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Travel Guide To A Safari In

# ZAMBIA

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# 15 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFARIS

## 1) What is a wildlife safari?

*A wildlife safari is a trip to observe and photograph wild animals in their natural habitats.*



## 2) What kind of animals can I see on safari?

*This depends on the destination, but popular species include lions, elephants, zebras, giraffes, hippos, and many others. In South Luangwa, the focus will also be on leopards and wild dogs.*

## 3) Where are the best wildlife destinations?

*The most popular safari countries are Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. But for us, Zambia comes on top! We'll talk about specific Zambian destinations further down.*



## 4) When is the best time to go on safari?

*The best time for wildlife viewing depends on climate (seasons), migration patterns and breeding seasons. And on your interest (birds, mammals, tolerance to heat, etc.). Read [our blog](#) about when is the best time to visit Zambia.*

## 5) Are wildlife safaris safe?

*Yes, going on a safari with a reputable operator is safe. Guides are trained in safety and emergency procedures. Always follow their instructions.*



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## 6) How do I choose a reputable safari operator or travel agent?

*Concentrate on "African Specialists" agencies, read reviews from previous clients, and look for those prioritising sustainable and responsible tourism practices. When it comes to Zambia, with 25 years of experience, we are certainly a trusted source to help you design your*



*safari. We operate our own camps in South Luangwa, but we can also help you book an overall trip to include other parks in the country.*

## 7) How much does a safari cost?

*Expect safari holidays to be expensive. The cost varies depending on the destination, duration, and type of accommodations and services. Realistically, you would look at a range of five to ten thousand US dollars per person.*



## 8) What is the typical length of a trip?

*This varies too, from a week to several weeks depending on your budget. For Zambia, we recommend a minimum of 7 nights and ideally 10 to 14 nights for a good tour of the country. This is based on a fly-in safari. Self-drive itineraries will require several weeks.*

## 9) Is it possible to customize an itinerary?

*Yes, of course. Many operators will suggest an itinerary based on one of their popular packages, but then it can be tailor-made to suit individual preferences and interests. We will share below the links to our preferred itineraries for South Luangwa and Zambia.*



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## 10) Can children go on a wildlife safari?

Yes, children can definitely join you on a safari, but there may be age restrictions depending on camps (for ex: very remote camps) or activities (for ex: walks). Safaris are great for multi-generational vacations, and it's worth considering properties with family accommodation with private services.



## 11) What type of accommodation is available?

Accommodation options can include **classic safari lodges** (permanent structures, usually with solid walls and gauzed windows, with extra facilities such as a pool and a spa), **tented camps** (luxury canvas tents with full amenities) or **authentic bush camps** (usually made of reed with open-fronted bedrooms and outdoor bathrooms). Star beds options are also very popular.



## 12) What should I pack for a wildlife safari holiday?

Your packing needs will vary depending on the destination and time of year, but typically it includes comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear, a hat and sunglasses. Although one expects Africa to be hot, it can also be quite cold when travelling in winter, hence the need for warm clothing. Or rain gear. And don't forget to bring a camera and a good pair of binoculars too.



We've made your work easier: check out [our blog](#) and download [our handy packing list](#).



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### 13) Are there restrictions for wildlife photography during a safari?

*It is important to respect the wildlife and to follow the guidelines set by the operator and the park authorities. This may include restrictions on flash photography or getting too close to animals by driving off-road for exemple. And drones are generally forbidden.*

### 14) What activities do we do on safari?

*An African safari typically involves early morning and late afternoon game drives in open 4x4 vehicles. This is the best way to see wildlife. Night drives offer a chance to see nocturnal animals. Zambia is also renowned for its walking safaris, where we set out on foot through the bush. Boat safaris are available in parks with high-level rivers, such as in Lower Zambezi or Kafue.*



### 15) Can I take part in wildlife conservation efforts during my safari?

*Some operators offer opportunities to support conservation efforts, such as wildlife monitoring and habitat restoration. Similarly, it is a good idea to visit local community projects. At Kafunta Safaris, we support a series of locally-based organisations, as explained on the "Responsible Tourism" page below.*



# ZAMBIAN FACTS

The Zambian Flag:

Green for the land's flora, Red for the fight for freedom, Black for the Zambian people and Orange for the mineral wealth. The Fish Eagle is the national bird

The economy of Zambia is heavily dependent on copper mining, which accounts for over 80% of the export revenue

Zambia is a landlocked country, surrounded by Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and Angola

It is home to some of the best safari experiences in Africa

The capital city is Lusaka, which has a population of around 2 million people. The country's total population is around 19 million

The official language is English, but over 70 local languages are spoken

The Zambezi River, one of Africa's major rivers, flows through Zambia, with the Victoria Falls as its most famous spot



- Zambia is considered one of the least urbanized countries in Africa, with over 60% of its population living in rural areas.
- It is home to 21 National Parks, offering unparalleled wildlife safari opportunities.
- The Victoria Falls are one of the world's largest waterfalls. Located between Zambia and Zimbabwe, they are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.
- Zambia includes over 70 ethnic groups, with the Bemba, Tonga and Lozi being among the largest. The people of Zambia are known for their friendliness and hospitality towards visitors.
- The traditional Zambian meal is "nshima" (maize), served with meat and vegetables.
- Zambia has a warm, tropical climate with a rainy season from November to April. The coldest months are June and July (winter) and October is the hottest month.

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# DESTINATIONS

## VICTORIA FALLS

*The Falls are a must-see attraction for first-time visitors to Zambia. Activities around Livingstone include river-based safaris on the Zambezi, great birding, whitewater rafting and other adrenaline-loaded outings at or near the falls.*



## SOUTH LUANGWA NP

*Home to Kafunta Safaris' three properties, this park is one of the best places in Africa for wildlife viewing and is particularly famous for its large population of leopards, African wild dogs and hippos. It is also the birthplace of the walking safari.*



## LOWER ZAMBEZI NP

*Lower Zambezi National Park is located on the Zambezi River, downstream from the Kariba Dam, and is known for its stunning scenery and water-based activities such as canoeing and fishing.*



## KAFUE NP

*This is the largest national park in Zambia. It offers a wide range of habitats and wildlife, including rare antelopes such as the sitatunga, roan and sable antelopes. It is also the only park with a small cheetah population.*



## LUSAKA & More

*There are many other beautiful and exciting places to visit in Zambia. Such as its capital city Lusaka, the northern parks, like Bangweulu or Kasanka, or the Liuwa Plains – home to the second largest wildebeest migration.*



# TIPS & TRICKS

Do you need more convincing about Zambia and why it should be on your bucket list?

We've listed here some useful links for additional reading and advice.

## Our preferred itineraries



We've written a blog with our [Top Five Zambian Safari Itineraries](#). And the [Safari Page](#) on our website will list up to 15 packages which can all be customized to fit your needs.

## Hear it from our Safari guides



These [tips](#) come directly from our skilled guides, the heart and soul of any safari experience. We think we can trust them!

## In need of photography tips?



This blog features no less than [21 Safari Photography Tips](#) to help you understand what to expect of bush photography.

## There's so much more to know



We've covered quite a bit in this guide, but how about travel guidance, money talks, safety concerns, foodstuff and other things to know before you go? It's all in [this blog](#).

## But how much is this going to cost?



You're a step ahead already? Visit our [Rates & Availability](#) page for an idea of the required budget. Subsequently, we recommend [contacting us](#) for a detailed and personalized quote.

# RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

**What does it mean?** Responsible tourism promotes environmentally sustainable practices, generates socio-economic benefits for local communities, helps preserve heritage sites and monuments, and considers ethical concerns such as animal welfare and human rights. By minimizing the impact of tourism on the environment and promoting cultural understanding and appreciation, responsible tourism can help create a positive and sustainable future for both visitors and locals.

## At Kafunta Safaris, we actively support:



Project Luangwa aims to improve health and education standards, providing a platform to raise rural areas out of poverty. The focus is on schools, student sponsorship, menstrual hygiene programs, gender clubs and sports.



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For the past 20 years, Conservation South Luangwa has worked with the community to ensure the long-term survival of wildlife and habitats in South Luangwa.

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Chipembele's mission is to teach Zambian children and communities the values of wildlife and their environment so they may be conserved for present and future generations.



We are involved with many more exciting and valuable projects in the Luangwa Valley. From crafts to recycling to medical aid, the long list is a tribute to the significant efforts made by all key players.



## Make your travels meaningful!

Wherever your suitcases take you, simply use a small amount of space to pack supplies needed by community projects around the world. Pack for a Purpose provides updated supply lists for over 55 countries.

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# About KAFUNTA SAFARIS

## Who are we?

We are Anke & Ron Cowan and have owned and operated Kafunta Safaris since July 1998. The lodge is our home, and our team is like family.



## Where are we?

We're located in Mfuwe, South Luangwa, Zambia. One of the top wildlife destinations in Africa!

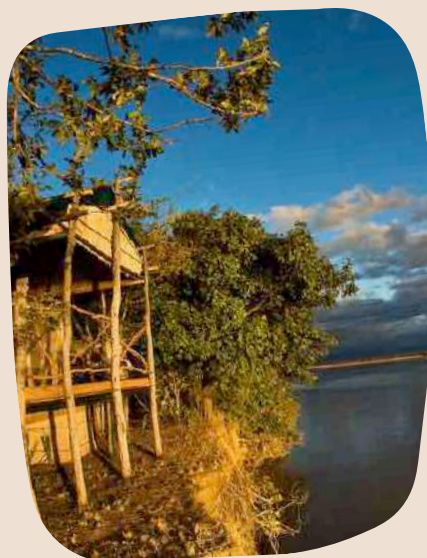
## Our safari properties

We opened **Kafunta River Lodge** in 1998, and it is the largest of our properties, set on the floodplains of the Luangwa River. **Island Bush Camp** is our adorable little rustic camp located further south in the park, right on the river. Our third property is **Three Rivers Camp**; it is a luxurious tented camp which also offers awesome star beds. Watch [this video](#) to give you an idea of the feel of our camps and services.

Kafunta River Lodge



Island Bush Camp



Three Rivers Camp



# Thank You

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We hope this travel guide to a safari in Zambia will be a useful tool to decide where to go and to help you plan your vacation of a lifetime.

Enquire with us for Zambia's highest quality and most affordable safari itineraries, we'll be happy to work with you.

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