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At Wildlife Worldwide we have been creating **outstanding wildlife holidays** for over 30 years. Established in 1992, our first tours were in Africa, due to founder Chris Breen's love of Zambia's Luangwa Valley where he managed bush camps and guided safaris. Our collection has grown over the years and now covers all corners of the globe from Africa, Asia and the Americas, to Europe and the Polar regions. From safaris and whale-watching to bear watching and wildlife cruising, we have something for all wildlife enthusiasts. Here are a few great reasons to choose Wildlife Worldwide...

### **A knowledgeable and passionate team of wildlife experts**

We have travelled the world, managed safari lodges, worked as tour leaders and safari guides, and has years of experience in the travel industry. We continually research, explore and photograph wildlife and wilderness areas around the world to keep our knowledge up to date and consistently arrange outstanding trips.

### **Our personal service**

Our **personal service**, built on the foundations of quality, knowledge, expertise, reliability and professionalism. A dedicated Wildlife Travel Consultant is available to discuss your holiday at any point.

### **Flexible tailor-made holidays**

We offer **flexibility**, so whether you wish to upgrade your flights, change your accommodation, add in some extra days, or plan something special to coincide with an anniversary or birthday, please tell us, so we can perfect your holiday.

### **Dedicated group departures**

We have our own series of dedicated group departures and in addition we sell a hand-picked collection of departures offered by our overseas partners.

### **Expert local naturalist guides**

Our **naturalist guides** and **tour leaders** are truly outstanding. We only work with the finest guides who offer an exceptional level of expertise, knowledge and passion, and always go the extra mile.

### **Committed to conservation and responsible tourism**

Since its inception, Wildlife Worldwide has placed a special emphasis on **sustainable travel** – focussing on the environment, the wildlife, and the communities that live in close proximity.

### **We are independent**

We are a privately-owned independent company – something that is increasingly rare these days! The advice we give you is completely impartial.

### **Peace of mind**

In addition to offering you 100% financial protection through our **Air Tour Organisers License** (ATOL 10544) and our membership of the **Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited** (5199) we have a 24-hour emergency line should anything happen whilst you are away.

We look forward to welcoming you on your next Wildlife Worldwide holiday.

## INTRODUCTION

Wildlife Worldwide have been creating holidays for over 30 years and together with our friends at The Bushcamp Company, are delighted to donate a week long safari to the award-winning Mfuwe Lodge and its associated bush camps in the heart of Zambia's South Luangwa National Park. On this holiday of a lifetime you can expect incredible wildlife sightings with expert guides and will encounter numerous species as you explore the vast plains including elephant, lion, leopard, Cape buffalo, hippo, giraffe and wild dog.

South Luangwa National Park is one of the finest wildlife locations in Zambia and arguably one of the best in Southern Africa, it is also the place where we sent our very first tours back in the early 1990s ... and it is where we have had our roots firmly set ever since.

This safari holiday for two is worth up to £12,000 (£6,000 per person) and includes return economy class flights from the UK, seven nights in a combination of Mfuwe Lodge and its associated bushcamps, all safari activities and transfers. All meals are also included and will be served in a variety of locations including by candlelight under the stars in the bush - a truly memorable experience.

Below is an example itinerary using Mfuwe Lodge and two of the wonderful bush camps - Chindeni and Bilimungwe.

As specialists in tailor-made travel we would be delighted to discuss options to extend the safari to other parts of Zambia (Lower Zambia, Victoria Falls or perhaps Kafue National Park), or elsewhere in Africa.

## OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart UK arriving the next day.
- Day 2** South Luangwa National Park (7 nights).
- Day 9** Fly back to UK arriving the next day.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 🐾 Extensive itinerary in South Luangwa National Park, the premier wildlife destination in Zambia and one of the finest in Southern Africa.
- 🐾 Opportunities to encounter a variety of iconic African mammals including leopard, lion, African elephant, aardvark and African wild dog to name a few.
- 🐾 Plenty of birdwatching possibilities with southern carmine bee-eater, martial eagle, Pel's fishing owl and saddle-billed stork being some of the potential highlights.
- 🐾 Stay in some of the most authentic and comfortable camps in the Luangwa Valley.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1

Depart from London Heathrow to Dubai International Airport.

### Day 2

Fly from Dubai International Airport to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport.

Fly from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport to Mfuwe Airport.

You will be met at Mfuwe airport and transfer the short (40 minute) drive through the colourful Mfuwe town to Mfuwe Lodge.

### South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa is the jewel of Zambia's national parks. It lies in the north-eastern part of Zambia and comprises some 9,050 square kilometres of unspoilt African wilderness. Its eastern boundary is the meandering Luangwa River whose regular changes in course leave characteristic ox-bow lagoons which are one of the most scenic aspects of the park. Set amongst beautiful riverine vegetation of evergreen mahogany and ebony trees, these lagoons and the grazing lawns around them are a magnet to the outstanding wildlife of the park.

You can expect to encounter numerous large animals here - elephant, Cape buffalo, hippo, lion, Nile crocodile, warthog, puku, impala, spotted hyena, greater kudu and eland are all common. Unique to the Luangwa are the Thornicroft's giraffe, Cookson's wildebeest and Crawshay's zebra, which are found nowhere else. The Luangwa Valley probably has the world's highest naturally occurring population of leopard. Concentrations of game along the riverine area increase throughout the dry season and are at their maximum from September to November. Buffalo herds of over a thousand and large herds of elephant are frequent sightings. Hippos collect in huge numbers, often several hundred strong, in the deep-water channels of the river, accompanied by unknown numbers of Nile crocodile.

For the birdwatcher too, Luangwa could hardly be better with some 400 species of bird. The sun-scorched riverbanks play host to vast colonies of carmine bee-eaters, which together with numerous raptors, lovebirds, weavers and kingfishers lend more than a splash of colour to this beautiful destination.

The beautiful 'green season' begins with the first rains in early November. The occasional rain storm is unlikely to affect your safari activities and there are many advantages to visiting at this time. There is a glorious cleansing of the dust and haze that has built up during the intense heat of the dry season and a wonderful green flush adorns the previously parched earth. Flowering trees and plants come into bloom, and the young of most animals are born, including African wild dog puppies. The sky is full of migrant birds from Europe and central Asia, and the resident birds are in colourful breeding dress and of course full song.

Safaris from all the camps and lodges are conducted both by open 4-wheel drive vehicles and on foot (in the dry months of mid-May to early November), with armed scouts and fully qualified safari guides. Night drives with powerful spotlights are a highlight.



### **Begin your stay at Mfuwe Lodge (3 nights)**

Mfuwe's airy interior complements the natural surroundings, and its allure is instantly obvious. Here you can lounge on the open deck or take a dip in the swimming pool while an endless stream of wildlife keeps you enthralled. Scattered along the shady banks, 18 thatched chalets offer comfortable sitting rooms with African-themed décor, en suite bathrooms with panoramic walk-in showers, and secluded covered verandahs that look over the lagoons where wallowing hippo and thirsty game congregate. Other facilities include a so-called Bush-Spa and a curio shop.

This region of the park is famed for its prolific wildlife – giraffe, buffalo, antelope and crocodile are constant visitors to the lagoons, while in November elephants regularly wander through the lobby, lured by a nearby wild mango tree. Walking safaris can be arranged on request, but most outings are early morning or late afternoon wildlife drives, led by a team of experienced guides. These allow guests to explore as much of the prolific Luangwa Valley as possible, when the wildlife is at its most active.



### Days 3 and 4

Stay at Mfuwe Lodge

### Day 5

After morning game-viewing you transfer by road, through the national park to Chindeni Camp where you spend the next 2-nights.

#### Begin your stay at Chindeni Camp (2 nights)

Chindeni is a luxurious bush camp perched above a permanent ox-bow lagoon, with stunning views of the magnificent Nchendeni Hills. The camp accommodates just six people in four tents with deluxe facilities: two queen-size beds, en suite bathrooms with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, double vanity units and tongue-and-groove polished wooden flooring. Each tent is raised on wooden decking and has its own private verandah – an ideal platform from which to view the resident big game or to simply enjoy the serenity of the lagoon. The open dining/lounge and bar area is shaded by ebony trees, and steps lead down to the lagoon where you can enjoy al fresco dining next to the still waters.

Chindeni and its four sister camps - Kapamba, Chamilandu, Bilimungwe and Kuyenda - are ideal for individuals and small groups seeking a personalised bush experience in the South Luangwa, along with great hospitality and spectacular opportunities to explore this magnificent wildlife sanctuary on foot. Each camp is unique in location and style and perfectly suited to a true African walking safari moving from camp to camp.



### Day 6

Stay at Chindeni Camp

### Day 7

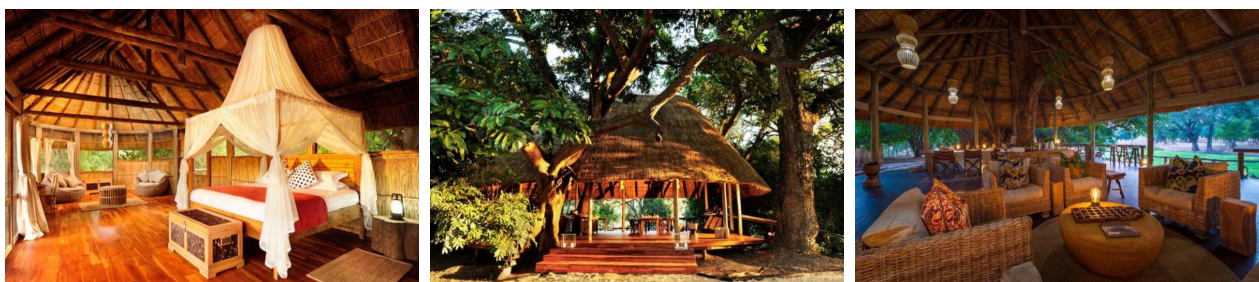
Transfer through the national park to Bilimungwe.

#### Begin your stay at Bilimungwe Bushcamp (2 nights)

Located in the southern reaches of the South Luangwa National Park, Bilimungwe Bushcamp overlooks a series of waterholes often frequented by impala, puku, elephant and waterbuck. The camp has just four stylish chalets shaded by large mahogany trees to help keep them cool even in the hottest months. Each chalet has a fully-furnished en suite bathrooms and is raised above the ground on a wooden platform and constructed

from natural materials with a tall thatched roof.

Meals are served in the main communal area of the camp along with the bar and there is also a braai area and extended deck where dinner can also be served underneath the stars.



### Day 8

Stay at Bilimungwe Bushcamp

### Day 9

This morning, after your morning game-viewing it is time to head back to Mfuwe airport for your flight to Lusaka and home.

Fly from Mfuwe Airport to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport.

Fly from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport to Dubai International Airport.

Depart from Dubai International Airport to London Heathrow.

### ITINERARY NOTES

The safari must be booked through Wildlife Worldwide with all travel completed by 11 December 2023.

There is no cash alternative.

Flights do not have to be on Emirates travelling via Dubai - this is shown for illustrative purposes only.

Extra arrangements can be requested with Wildlife Worldwide including an extension to other areas of Zambia, or Africa, or to upgrade flights to business or first class as required.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE

1. +1 = Arriving the following day
2. Dates and times are 'local time' and subject to alteration at the carriers discretion

DAY	FLIGHT	FROM	TO	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	AIRLINE
Day 1		London Heathrow - LHR	Dubai - DXB	TBC	TBC	Emirates
Day 2		Dubai - DXB	Lusaka - LUN	TBC	TBC	Emirates
Day 2		Lusaka - LUN	Mfuwe - MFU	TBC	TBC	Proflight Zambia
Day 9		Mfuwe - MFU	Lusaka - LUN	TBC	TBC	Proflight Zambia
Day 9		Lusaka - LUN	Dubai - DXB	TBC	TBC	Emirates
Day 9		Dubai - DXB	London Heathrow - LHR	TBC	TBC	Emirates

**INCLUSIONS**

- 🐾 International and regional flights as shown (the flight allowance is up to £850 per person and must be booked through Wildlife Worldwide)
- 🐾 Accommodation at Mfuwe Lodge and any combination of its associated bushcamps (Bilimungwe, Kuyenda, Chindeni, Kapamba or Zungulila) subject to local availability
- 🐾 Full board
- 🐾 Transfers
- 🐾 Guided safari activities

**EXCLUSIONS**

- 🐾 Airport taxes (approximately £500 per person)
- 🐾 National Park fees (from \$80 per person per night)
- 🐾 Drinks
- 🐾 Tips
- 🐾 Travel insurance
- 🐾 Items of a personal nature