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## A 12 Night Private Journey Through Zambia



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# Day 1

## Bilimungwe Bush Camp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



Today you will arrive into Zambia, one of Africa's most incredible safari destinations. From Kenneth Kaunda International Airport you will board a short flight to Mfuwe Airport (the cost of this local flight is included). Here you will be met by your driver and together you will travel into the world-famous South Luangwa National Park!

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of the most breathtaking and untouched wilderness available anywhere in Africa. Thanks in large part to the governments successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has developed into a world-renowned wildlife haven. While offering incredible safari drives, the South Luangwa National Park is also famous for its walking safaris. This style of safari allows travelers to pass silently through the African wilderness creating amazing opportunities for some incredible wildlife sightings, all while under the supervision of a professional and knowledgeable armed guide.

You will begin your African safari adventure with 2 nights at the wonderful Bilimungwe Bushcamp. Overlooking 3 busy waterholes, and shaded by enormous mahogany trees, Bilimungwe Bushcamp is one of the regions hidden gems. Each of the 4 large thatched chalets sits on stilts and boasts magnificent views over the surrounding watering holes.

Having checked in to your lodge and taken some time to get settled you will then set off on your afternoon game drive. Your friendly and knowledgeable guide will ask you about your favorite wildlife and they will then do their best to ensure that your preferences are met, whether it is tracking a particular species or spending more time enjoying each sighting, getting to know the habits of the animals. They will also teach you all about the vegetation of the region and will explain the unique behavior of the animals that you come across. In some cases, the guides will be able to identify individual animals and let you know about their history and habits.

Following your evening drive, you will return to your lodge to be met by pre-dinner cocktails and a delicious feast often set up under the stars, weather permitting.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 2

### Bilimungwe Bush Camp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



This morning you will wake up shortly after sunrise and following a quick cup of tea or coffee in the lodges communal area, meet your guide for another spectacular safari drive. Returning to the lodge in the mid-morning, you will be met with an enormous brunch followed by a few hours to relax around the lodge, or perhaps squeeze in a nap to make up for your early morning.

This afternoon you have the option of going out on another safari drive or you could choose to remain at the lodge and simply let the animals come to you. Alternatively, you may want to consider embarking on a nature walk. A safari on foot is an entirely different experience as you learn all about the fauna and flora of this unique area with the help of your guide.

Regardless of how you choose to spend today your day will end with a wonderful farewell dinner as you prepare for the next leg of your African safari adventure.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 3

### Chindeni Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



This morning you will bid farewell to Bilimungwe Bushcamp and enjoy a short transfer to Chindeni Bushcamp. This transfer could either be a short safari drive or instead can be done as a mornings walking safari. Rest assured your luggage would be taken ahead in a vehicle and would not need to carry your suitcase with you!

Each of Chindeni's four spacious tented chalets overlook a beautiful lagoon and the Chindeni Hills in the distance. Like Bilimungwe, during your stay at Chindeni you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives daily. One in the early morning and then another that leaves in the late afternoon and returns shortly after dark. Please note you are in no way obligated to join both drives every day and if you would prefer to sleep in one morning and simply join the afternoon drive (or vice versa) you are of course welcome to do so. As the lodge is in the middle of the National Park you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property, including the communal areas or even right from your private deck!

Returning from the evening game drive you will enjoy a splendid African inspired meal prepared by the lodges talented team of Chefs. After dinner you are welcome to either relax on the deck overlooking the lagoon, sipping your choice of beverage, or retire to your room in preparation for the next day's early start.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 4

### Chindeni Bushecamp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



Today you have at leisure to enjoy whichever safari activities you prefer. Whether you are in the mood for intrepid exploration, or perhaps some more sedentary wildlife viewing, Chindeni will deliver. Avid game viewers and birdwatchers can set out on a superb walking safari, or alternatively you can simply park yourself in a deckchair at camp and watch the abundance of game that is drawn to the lagoon.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 5

### Chamilandu Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



This morning you will check out of your lodge and continue your journey North up the Luangwa river. This transfer can again either be done via vehicle or as a morning hike through the wilderness.

Your next stop will be Chamilandu Bushcamp, a breathtaking camp on one of the South Luangwa's prime river locations offering a bird's-eye view of the wildlife that the river and its lagoons attract. There are just three stilted chalets at this exclusive camp, set on the riverbank beneath a soaring ebony grove. Each has its own raised veranda and an open-fronted en-suite bedroom with the same magnificent views over the tranquil waters. Here you can enjoy a sundowner cocktail from the comfort of the thatched bar and dining area as you watch the wildlife saunter down to the river.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 6

### Chamilandu Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



Game drives and safari walks in the area around Chamilandu are an ideal way to explore the incredible range of habitats in the area. With no fewer than seven oxbow lagoons behind the lodge, there are always a plethora of thirsty animals nearby seeking refreshment.

The lodge also boasts a wonderful hide that looks out over one of these lagoons, a great place from which to while away the afternoon to the soundtrack of a herd of bathing elephants and snap some amazing photographs.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 7

### Chamilandu Bushcamp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia



Today your safari adventure continues. Spend the day as you wish whether that means jumping on board the twice daily safari drives, embarking on a nature walk with your knowledgeable guide or simply relaxing around the lodge soaking in your peaceful surroundings.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 8

### Chiawa Camp, Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia



This morning you will check out of your lodge and say farewell to the South Luangwa National Park. You will then enjoy a transfer back to Mfuwe Airport where you will meet your light aircraft. This short flight will take you over the Zambian wilderness and into the Lower Zambezi National Park. Note this flight is included in the cost of your program.

Arriving into Jeki Airstrip you will be met by your new guide and together you will travel around an hour to your new home for the next 3 nights, Chiawa River Camp.

The Lower Zambezi National Park is one of Zambia's most exceptional, undeveloped wildlife areas and together with Zimbabwe's Mana Pools Reserve, provides a massive trans-frontier wildlife sanctuary. Most safari activities are concentrated along the Zambezi river as this enormous body of water draws the surrounding wildlife animals and aside from spectacular safari drives the area also offers incredible boat safaris, canoe trips and tiger fishing experiences.

At Chiawa River Camp safari drives are conducted in open 4-wheel drive vehicles that have been specially adapted for safari use with comfy seats, pockets to stow your gear and bean bags to steady your camera for those all-important photos. Usually departing in the early morning, drives can last anywhere from 2 to 4 hours depending on the overall conditions and the preferences of the guests.

In the late afternoon safari drives set off for an hour or so before stopping at a scenic point for sundowner drinks. Once the sun has set you will again move on and the night drive will commence. Zambia is one of the few countries that permit night drives, perhaps the most interesting of all safari activities.

Using filtered spotlights, which do not interfere with the wellbeing and behavior of the animals, night drives provide an opportunity to see nocturnal creatures such as civet, porcupine and genet. It is also not uncommon to see a pride of lions on a kill or a leopard stalking through the bush. These drives last as long as they need to before returning to the lodge.

Arriving back at camp you will enjoy pre-dinner G & T followed by a spectacular dinner created by the lodges gifted team of Chefs.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 09

### Chiawa Camp, Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia



In place of one of the twice daily guided safari drives you may want to inquire about including a safari on foot. Pioneered in Zambia, bush walks in the Lower Zambezi National Park are essentially a "micro-safari". An armed ranger along with your experienced guide will take you through the wilderness on foot, interpreting spoor, identifying the various flora and fauna, and highlighting conservation issues.

Elephants, antelope and buffalo are the most common animals seen during walks, however sometimes big cats such as lion and leopards make unexpected appearances and so it is best to always have your camera ready! The pace of these walks is leisurely, and the duration is determined by your fitness levels, and what is seen on the walk. Typically, a few hours is enough.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 10

### Chiawa Camp, Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia



One of the great aspects of a visit to Chiawa Camp is the variety of activities offered by virtue of your presence on the Zambezi river. Chiawa is one of the few camps permitted to conduct waterborne safaris within the National Park, and their custom built, motorized pontoons are ideal to take advantage of this. Here you will have the opportunity to spend a morning or afternoon cruise exploring the numerous channels, viewing hippo, buffalo, elephant and immersing yourself in the prolific bird life of this region. Also on offer, are sunset and sundowner cruises, often completed with a night drive back to camp.

Although the Zambezi offers many activities, one of the most unique is its canoe trips. Nowhere else is there such a combination of breathtaking scenery, varied wildlife and interesting geological formations to paddle through. Six-meter-long Canadian canoes are used and these trips may last anywhere from 1 hour to 1 day. One of the most popular canoe safaris takes around 90 minutes and will see you paddle downstream from the lodge ending at "Sunset Strip" where you would enjoy a well-deserved sundowner drink. You would then enjoy a night drive back to Chiawa Camp.

If you are interested, Chiawa Camp is internationally acclaimed as one of the world's leading fishing destinations. Recommended by authoritative anglers and in publications such as 'The Best Fly Fishing Trips Money Can Buy' and 'Forbes Traveler', expert guides are on hand to assist you in reeling in the fearsome tigerfish. Please note all tigerfishing is strictly catch and release.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 11

## Thorntree River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zambia



This morning you will check out of Chiawa River Camp and enjoy short transfer back to Jeki Airstrip. From here you will board a short flight to Livingstone's Harry Mwanga Nkumbulu International Airport. Please note this flight is included in your program cost. At Livingstone Airport you will be met by your driver and transferred to Thorntree River Lodge, set in Zambia's Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, just a short distance from the mighty Falls.

Livingstone is home to what is arguably the most impressive natural wonder of the world, Victoria Falls. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal region to combine game viewing and water activities. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white water rafting anywhere in the world.

Thorntree River Lodge was designed and built with eco-friendly principles in mind and draws on inspiration from local customs and culture. It is a modern contemporary design, yet the tented roof structures ensure it maintains the feel of authentic Africa. The communal deck is set on the edge of the stunning river and is home to a sunken boma area and an infinity pool.

Due to its proximity of Victoria Falls, the lodge offers daily excursions to the Zambian side of the falls where complimentary activities include guided walking safaris, game drives, canoeing, catch and release fishing and boat cruises. Many of these activities take place on a secluded section of the Zambezi River and all are led by qualified and passionate guides who will share their knowledge and love of the bush with you.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

## Day 12

### Thorntree River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zambia



Today you have at leisure to explore this incredible area. Aside from the more standard activities offered by the lodge, there are also a number of other unique activities available. In Livingstone, Thorntree River Lodge has partnered with the Maunga Community and together they have identified two focus areas; building a much-needed clinic and providing scholarships to children in need. If you are interested, you could spend half a day visiting this community and experience firsthand the impact of the Foundations work.

Another unique experience involves learning all about the endangered White Rhinos of the region. The Southern White Rhinos are listed on the WWF's Near Threatened list and therefore the herd in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park are under constant protection by the local rangers. During your stay at Thorntree River Lodge, you'll have the remarkable opportunity of being able to visit these majestic animals. The activity involves a short drive into the park to meet up with the rangers who will then accompany you on foot to view the rhinos.

**Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 13

## Depart Africa



This morning you will check out of your lodge, bid the falls goodbye and meet your driver for a short transfer back to Livingstone Airport. Here you will meet your onward flight home. Please note the cost of this international flight is not included in your program cost.

### **Meals Included: Breakfast**

# Accommodation

## **Bilimungwe Bush Camp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia (2 Nights)**

Set in the remote southern reaches of South Luangwa National Park, beautiful, well-shaded Bilimungwe Bushcamp overlooks a trio of waterholes frequented by a plethora of birds and wildlife. Accommodation is offered here in 4 open-fronted chalets with rustic thatched roofs, equipped with indoor and outdoor showers as well as personal timber decks where sundowner drinks and quiet game-viewing can be enjoyed. The comfortable main areas, comprised of a dining room, lounge, and bar, also command great views of the wilderness and its inhabitants.



## Chindeni Bush Camp, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia (2 Nights)

Located in an enviable location on the edge of a lagoon, where hippo chortle and elephant wallow, Chindeni is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful tented camps in the South Luangwa. There's something about sleeping under canvas that ignites a sense of adventure in everyone. At Chindeni you can combine that thrill with style and comfort in one of its four opulent tents. Gaze out from your private veranda onto the lagoon which attracts birds and animals from miles around or settle back with a gin-and-tonic in the central lounge and dining area. Enjoy a glorious expanse of varnished decking arranged on several levels around the surrounding ebony trees, boasting, of course, the same spectacular view of the serene lagoon and its inhabitants.



## Chamilandu Bush Camp, South Luangwa National Park (3 Nights)

There's nothing quite like waking up at Chamilandu. Early morning views don't get much better than the rippling waters of the Luangwa River, the gentle rise of the Chindeni Hills and a vast African sky - especially when you're lying in a four-poster bed in a handsome stilted treehouse. You don't even need to leave your bed to see the wildlife - from your unique vantage point, you can watch as animals roam across the landscape or swing through the trees above your head. There are just three stilted chalets at this exclusive camp, set on the riverbank beneath a soaring ebony grove.



## Chiawa Luxury Tented Camp, Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia (3 Nights)

Located on the beautiful banks of the Zambezi River, under the largest grove of Mahogany trees on the Lower Zambezi, the multi-award-winning "Best in Africa" Chiawa Camp holds the prime position in the heart of Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park. A stunning thatched lounge/bar area with an upstairs viewing deck provides one of the best possible views of the Zambezi. This family-owned and operated the camp is a pioneer of tourism in the Lower Zambezi National Park and offers unusually varied activities including a choice of game drives, walking, canoeing, boating, and angling all in the company of Africa's finest guides.



## **Thorntree River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zambia (2 Nights)**

Beautifully designed Thorntree River Lodge graces the banks of Zambia's glorious Zambezi River in Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park. Seamlessly blending into the tranquil riverside setting, this eco-conscious haven draws inspiration from an eclectic mix of local African culture, but with contemporary influences throughout. Just 20 minutes upstream from Victoria Falls, the lodge is perfectly positioned to enjoy the cascading spectacle nearby with a range of water-based activities. Perched on the river edge are the twelve luxurious suites, four of which can be used as family suites with interleading walkways. Each suite boasts gorgeous indoor bathrooms including an additional outdoor shower, an intimate lounge area that sprawls out onto a private decking and a plunge pool.



# Regional Light Aircraft Flights

Please note your itinerary includes light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travellers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board.

All Exeter Safari Company clients receive a complimentary specially designed travel duffel bag that matches these specifications exactly.

Please also note there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You may bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin. It is also worth noting these flight schedules are quite flexible and you should not expect to arrive or depart exactly as outlined in your itinerary. Often your flight will stop on route to your destination to pick up or drop off guests from other lodges.



## Included In Your Journey

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Regional Flights
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

## Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- International Flights
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

## Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

**Classic Program:** Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$8,900 per person.**

**Luxury Program:** Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): **\$11,785 per person.**

**Premium Program:** Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$15,235 per person.**

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

# Booking Conditions

## Payments

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

## Insurance

Travel Insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

## Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

## Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

## Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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