

Once in Zambia, and **before** returning home or continuing international travels, guests may need a **PCR test** to comply with international requirements. We describe here the facilities available in Zambia and some options we will try to assist with. Most of this remains however outside of our control and we cannot be held responsible in case of break downs, errors, delays or any other type of inconveniences. As the situation evolves, options and procedures are subject to change without prior notice.

Testing available Zambia

Currently the only laboratories authorized to analyse Covid swabs are located in Lusaka or Livingstone. Therefore even if swabs can be taken elsewhere (see below), ultimately they have to be sent to one of the Lusaka (or Livingstone) facilities for processing.

A Ministry of Health compliant CERTIFICATE must accompany all PCR testing results used for outbound travel. This is to avoid any fraud and circulation of false certificates.

Below are several options that we can help facilitate.

OPTION: Testing in Lusaka



In Lusaka we recommend using the CIDRZ (Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia <https://www.cidrz.org/>) which is a reliable medical and research facility where testing and analysis along with obtaining the MOH certificate is possible. The turn-around is 24-hours.

- Allocate one or two extra nights in Lusaka at the end of the stay (depending on departure flight). We can help with hotel recommendation.
- Pre-book a test appointment with CIDRZ on <https://cidrz.timetap.com/#/> (the timing of the test must coincide with the validity requirement of airline/next destination) for at least 24-hours prior to departure, but we recommend 48 hours if possible.
- Cost: \$100 per person to be paid at CIDRZ directly.
- For peace of mind we recommend adding the services of TOURS AFRICA who will collect you at Lusaka airport, bring you to CIDRZ for testing (they would have pre-booked your appointment), collect the results and certificate the next day and meet you again at airport upon departure. Cost: \$120 (flat fee up to 5 pax). We can book this for you, and if prepaid we can handle both payments (CIDRZ & Tours Africa)

OPTION: Testing in Mfuwe



- Four members of our staff have been certified to process nasal swabs for PCR testing, The test can therefore be done on site. These swabs then need to be shipped to Lusaka in a cold container. To avoid long road transport, Proflight has agreed to carry swabs on its flights with the assistance of Zega (cargo company). The packaging of the swabs has been approved by the Ministry of Health and the Zambian Aviation. This option involves the following steps:

- Arranging for a swab test at Kafunta River Lodge (in certain cases we will also do test at Three Rivers Camp)
- Bringing swabs to Proflight's flight (attention flight time depends on the day of the week, and is subject to change and operational conditions) - we will handle this in appropriate container. Alternatively a taxi will be hired (10 hours to Lusaka, day time only)
- Tours Africa will collect swabs off Proflight in Lusaka, bring them to CIDRZ, collect results and MOH certificate. Tours Africa will then meet guests as they themselves fly to Lusaka prior to their departure, with the PCR documents
- Cost: \$220 per person (\$250 for single traveller). This includes swabs at the lodge, air transport, Tours Africa's facilitation in Lusaka, results and certificate and meeting at Lusaka airport) and the CIDRZ test analysis
- Kafunta Safaris can pre-book all this for you, and if pre-paid, we will handle the local payments. We recommend doing the test 72 hours before departure. For shorter notice, it will be necessary to allow for minimum 24 hours in Lusaka.

OPTION: Testing in Livingstone, or other parks



- Testing in Livingstone would be similar to the Lusaka option above. All can be done in Livingstone and the local lodge can facilitate this.
- Testing in Lower Zambezi: can be arranged by Tours Africa (Cost \$950 for 1 person, \$550 per person if 2 people) inclusive of the test processing in Lusaka. Tours Africa will meet you at Lusaka airport upon departure to hand you the results and certificate.
- Testing in Mfuwe in order to fly to Malawi: This will require the same steps as the "Mfuwe" option PLUS receiving a soft copy of the certificate (if the original is required, time should be added for the certificate to come on the next available flight). Extra cost TBD.
- Testing in Kafue: cost and logistics will vary dependent upon location, quote by Tours Africa or the camp on a case by case basis.

RESPONSIBILITY



- All guests must be made fully aware of the risks of travelling during the Covid-19 crisis and assume full responsibility for any consequences of such travels. Kafunta Safaris will not accept any liability whatsoever for any consequences linked to the pandemic.
- Any Covid-19 measures must be complied with in full by all guests, and Kafunta Safaris cannot be held responsible if the stay and/or services are impacted in anyway due to said measures. Protocol updates are available on our website <https://kafuntasafaris.com/covid-update>
- It is the guest's responsibility to ensure the test is done within the time frame required and we cannot be held responsible for any issues that arise as a result of mis-calculations in test timing or delayed or inconclusive results. Likewise we cannot be responsible in case of flight cancellation or breakdown or testing centers's shortage of swabs or any malpractice.
- Kafunta Safaris is not liable should guest need to be quarantined in our facilities or elsewhere, and any additional cost will remain the guest's responsibility.