

A hosted Zambia safari with Lucinda Rome



Travelling in June 2022

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Ten years exploring East and Southern Africa has afforded me some extraordinary experiences, but it is Zambia, where I spent four years managing camps, that holds a special place in my heart and keeps calling me back. When asked during lockdown what my dream trip would be the answer was immediate: Zambia, two parks, two small camps, vast wilderness, and great guides and wildlife; what more could you want? With my little black book of personal contacts we can be sure of extra special treats and experiences.

We will travel in June 2022. The light and verdant bush is perfect for photography, the temperature idyllic - allowing us to be out all day should we wish to be, and the wildlife viewing quite simply superb.

- Group size of 8 (plus me).
- The best guides. Hand-picked by me, and many of whom I count as friends, who will ensure the finest wildlife experiences.
- Carefully chosen camps. There are many excellent camps in Zambia, but these two are my favourite for their magical combination of safari experiences, setting, wildlife viewing, top quality guides and wonderful people.
- Drive, walk, boat and canoe. Plenty of varied activities and with night drives we can expect to see nocturnal species such as porcupine, owls and civet.
- Prolific wildlife. We will encounter wonderful elephant herds, prides of lion, elusive leopard and watch giraffe, zebra, hippo, eagles, kingfishers and hyena (amongst many others) go about their daily lives.

I look forward to sharing both my experience of Zambia and years of meticulous safari planning to ensure we have the safari of a lifetime

Summary of Arrangements

Date	Activity
Thursday, 09 June	Fly London Heathrow to Lusaka - overnight flight
Friday, 10 June	Meet and greet
	Fly Lusaka to Jeki
	Tusk and Mane Camp - 4 nights
Tuesday, 14 June	Fly Jeki to Mfuwe
	Tena Tena - 4 nights
Saturday, 18 June	Fly Mfuwe to Lusaka
	Fly Lusaka to London Heathrow - 1 night
Sunday, 19 June	Arrive into London Heathrow

Thursday, 09 June 2022

Fly London Heathrow to Lusaka - overnight flight

We gather at London Heathrow this evening where we check in for our international flights.

We recommend booking an overnight flight with Emirates via Dubai, these will be released 11 months prior to departure.

The cost of international flights is not included in the quote.

Lucinda Rome

Lucinda will meet you at the airport and be with you for the rest of the safari.

A climb of Mt Kilimanjaro and safari in the Masai Mara (organised by Aardvark Safaris) is where my love of Africa began. A job in Zambia followed and managing bush camps for five months turned into four years. It would be fair to say I was bitten hard by the African bug. The sights, sounds, smells, epic landscapes, warm and hospitable people, feeling of connection with the earth and the extraordinary wildlife all work their magic on my soul. In addition to all of this Africa provides the perfect setting to indulge my love of wildlife photography.

I left Zambia in 2010 (a damaged wrist, the result of sausage fruit falling from a tree, required surgical repair) and have spent the last 10 years with Aardvark Safaris. I have ridden, driven, flown, walked, canoed, boated and fly-camped from Kenya to South Africa, Botswana to Maldives, and all countries between. My knowledge of this stunning continent, and Zambia in particular, is second to none. I am longing to introduce others to the wonders of this lovely safari destination

Organised, detail orientated, hospitable and with a great sense of fun, and plenty of tales to share round the campfire, Lucinda is the perfect person to travel with to Zambia



Friday, 10 June 2022

Fly Lusaka to Jeki

On arrival into Lusaka, we will clear immigration and proceed to luggage collection where we will be met and assisted with our luggage and checking in for the internal light aircraft flight to Lower Zambezi.

Tusk and Mane Camp - 4 nights - Full Board

On arrival into the Lower Zambezi we will be met by our guides from Tusk and Mane Camp who will transfer us, spotting our first wildlife as we go, to camp.

Accommodation: Exclusive use

Includes: All meals, house drinks, laundry, day and night wildlife drives, walking safaris, boat cruises, canoeing, and one catch-and-release fishing permit per person (valid for one day. Additional permits can be purchased for \$30 per person per day).



Owned and run by Luke Evans and Kyle Branch, Tusk and Mane Safaris operate mobile safaris in remote parts of the Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia. This safari will be designed for our group to ensure we are in the best spot for wildlife and all the park has to offer.

Tusk and Mane have spacious and elegant mobile safari tents, with large comfortable bedrooms, an ensuite bathroom with a bucket shower and a flushing loo, and beautiful rugs covering the floors. The camp has a mess tent with a dining table and a bar, and comfortable chairs and a sofa.

The very pretty Lower Zambezi National Park is framed by an escarpment on one side and the Zambezi River on the other. The wildlife is prolific and you are likely to see, among others, lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, hippo, crocodile, waterbuck, impala and wild dog. The bird life is wonderfully varied as well. Walking safaris, and day and night wildlife drives allow great viewing from the land, while boat cruises and canoe safaris – exploring reed islands and side channels - offer wildlife viewing from a totally different perspective.



Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Fly Jeki to Mfuwe

At a time to be confirmed today we will be transferred back to the airstrip in time for the scheduled light aircraft flight to Mfuwe Airport.

Tena Tena - 4 nights - Full Board

On arrival into Mfuwe we are met by our guides from Tena Tena, who will transfer us by road to the camp. The first part of this two hour journey will take us through local villages before we enter the park and spot wildlife as we go.

Accommodation: Safari tents

Includes: All meals, drinks, laundry, day and night game drives, and walking safaris



Tena Tena, one of Robin Pope Safaris' seasonal bush camps, is set under the shade of mature mahogany trees on the east bank of Luangwa River in the South Luangwa National Park.

Guests at Tena Tena are accommodated in six large, walk-in tents, each with an open air bathroom, a viewing deck with comfortable chairs, and all with beautiful views across the Luangwa River. The main bar, lounge and dining area, which is shaded by a tented canopy and a mature tree, is a comfortable place to enjoy the view, while many meals are eaten outside, in various locations around the camp.

Wildlife viewing at Tena Tena is excellent with herds of elephant and buffalo and prides of lion regularly seen. Often referred to as 'valley of the leopard' we will have a good chance of spotting these beautiful, yet elusive, cats. Night drives will allow us to see some of the nocturnal species such as hyena, porcupine, civet and owls. During the day our drives will offer the chance to spot plenty of wildlife including giraffe, zebra, impala, hippo and crocodiles. Walking safaris in this part of the park, which only has one other camp, are particularly rewarding and focus on the smaller things often missed from a vehicle.



Saturday, 18 June 2022

Fly Mfuwe to Lusaka

Today, at a time to be confirmed, we will be transferred back to the airport in time for our scheduled light aircraft flight to Lusaka Airport.

Fly Lusaka to London Heathrow - 1 night

On arrival into Lusaka this afternoon we will be met and assisted with checking in for our onward flight back to London Heathrow.

We recommend booking an overnight flight with Emirates via Dubai, these will be released 11 months prior to departure.

The cost of international flights is not included in the quote.

Sunday, 19 June 2022

Arrive into London Heathrow

On arrival into London Heathrow we will collect our luggage and say our goodbyes before making our own way home.

Pricing Details

The itinerary includes:

Internal light aircraft flights (*note: strict 23kg luggage allowance per person including hand luggage. Soft bags only - no wheels or rigid frames allowed*).

Passenger and airport taxes
Airport and other transfers
Accommodation and meals as stated
Drinks as stated
Laundry as stated
Activities as stated
National Park and concession fees

The itinerary excludes:

International flights
Visas for British Citizens; Zambia US\$50 per person, which can be obtained on arrival
Vaccinations:- We are visiting areas with malaria; please seek advice.
Travel insurance
Tips and gratuities
Other personal spending

If you weigh over 100kg then you may be charged for a second seat on light aircraft flights, please let us know if this is likely to affect you.

Terms and conditions for the trip

Single supplements - there is no single supplement for the first three single rooms booked.

The trip will go ahead with eight people.

If we have not received confirmation from eight people for the trip by December 9th 2021 we will cancel the trip. Deposits received will be refunded in full or the option to book the trip unaccompanied offered.

Aardvark Holiday Prices

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We provide a full emergency back up service, both from ourselves and through local representatives on the ground, in case you have any difficulties whilst you are away.

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Our holidays allow you to enjoy wildlife, local communities and remote areas of Africa, and conservation is important to us. We work hard to ensure that the benefits tourism can bring to an area are not offset by negative impacts. We have supported the Koiyaki Guide School in the Masai Mara since its inception, giving local people the chance to take a part in the future of their area.

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