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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 $17495 (+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

An Authentic Encounter with African Wilderness

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

Remote & Intimate Camps Surrounded by Wildlife

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

Land & Water Safaris Offer Diverse Exploratory Modes

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

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Wild Zambia Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Lusaka
Day 2	Mfuwe / South Luangwa National Park
Days 3–4	South Luangwa National Park
Days 5–7	South Luangwa
Day 8	Lower Zambezi National Park
Days 9–10	Lower Zambezi National Park
Day 11	Lusaka



Day 1

Lusaka

Arrive in Lusaka before your walking safari

- Settle into Zambia's capital, gateway to the country's renowned safari regions
- Join your Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and preview of the journey ahead

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

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Day 2

Mfuwe / South Luangwa National Park

Reach a remote bush camp in South Luangwa National Park

- Fly to South Luangwa National Park, renowned for its abundant wildlife
- Stay at an exclusive remote bush camp in the “Valley of the Leopard”

From Lusaka, fly to Mfuwe, then transfer by road into South Luangwa National Park, where we settle into an exclusive remote bush camp in the heart of the Luangwa Valley. Known as the “Valley of the Leopard,” this wild region is defined by riverine woodlands, seasonal floodplains, lagoons and open plains that support prolific wildlife. Elephants, buffalo, antelope and predators roam these varied habitats, offering our first taste of the wildlife encounters to come.

Days 3–4

South Luangwa National Park

Explore the birthplace of the walking safari on foot

- Track wildlife with expert guides and an armed scout
- Learn to interpret animal tracks, spoor and alarm calls
- Search for leopards, hyenas and African wild dogs on wildlife drives

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, 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

South Luangwa

Watch South Luangwa come alive from dusk into darkness

- Scan waterholes for elephants, giraffes and zebra gathering to drink
- Set out on wildlife drives in search of lions, leopards and spotted hyenas
- Watch “Bush TV” over sundowners before searching for nocturnal predators after dark

We continue exploring South Luangwa’s varied wilderness, where riverine woodland, open plains and waterways support a rich diversity of wildlife. Lions and leopards stalk the bush, while elephants, giraffes and zebra gather around waterholes. Across the plains, we may encounter impala, puku, warthogs and baboons, while spotted hyenas and packs of wild dogs roam in search of prey. The Luangwa Valley is also home to some 400 bird species, including saddle-billed storks, marabou storks, great white egrets, black-headed herons and goliath herons.

Choose to explore 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 before we settle in to watch “Bush TV,” scanning the orange horizon as animals emerge from shaded resting places as 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.

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Day 8

Lower Zambezi National Park

Fly to an exclusive camp above the Zambezi

- Travel by charter to Lower Zambezi National Park
- Stay at an exclusive four-tent camp overlooking the Ngwenya Channel
- Explore a mosaic of riverine forest, woodland and open plains

This morning, we fly by 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

Lower Zambezi National Park

Safari by land and water along the Zambezi

- Explore by wildlife drive, walking safari and river cruise
- Search for leopards, lions and African wild dogs across the park
- Cruise past hippos and crocodiles along the Zambezi River

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, and boat cruises on the river and 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

Lusaka

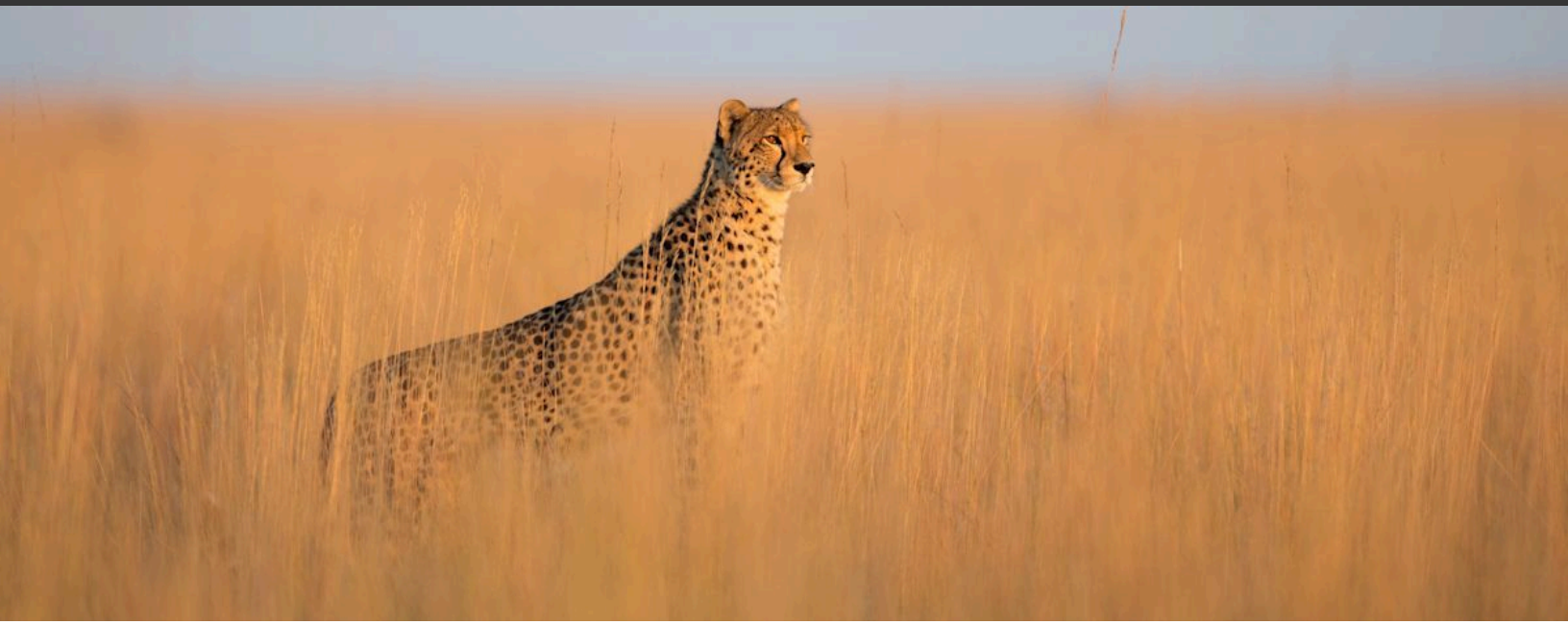
Fly to Lusaka for homeward flights

- Travel by private charter from the Lower Zambezi
- Connect with departing flights

After breakfast, fly this morning by chartered aircraft back to Lusaka, where we meet before onward travels.

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.*

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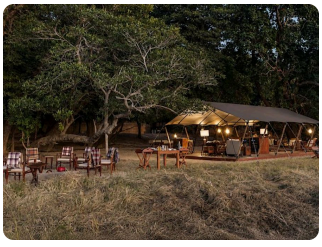
Wild Zambia Accommodations

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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.



Luwi Bushcamp

An intimate safari camp within South Luangwa National Park featuring soft-sided canvas tents, outdoor showers, vintage safari furnishings and a lantern-lit main lodge beneath mahogany trees beside a quiet lagoon.



Nsolo Bushcamp

Set beside a wildlife-rich lagoon in South Luangwa, this historic safari camp offers raised riverfront rooms, lantern-lit dinners, open-air bathrooms and a front-row seat to the rhythms of the bush.



Mchenja Bush Camp

Set beneath towering ebony trees along the Luangwa River, this intimate safari camp offers open-air soaking tubs, lantern-lit dinners and exceptional wildlife viewing in one of South Luangwa's most scenic riverfront settings.



Kakuli Bushcamp

A ridge-top safari camp in the Luangwa Valley with en suite thatched huts, communal dining and sweeping river views above sandbanks, winterthorn woodland and wandering elephants below.



Amanzi

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

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

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Find a Less-Discovered Safari Experience Before Others Do

Wild Zambia

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!

1 **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.)

2 **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.

3 **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.

4 **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.

5 **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.

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

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.

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7 **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.

8 **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.

9 **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.

10 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

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.

11 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

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:

Price
From $17495 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 6 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jun 4 - Jun 14, 2027	**$16995** +internal air	
Jun 20 - Jun 30, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	
Jul 1 - Jul 11, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Jul 13 - Jul 23, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	
Aug 2 - Aug 12, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	
Aug 15 - Aug 25, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Aug 26 - Sep 5, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	
Sep 10 - Sep 20, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Sep 22 - Oct 2, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	
Oct 9 - Oct 19, 2027	**$18495** +internal air	Women's Journey

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jun 5 - Jun 15, 2028	**From $16995** +internal air	
Jun 20 - Jun 30, 2028	**From $16995** +internal air	
Jul 1 - Jul 11, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Jul 13 - Jul 23, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Aug 2 - Aug 12, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Aug 15 - Aug 25, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Aug 26 - Sep 5, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Sep 10 - Sep 20, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Sep 22 - Oct 2, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	
Oct 9 - Oct 19, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	

See https://www.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.

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, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

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Internal air: All charter flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

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 in Africa at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. W

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.



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 desert-adapted wildlife offer a distinct contrast to other southern Africa safari destinations—look for endangered black rhino, desert elephant and more.

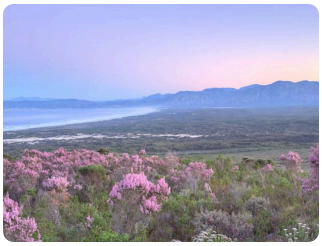
$7395 (+air)



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.

$2495



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.

$3595



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!

$15495 (+air)

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