



# Kafunta SAFARIS

## INFO PACK

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 500 bird species, the Luangwa Valley is an exceptionally wild destination.

### SEASONS

Kafunta River Lodge & Sunset House:

01 April-05 January

Three Rivers Camp & Island Bush Camp:

25 May - 31 October

### THREE PROPERTIES

#### Kafunta River Lodge & Sunset House

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. Located just next to the lodge, The Sunset House is a private three-bedroom accommodation designed for families and small groups of friends.

#### 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

We recommend combining your safari between Kafunta River Lodge and one or both of the remote camps for the most complete experience.

### ACCESS

International flight to Lusaka (Zambia) followed by a 70-minute flight to Mfuwe (with Proflight). Flights are also possible from Lilongwe (Malawi). Or self-drive from Lusaka (approx 9 hours) or Lilongwe (approx 5 hours).

Kafunta River Lodge & The Sunset House are 45 minutes from Mfuwe airport. Three Rivers and Island Bush camps are another 2 to 2 1/2 hours south of Kafunta River Lodge (transfers included in rates).

### CHILDREN

Kafunta River Lodge and The Sunset House welcome children from the age of 6 years old (younger on request), while Three Rivers Camp and Island Bush Camp have a minimum age of 12 years old.

# Kafunta River Lodge



Luxury Suite



Fireplace overlooking the plains



The infinity pool

Established for over 25 years, 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 (next page). The ambience 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

## 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

## 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

## Dining

The day starts before sunrise with a varied **continental breakfast** served on the main deck. Freshly made bread and pastries, hot porridge (in winter months), seasonal fruit salad and home-made granola served with your choice of milk or yoghurt are the basis of this first meal of the day. It's the perfect way to fuel up before you set off on your exciting safari.

Around 11h30, we transform the lounge into a **buffet-style brunch** setting, conveniently located in the cool shade of the thatched roof. Here you'll find a tempting spread of hot dishes and a selection of wholesome salades.

Come 15h00 we all gather for a delicious **afternoon tea** before the afternoon game drive.

Once you're back from your activities, our **four-course candle-lit dinner** takes center stage. Served at private tables thoughtfully spaced out on the various decks, you'll dine in company of hippos residing in the waterhole. Our talented chefs are dedicated to making your dining experience exceptional and will accommodate most dietary preferences.

## 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



Ultimate privacy



Spacious bedrooms



Private dining



Stylish interior

# The Sunset House

Located just next to Kafunta River Lodge, our new Sunset House welcomed its first guests in November 2023. It is designed to cater for family inter-generational holidays or for small groups of friends seeking private getaways. The house perfectly balances relaxation and adventure with spacious living areas, three ultra comfortable en-suite bedrooms, and a private swimming pool.

The house is named after the magnificent views of the Luangwa floodplain turning a glowing orange when the sun is setting. It is simply splendid out here!

A mix of canvas and solid walls, Sunset House features three en-suite bedrooms which are split into two units. The main tent has two bedrooms, each on either side of a large lounge, and outdoor dining area. A few steps away, intended for even more privacy, is the third bedroom. Altogether, the house comfortably accommodates up to 9 guests.

The infinity pool and extensive deck with its lounge chairs and umbrellas complete this idealic



## The Sunset House Facilities

- ❖ Private house, with dining & activities
- ❖ Perfect for families or small groups
- ❖ Three bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms
- ❖ Each bedroom has a large sitting area with a daybed which converts into an additional bed.
- ❖ Available for up to 9 guests
- ❖ Walk-in mosquito nets and ceiling fans
- ❖ Each bedroom has its own bathroom with two basins and a shower, hot & cold running water
- ❖ Mini bar & tea/coffee making facilities
- ❖ Lock up safe
- ❖ Electricity (UK plugs) and hairdryers
- ❖ Large indoor and outdoor sitting areas
- ❖ Swimming pool, lounge chairs, and shade umbrellas
- ❖ Deck and firepit overlooking the plains
- ❖ Complimentary Wifi
- ❖ Private chef and butler for exceptional service and dining experience

## Private Activities

- ❖ Private safari guide
- ❖ Morning and afternoon, or all-day game drives
- ❖ Bush walks (must be 12 or older)
- ❖ Garden walks for younger children.
- ❖ Cultural experience with village tours
- ❖ Book an artsy activity at Tribe or visit Chipembele's interactive nature center
- ❖ Inquire about Seka theatre for an afternoon or evening performance
- ❖ Swimming pool & board games
- ❖ Own dedicated chef for meals
- ❖ Access to the main lodge for spa services (or can be scheduled at Sunset House)

### DON'T MISS!

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for a completely customized vacation. The Sunset House offers the perfect blend of togetherness and privacy, creating cherished memories with family and friends. Bond around delicious meals, share stories around the camp fire, and explore nature at your own pace.

## Affordable Pricing

The pricing for the house is based on a fixed rate for 1 to 4 adults. Each additional guest is charged an individual rate. Children discounts apply. Consult our rate sheet for more details.



Exclusive accommodations

# 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.

### DON'T MISS!

Just outside the camp, there is a photographic hide at a muddy waterhole. It is regularly visited by families of elephants.

Sitting in the hide, observing them bathing is pure serenity. Make sure to spend some time there, immersing yourself in the heart of nature's beauty.



Dinner al fresco



Chalet overlooking the river



Breakfast by the river

# 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

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## 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

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## 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.

