

Victoria Falls - Western Zambia & Zambezi

18 August 2009–31 August 2009 (prov.)



- Monday
17 August 2009
- Flight suggestion:
Departure: **South African Airways SA0261, 20h45** from **Frankfurt** to **Johannesburg**
- Day 1 – Tuesday
18 August 2009
- Arrival: **Livingston International Airport** by flight **SA0048, 13h35**. Welcome by your tour guide. Drive to the famous **Victoria Falls**. Transfer to your hotel/lodge.
- Accommodation: Natural Mystic Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Time: 60 km/1h
- Day 2 – Wednesday
19 August 2009
- You have the whole day at **your disposal** to be spent in and around **Livingston**. Optional activities to be arranged by your tour guide include: **Wild Water Rafting, Helicopter/Microlight Flight, Bungee Jumping, Elephant Back Safaris** and lots more. In the late afternoon we join a **sundowner cruise** on the **Zambezi**.
- Accommodation: Natural Mystic Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Time: 60 km
- Day 3 – Thursday
20 August 2009
- We drive north from **Livingstone** via **Kalomo, Monze, and Mazabuka** to **Lusaka**, the **capital of Zambia**, a unique **African metropolis** bustling with life and distinctive African impressions. The rest of the day will be spent doing short sightseeing **tours** and later dining at the **Marlin Club** (optional).
- Accommodation: Wayside B&B. AB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 490km/7hrs
- Day 4 – Friday
21 August 2009
- After an early breakfast we leave **Lusaka** and drive **westwards**. A **well-maintained tarred road** will take us to **Mumbwa**, a **bustling Agricultural centre**, 100 km's further on, just before reaching the **Kafue River**, we turn south and reach **Mukambi Safari Lodge**, beautifully set on the banks of **Kafue River**. In the evening we join a **sundowner cruise** on the **Kafue River**.
- Accommodation: Mukambi Safari Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Time: 250km/4hrs
- Day 5 – Saturday
22 August 2009
- Transfer** from **Mukambi Safari Lodge** in an open **4x4** to the **North Kafue National Park**. After an approx. **four-hour drive** through the park we arrive at **Plains Camp, Busanga**. In the afternoon we undertake our first **game drive** in the **Busanga Plains**.
- Accommodation: The Plains Camp Busanga. HB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 100km/6hrs
- Day 6 & 7 – Sunday
and Monday
23 & 24 August 2009
- The next **two days** will be spend exploring the **Busanga Plains** with its legendary **abundance** of different **game and bird species**. We explore the area on foot and/or by **4x4** with the assistance of an **armed guide/game ranger** and we can only hope for an **excellent game viewing** experience. Even during **dusk** the help of **strong spotlights** will allow us to catch a glimpse of some the park's nocturnal **wildlife**.
- Accommodation: The Plains Camp Busanga. FB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 100km/6hrs
- Day 8 - Tuesday
- We drive back to the northern part of **Kafue National Park** and again take lodging

- 25 August 2009 at **Mukambi Safari Lodge**. This provides further opportunity for **game viewing**.
- Accommodation: Mukambi Safari Lodge. FB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 100km/6hrs
- Day 9 – Wednesday
 26 August 2009 Leaving the lodge we head back towards the **Great West Road**, travelling west towards **Mongu**. We will take **Mongu** as a base to explore the **Zambezi Flood Plains** spreading north in the direction of **Lukulu**.
- Accommodation: Cross Road Lodge Mongu HB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 300km/4-6hrs incl. excursions
- Day 10 – Thursday
 27 August 2009 Today we have to **get up early**. The goal for the morning is to master some bumpy roads in the southern direction. We cross the **Zambezi** on a **ferry** at **Sitoti**, south of **Senanga**. From this point on we travel even more bumpy roads along the **Zambezi River**, passing beautiful riverscape. In the late afternoon we reach **Sakazima Island Lodge** on a little island **in the midst of the currents of the Zambezi River**.
- Accommodation: Sakazima Island Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Time: ca. 320km/7-8hrs
- Day 11 & 12 – Friday
 & Saturday
 28 - 29 August 2009 Two **easy going and relaxing days** lie ahead of us. We will indulge in some **selected water activities** and there is the possibility of watching **Elephants from the boat**. Our **sundowners** will be a special adventure, taken in the **river currents** at the northern end of the island.
- Accommodation: Sakazima Island Lodge. HP**
Distance/Travel Time: none - only water excursions
- Day 13 – Sunday
 30 August 2009 After an **early breakfast** on the **open deck** of the lodge - suspended over the Zambezi - we will be **transferred** to the main land by boat. Departure to **Sesheke**. From there we follow the **tarred road**, (what a luxury!) to **Livingstone** for the return flight to Europe by **South African Airways SA0049** at 13h40 via **Johannesburg**.
- Distance/Travel Time: ca. 220km/4hrs**
- Day 14 – Monday
 31 August 2009 **Arrival Frankfurt 05h55 (+1)**

AB = Accommodation/Breakfast
 HB = Half Board
 FB = Full Board

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL AND GENERAL ADVICE:

Our price offer of **Euro3539.47 per person** includes all suggested activities and accommodations as well as all meals mentioned on the travel itinerary. **The fixed price does not include the return flight to Lusaka (Zambia) and the flight from Mfuwe to Lusaka at the end of the trip.** All further costs generated by Safari-bound activities **like permits and special taxes are included.**

We provide **lunch packs** and refreshments (drinks) for longer drives.
 All **vehicle costs** as well as the charge for **personal guides**, who are qualified, knowledgeable and in command of necessary languages, **are included.**

Excluded are all **alcoholic beverages as well as non-alcoholic beverages** that are not provided by the tour guide during long drives and **all personal expenses** of our guests.

Luggage is limited to a maximum of 20 kg per person in **soft bags**. It is ideal to take a small backpack/bag for cameras and amenities. Hand luggage is limited to **10 kg** per person.

It is recommended that guests arrange for a **Travel Insurance** as well as **insurance for loss of luggage or accidents** before the trip. Your travel agent can advise you on the best options for travel insurances.

Please be aware of the fact that you are in need of a **travel visa to enter Zambia**. This can be obtained from the **Zambian High Commission**.

Longer stretches of the Safari will be spent in the Zambian highlands. **The African winter can turn out to be cold** so come prepared with warm clothes.

Zambia falls into a **Malaria Region**. Although the risk is lowered in the cold season of the year it is recommended to take precautions. Please be advised by your doctor on the right kind of **prophylaxis**, we don't recommend 'Lariam' pills. Additionally you should consider a **preventive Hepatitis inoculation**.

The local currency is **Kwacha** (€ 1.0 = ca. Kw. 4.200,00) and comes in big-billed notes. It is easier to **carry Euro or American Dollars** during the trip. It is not advised that you carry large sums of money.

Transactions with a **Credit Card** are not always possible in Zambia.

Whereas every precaution is taken in ensuring that our vehicles are in perfect mechanical condition and that the routes we have chosen are the most appropriate under the circumstances, we cannot and do not guarantee that the vehicle may not break down and that the itinerary has to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. In this event we do not accept responsibility for any inconvenience caused to you as a result thereof.

For your safety and comfort African **KIRIKARA safaris** reserves the right to:

- **Change aspects of a safari** and substitute these with equally interesting/valuable experiences in case of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances. Game viewing is dependent on weather circumstances as well as time of day, year, and season and cannot be guaranteed.
 - **exclude a member of a safari** if the logistics as well as peace and harmony of the trip are repeatedly being disturbed by the member's behavior and/or attitude. In this case **African KIRIKARA safaris** will charge the full price of the trip.
- During our Safaris we sometimes cross through **uncharted territory**, which is not indicated on a map. Having to turn around and **choose another route** is part of the excitement of being on Safari. Apart from the major tarred roads, most roads in Africa hold a surprise or two.

Please note that our **services** are limited to the **itinerary offered**.

Our Travel groups have a limit of **four and a maximum of fourteen members**. More than seven people require the use of **a second vehicle**. We only make use of 4x4 vehicles such as **Land Rovers, Land Cruisers or VW Kombis**.

In the case of **currency fluctuations** African **KIRIKARA safaris** reserves the right to **adjust prices**.

CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT:

20% of the full fee has to be paid when booking. The rest needs to be paid **eight weeks prior to first day of the booked tour**.

CANCELLATION BY CLIENTS/ CHANGES OF ITINERARY:

(Only cancellations forwarded in written form will be processed)

Cancellation fees:

- Up to 31 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 10%
- 30 to 21 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 25%
- 20 to 11 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 40%
- 10 to 0 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 60% of full booking fee.
- Clients who do not turn up on the day of the beginning of the scheduled tour will be liable to pay 100 % of the booking fee

In individual cases higher cancellation fees than the ones given above may also be charged - the tour operator reserves the right to do so if he can prove it necessary.

If a cancellation occurs due to medical reasons, a doctor's certificate is necessary to process the cancellation.