

Tour code: **201025WZe21**
 Guaranteed departures
 Small group safari maximum: **6 travellers**
 Travel through: **Western Zambia "Liuwa & Chimpanzees"**
 Safari length: **21 days** **2020**

WESTERN ZAMBIA "LIUWA & CHIMPANZEES"



DEPARTS:

LIVINGSTONE on Sunday 25Oct20 at 16:00pm

ENDS:

LUSAKA on Saturday 14Nov20 at 14:00pm

Highlights

- * Livingstone
- * Liuwa Plains National Park
- * Kafue National Park
- * Chimfunsi – Chimpanzee Haven



SAFARI GRADE: EXPEDITION

Explore the un-spoilt wilderness areas of

Western Zambia. See the mighty Zambezi River plunge over the awe inspiring Victoria Falls, and then follow the second largest wildebeest migration in Africa. We explore the immense wilderness area of Kafue National Park, before visiting the Chimfunzi Wildlife Orphanage which cares for sick and wounded animals, with the focus being in Chimpanzees.

The concept of the expedition tours is quite simple; we visit unusual destinations as a small group of travellers. There is one Sunway expedition leader who is an experienced guide. He/She knows how to run the operations of the tour, how to get through the borders, do the meal planning, keep the vehicle moving etc.

However these are places that we seldom visit, and as such the expedition leader will not have detailed knowledge of every destination. Where bookings are required, we will make bookings in advance, but much of the itinerary will be flexible and final route will be at the discretion of the expedition leader and subject to road conditions.

All participants on these expedition trips must understand this tour requires flexibility and an appreciation of the open style of travel. This is not a set tour, it is an exploration. It's an adventure!

Day 1 - 2 **LIVINGSTONE – VICTORIA FALLS** [camping Bx1 - -]

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

The group will meet at the Waterfront campsite in Livingstone Zambia, at 14:00pm. Following an expedition briefing, and settling into our campsite, we have time to explore the Victoria Falls, a natural wonder of the world, plunging into the Zambezi Gorge. Adventure activities abound, white water rafting on the mighty Zambezi, or a 111m bungi jump (own expense).

Planned stops:	2 nights in Livingstone
Includes:	Entrance to Victoria Falls on the Zambian side
Overnight:	Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar
Optional Activities:	White water rafting, sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more
Distance/time:	-



Day 3 - 8 **LIUWA PLAINS** [camping BLD]

This remote park in the far west is pristine wilderness, which to the ardent bush lover, makes it its biggest attraction and the rewards are great. The game is spread out across the plains and takes some driving around to find. But to come upon a vast herd of blue wildebeest, a prowling wild dog, a dozing pride of lion in this forgotten piece of Africa is especially fascinating because of its completely natural and uncommercialised state. The birdlife is abundant and the very dramatic storms and lightning rising up on the horizon, contrasting with the green and gold grasslands create views of spectacular magnitude and fantastic photographic opportunities.

In November, with the onset of the rains, the massive herds of blue wildebeest arrive from Angola, traversing the plains in their thousands, very often mingling with zebra along the way or gathering around water holes and pans.

Other unusual antelope found include oribi, red lechwe, steinbuck, duiker, tsessebe and roan. The Jackal, serval, wildcat, wild dog as well as lion and hyena are the predators of the area. Many birds migrate here during the rains and massive flocks of birds can be seen as they migrate south. The plains are dotted with woodlands which also make for excellent birding.

Please note: Due the long travelling time from Livingstone to Luiwa Plains, we may stop en-route at a campsite on the banks for the Zambezi River

Planned stops:	2 nights en route to Mongu, 4 nights in Liuwa Plains NP
Includes:	Entrance fees for 4 days inside Liuwa Plains NP
Distance/time:	Livingstone – Liuwa Plains; 595kms ± 18 hours.
Overnight:	Campsite – basic facilities



Day 9 - 11 **KAFUE NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

Found in the centre of western Zambia, Kafue National Park is the oldest of Zambia's national parks covering a massive 22500 square kilometres. First established as national park in the 1950s, Kafue is one of the largest national parks in the whole of Africa. Despite its size and prominent location, it remains little known and largely unexplored. It is fed by three rivers, the Lufupa in the north-west and the Lunga and Kafue in the north-east. The Lufupa River

floods in the summer (December to April), creating a large floodplain delta system that attracts thousands of waterbirds. The Lunga and Kafue rivers are wide and slow-flowing, banded by riverine forest.

Habitats in the park are diverse, and include floodplains, miombo woodland and dambos (grasslands which become marshy in the rainy season). It has good concentrations of plains game and their predators as well as the largest species diversity in Zambia, including animals that are rare or non-existent in other southern African countries, such as Lichtenstein's hartebeest, roan antelope, Defassa waterbuck and oribi. Birdlife is spectacular, consisting of 491 species.

Planned stops: 1 night en route Kafue, 2 nights camping on the border of the Kafue NP
Includes: Entrance fees for 2 full days inside the Kafue NP
Overnight: Campsite – basic facilities, hot showers & flush toilets
Optional Activities: boat cruise on Kafue River
Distance/time: Liuwa Plains – Kafue National Park; 350kms ± 8½ hours



Day 12 - 14 BUSANGA [camping BLD]

The Busanga Plain found in the north-west is regarded as the jewel in the crown of the Kafue NP. Busanga is a wide flood plain which is inundated for much of the year, generating expanses of grazing and lush water meadows for thousands of red lechwe and Cape buffalo; birdlife is prolific.

The Plain is also renowned for frequent sightings of lion, leopard and cheetah. The Busanga lion prides in particular are "must see" for any safari to Kafue.

Road conditions in the northern portion of the Kafue NP in November may be very muddy which could affect our ability to reach the Busanga Plains. It all depends on how early the rains arrive. There are also no formal campsites available in the Busanga Plains area, so we will do day game drives to the area from our base in Lufupa. The order of days 9-14 may be altered to make best use of time available to visit Busanga.

Planned stops: 3 nights camping in the Kafue NP
Includes: Entrance fees for 3 days inside the Kafue NP.
Overnight: Campsite – basic facilities, hot showers & flush toilets
Distance/time: -



Day 15 - 20 CHIMFUNSHI CHIMPANZEES [camping BLD]

On the headwaters of the Kafue River lies the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage which is a world renowned orphanage and sanctuary for Chimpanzees, the only one of its kind in the world. The sanctuary was started by David and Sheila Siddle in 1983, when a badly wounded Chimpanzee was brought to the farm, having been rescued from poachers in DR Congo. The Chimpanzee wasn't expected to survive but the pair nursed it back to health. Since then the orphanage has expanded to house over a 100 orphaned Chimpanzees in 2500 acres of forest savanna and fruit groves.

The orphanage is now home to numerous other types of animals which roam freely around most of the grounds, an assortment of birds, many of which were brought there to be reared back to health, Chimfunshi is well worth the visit, in fact it is just a privilege of being able to spend time with these fascinating animals in a natural environment. In a world of crass commercialism, Chimfunshi thrives on unconditional love and absolute dedication.

Planned stops: 2 nights en route, 2 nights at Chimfunshi, and 2 nights en route to Lusaka
Includes: Entrance fees to Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage for 1 full day
Overnight: Campsite – basic facilities
Optional Activities: additional visits to Chimfunshi depending on time available.
Distance/time: Kafue National Park – Chimfunshi; 650kms ± 14 hours



Day 21 LUSAKA – TOUR ENDS [- B - -]

Departing from Chimfunshi, we travel through the industrial heartland of Zambia – The Copperbelt - the area's production of copper and cobalt are of global importance, before making our way to Lusaka where the tour ends in the afternoon at the Lusaka Airport.

Planned stops: Expedition ends at Lusaka airport
Includes: -
Overnight: -
Optional Activities: -
Distance/time: Chimfunshi – Lusaka; 480kms ± 9 hour

Please note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and bathroom and photo stops.

2020 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

- € 3 090 pps + local payment of US\$ 400 (valid for 2020)
- € 125 pp single supplement

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