This makes a short safari add-on in Zimbabwe's Mana Pools or Hwange National Park easy and excellent value. See page 163 for prices.

Devil's Cataract Add-on

2n Livingstone – Tongabezi (fba)

Costs for a cottage/house: £960/1,078pp sharing (1 Jan–31 May & 1 Nov–7 Dec); £1,066/1,186 (1 Jun–13 Jul & 17 Aug–10 Oct); £954/1,073 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £1,129/1,248 (11 Oct–31 Oct).

(The Nut House commands a supplement of £118pp)

Silent Pool Add-on

2n Livingstone – The River Club (fba)

Costs £1,094pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £981 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £1,156 (11 Oct–28 Oct).



Old male buffalo, known locally as 'kakuli', make formidable prey for lions

Safari Add-ons

These Add-on trips are designed to be added into any safari which spends time in the Luangwa Valley. They do not include any international flights and are based on 2012 prices.

Mwaleshi Add-on

3n North Luangwa – Mwaleshi Camp (fba)

Costs £1,385pp sharing (15 Jun–31 Oct), including the cost of flight transfers between North and South Luangwa.

Zebra Plains Add-on

3n South Luangwa – Zebra Plains Camp (fba)

Costs £1,065pp sharing (1 Jun–31 Oct). Departures on Monday or Thursday only, for three nights.

Rainbow Falls Add-on

2n Victoria Falls – Ilala Lodge (bb)

Costs £586pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £473 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £648 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Armchair Add-on

2n Victoria Falls – Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (bb)

Costs £648pp sharing (1 Jan–13 Jul, 17 Aug–10 Oct & 29 Oct–7 Dec); £536 (14 Jul–16 Aug); £711 (11 Oct–28 Oct).

Shiwa Add-on

3n Shiwa Ng'andu Manor House (fba)

Costs £1,593/1,359pp sharing for each of 2/4 people (1 Jan–1 Mar), and £1,629/1,177pp sharing for each of 2/4 people (2 Mar–23 Dec). This includes the cost of flights between South Luangwa and Shiwa.

Mkulumadzi Add-on

4n Mkulumadzi – Majete Game Reserve (fba)

Costs £2,036pp sharing (1 Jan–21 May & 1 Nov–7 Dec); £2,107 (22 May–30 Jun); £2,254 (1 Jul–10 Oct); £2,316 (11–31 Oct). This includes the cost of flights between South Luangwa and Blantyre.

If combined with other *Robin Pope Safaris* camps, totalling seven nights or more, then deduct £88pp

- Prices are quoted per person, based on two people sharing a room; single supplements are available on request.
- Departure date generally determines pricing. If your trip straddles two pricing bands, then request a precise quote.
- Credit card payments will incur a 2% processing charge (3% for AMEX). This may change if the credit card companies change their charges. You will always be advised of this at the time of payment.
- An additional voluntary amount (currently £21) will be automatically added to your invoice. This is to offset the carbon emissions caused by your international flights and to support the Travel Foundation. This is not compulsory; if you do not wish to pay it, then simply subtract it from your final payment. You can read more about these voluntary donations on page 277.

