

Kafunta SAFARIS

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Welcome to South Luangwa! It has been our home for more than 25 years and we have a deep and abiding love for the Luangwa Valley. The Kafunta team is like family and that is how we achieve such an intimate and friendly atmosphere.

We take great pride in sharing the Zambian bush with our guests and ensuring they have the best safari possible.

We believe it is the personal touch that sets us apart and the warm and convivial environment where guests arrive as strangers and leave as friends. We look forward to welcoming you to our home.

Anke & Ron Cowan

ONE PARK

South Luangwa National Park



Established in the Eastern Province of Zambia, the South Luangwa National Park is considered to be one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in Africa. With its 9,050 sq-km, the park showcases a high concentration of animals and is one of Zambia's main destinations for wildlife enthusiasts. The Luangwa River and its numerous tributaries, floodplains and oxbow lagoons, add to the majestic landscapes while being the lifeline of the park and its wildlife. With over 60 types of mammals (including lions, leopards, African wild dogs, hyenas, buffalos, elephants, Thornicroft giraffes, Cookson wildebeests, Crawshay zebras, Nile crocodiles, hippos, baboons, monkeys and a large variety of antelopes) and 420 bird species, the Luangwa Valley is an exceptionally wild destination.

THREE PROPERTIES

Kafunta River Lodge

Overlooking the Luangwa flood plains teeming with wildlife, our main lodge provides a personalised safari experience in the best game viewing area of the park.

Three Rivers Camp

Located at the confluence of the Luangwa, Kapamba and Lusangazi rivers, the camp features sumptuous safari tents with private star beds.

Island Bush Camp

In the remote heart of the park, our rustic camp offers an authentic African bush experience and is ideal for immersive walking safaris.

Perfect Safari Experience

Combine Kafunta River Lodge for its spectacular game viewing with a few nights at our remote camps to enjoy truly untamed and untouched wilderness.

ACCESS

International flights to Lusaka (Zambia) followed by a 70-minute flight to Mfuwe. Flights are also possible from Lilongwe (Malawi). For the more adventurous, it is also possible to drive from Lusaka (approx 9 hours) or Lilongwe (approx 5 hours).

Three Rivers and Island Bush camps are about 2 to 2 1/2 hours south of Kafunta River Lodge (intra-camp transfers included in rates).

SEASONS

Kafunta River Lodge:
01 April-05 January

Three Rivers Camp &
Island Bush Camp:
25 May - 31 October



Kafunta River Lodge



Luxury Suite



Fireplace overlooking the plains



The infinity pool

Fully renovated in 2019, Kafunta is a distinctive Zambian safari lodge with a contemporary touch; it combines all the ingredients to create an exceptional safari. Here you will find the rest and peace you need after an exciting day in the bush in combination with attentive service and a warm welcome by our team.

Our attention to detail and relaxed atmosphere is matched by our professionalism. We love what we do and pass this on to our guests. Highly qualified guides take you on sensational game drives and share their extensive knowledge of the African bush with you.

At Kafunta each of the stylish safari chalets and the main lounge / dining area overlook the game rich flood plain. Beyond the plain is the **Luangwa River** and one of the best game viewing areas of the magical South Luangwa National Park.

The lodge features eight standard chalets, two luxury suites, and a separate private house called The Sunset House (late 2023). The ambiance is elegant and warm, evocative of the natural hues of the African wilderness.

Standard Chalet Facilities

- ❖ 8 Chalets (4 on either side of main area)
- ❖ Spacious rooms with sitting area
- ❖ Private veranda with stunning views
- ❖ En-suite bathroom with two basins and a shower, hot & cold running water
- ❖ Walk-in mosquito nets and ceiling fans
- ❖ Mini bar & tea/coffee making facilities
- ❖ Lock up safe
- ❖ Electricity (UK plugs) and hairdryers

Luxury Suite Facilities

(in addition to the above features)

- ❖ 2 Suites (further from main area)
- ❖ Upper loft with day beds & outside deck
- ❖ Larger en-suite bathroom with double basins, shower and stand alone bathtub
- ❖ Sleeps a maximum 4 people

The Sunset House Facilities

(opening late 2023)

- ❖ Private house, private dining & activities
- ❖ Three bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms
- ❖ Perfect for families or small groups
- ❖ Large indoor and outdoor sitting areas
- ❖ Swimming pool and lounge chairs
- ❖ Deck and firepit overlooking the plains

Game Viewing Activities

- ❖ Access to the park via our own river-crossing pontoon (May-Oct) or via the main gate (10km away)
- ❖ Morning game drive (alternatively a bush walk can be arranged, upon prior request)
- ❖ Afternoon game drive with a sundowner stop before continuing for a spotlight night drive
- ❖ All day drives available upon request

Lodge Facilities

- ❖ Extensive lounge & bar
- ❖ Multiple wooden dining decks
- ❖ Wildlife photographic hide
- ❖ Safe drinking water & refillable bottles
- ❖ Swimming pool & natural hot tub
- ❖ Fig Tree Spa with massages
- ❖ Complimentary Wifi in main area

Dining

The day starts before sunrise with a varied **continental breakfast** served on the main deck, before heading out on activities.

Served around 11h30, the **buffet-style brunch** is set up in the cool shade of the thatched roof and offers a variety of hot dishes and healthy salads.

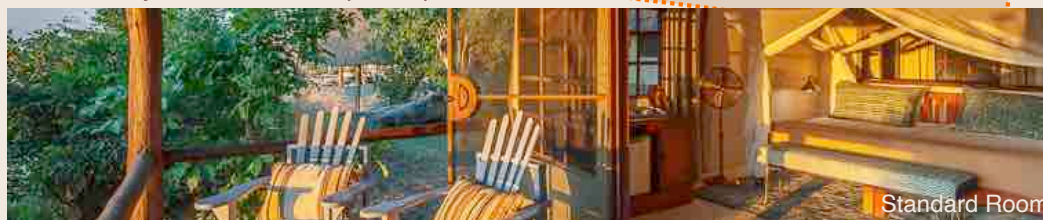
At around 15h00 we gather for a delicious **afternoon tea** before the afternoon game drive.

Our **four-course candle-lit dinner** is served at private tables nicely spaced out on the wooden decks overlooking the floodlit waterhole.

Our chefs will cater for most dietaries.

DON'T MISS!

Near the pool is the only natural hot tub in the Luangwa Valley. This unique hot spring is fed from a completely natural geothermal source on Kafunta's grounds. The water is very therapeutic with an average temperature of 37 degrees centigrade. An opportunity for pure relaxation and a perfect ending to an eventful day in the park.



Standard Room

Island Bush Camp



Elevated open-fronted chalets

Island Bush Camp is our charming authentic camp, located well off the beaten tracks and immersed in pure wilderness. The camp is set under the cool shade of old mahogany trees on the banks of the Luangwa River.

With views stretching from the Chindeni Hills in the Eastern corner of the Luangwa Valley to the Muchinga Escarpment in the West, you are presented with the complete natural boundary of this remote and aching beautiful and wild environment.

At Island Bush Camp, each of the five chalets are completely open to the front with 180-degree views over the river, allowing the sounds of the bush to drift through. Made out of natural material and safely built high off the ground, the chalets feature an en-suite bathroom with a traditional bucket shower.

The camp's atmosphere is laid back, giving us a chance to completely disconnect from our hectic lifestyles while concentrating on what the surrounding nature has to offer, whether on walks or drives or when relaxing by the fireplace.

Chalet Facilities

- ❖ 5 Chalets (on stilts)
- ❖ Open to the front
- ❖ Stunning views of the Luangwa River
- ❖ En-suite open-air bathroom with running water, bucket showers and flushing toilets
- ❖ Walk-in mosquito nets
- ❖ Solar lights (no electricity)
- ❖ Decorated in trendy bush style

Camp Facilities

- ❖ Cosy lounge & bar area
- ❖ Candlelit dinners by the river
- ❖ Excellent cuisine and friendly service
- ❖ Fireplace for night time stories
- ❖ Hosted meals
- ❖ Waterhole photographic hide
- ❖ Safe drinking water & refillable bottles
- ❖ Laundry facilities
- ❖ Charging facilities with inverters

Game Viewing Activities

- ❖ Perfect location in the South Eastern part of South Luangwa NP, in complete isolation
- ❖ Morning and afternoon bush walks, complemented by game drives
- ❖ Night drives on the way back to camp
- ❖ Sundowners overlooking large hippo pods
- ❖ Time spent at the waterhole hide
- ❖ Longer excursions in search of the rare Roan antelopes
- ❖ Longer walk to Three Rivers Camp as mean of transfer

What is a Safari Bush Walk?

Walking safaris are our preferred activity in this heavenly place.

This is your chance to explore the bush at a much slower pace and on a different level. You walk in small groups and escorted by an armed official wildlife scout and our experienced guides. This ensures your safety and gives you an exciting and educational view of the bush at ground level.

While you are exploring different wildlife species along the way, you will find that your senses are heightened to the sights and sounds of your surroundings.

Encounters can vary from walking up to a family of giraffes, or observing a herd of elephants to watching a cloud of Carmine bee eaters coming and going from their seasonal colonies.

Although the main activity at Island Bush Camp is walking safaris, we do also use a safari vehicle to get into a variety of walking areas or return from a walk after dark to discover some of the nocturnal wildlife in the area.



Dinner al fresco



Chalet overlooking the river



Breakfast by the river

DON'T MISS!

The bush camp kitchen provides fantastic meals cooked on the wood burning stove and served under a spectacular galaxy of shining stars. At the end of your stay make sure to partake in the "kitchen safari", to meet our chef and understand the challenges of cooking in the wild African bush.

Three Rivers Camp



Sleep out beds for a night under the stars



Dining by the Luangwa River



Large en-suite tent

Three Rivers Camp is an absolute gem of a tented camp. The drive to the camp is a mere 2 hours from Kafunta, heading south and passing through dense mopane forests and remote villages while bordering the national park.

The secluded camp is tucked away under ageless sausage trees, exactly where both the Lusangazi River and the Kapamba River join their bigger sister, the Luangwa River.

With the rivers' white sandy beaches on one side and a game-rich plain on the other, the location is spectacular, in pure wilderness with no other tourist or vehicle around.

The camp's 5 upscale safari tents are extremely spacious and decorated with locally sourced material favoring a natural and earthy style; all come with a private terrace, and an en-suite bathroom featuring both an indoor and an outdoor shower.

But the distinctive features of the camp are the private elevated decks attached to each tent, offering a chance to spend the night under the stars.

Luxury Tent Facilities

- ❖ 5 Luxury tents with large gauze windows
- ❖ Facing the river or oxbow (dry) lagoon
- ❖ Spacious bedroom with sitting area
- ❖ Large terrace with relaxing chairs
- ❖ Private elevated platform with star beds
- ❖ En-suite semi-open bathroom with double basins, an indoor and an outdoor shower
- ❖ Walk-in mosquito nets and ceiling fans
- ❖ Solar electricity (UK plugs)
- ❖ Lock up safe

Camp Facilities

- ❖ Elegant lounge & bar under canvas
- ❖ Candle-lit dinners by the river
- ❖ Stellar cuisine and attentive service
- ❖ Hosted meals
- ❖ Large viewing deck and fireplace
- ❖ Waterhole in the middle of camp
- ❖ Safe drinking water & refillable bottles
- ❖ Laundry facilities
- ❖ Eco-friendly camp

Game Viewing Activities

- ❖ Morning and afternoon bush walks and game drives
- ❖ Night drives on the way back to camp
- ❖ Longer walk to Island Bush Camp as mean of transfer
- ❖ Viewing deck and individual platforms perfect for game watching
- ❖ Excellent stargazing

Counting the Stars

Imagine yourself under the dazzling glow of the Milky Way. Cuddle down on a plush bed with your ears tuned in to the chorus of the Luangwa hippos, to the distant whoop of a hyena or to the chilling roar of a lion calling. Wake up to birds chirping while the sun starts to rise in the East.

Away from light pollution, the Luangwa Valley has stars so bright it feels you could reach out and touch them. At Three Rivers Camp you can sleep in your sumptuous tent, or head upstairs to the warm comfort of your own star bed and count the twinkling stars in the African sky.

With its day beds the platform is the perfect spot for a siesta with a view. At night, they are turned down into plush beds, for a romantic night under the stars. But should you change your mind, it's an easy retreat back to the bedroom without further inconvenience.

DON'T MISS!

Or rather... do miss!

Yes miss out on a morning activity to enjoy the sunrise from the warmth of your duvet - why rush out when you can peacefully watch the changing colors of the sky and listen to the dawn chorus of the African birds? Alternatively skip an evening drive to watch the sunset illuminate the river while sipping your favorite drink. The perfect end to a perfect day in paradise.

