

# Lake Kariba – Lower Zambezi National Park – Victoria Falls

18 September – 28 September 2009 (prov.)



- 17 September 2009 Flight suggestion:  
Departure: **South African Airways SA0261, 20h45** from **Frankfurt** to **Johannesburg**
- Day 1 – Friday  
18 September 2009 Arrival: **Lusaka International Airport** by flight **SA0048, 10h35** from **Johannesburg**. Our Tour Guide will welcome you and introduce you to **Lusaka**, a unique African **metropolis** bustling with life and distinctive **African impressions**.
- Accommodation: Wayside B&B. AB**  
**Distance/Travel Time: 20 km/3hrs**
- Day 2 – Saturday  
19 September 2009 After a hearty breakfast we leave **Lusaka** on our way **south**, passing **Kafue**, we are now heading south east towards for **Chirundu**. Shortly before reaching Chirundu we turn south for **Siavonga**, where we will reach **Lake Kariba**. This artificial lake/dam, the **second largest in Africa**, plays an important role in the **economy** of both **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**. On the way we visit the **Petrified Forest**, a site where large petrified trees can be found scattered on the ground.
- Accommodation: Eagles Rest. HB**  
**Distance/Travel Time: ca. 220 km/4hrs**
- Day 3 – Sunday  
20 September 2009 After viewing the impressive **dam wall** of the lake and possibly paying the **Hydro-electrical Power Station** (located deep inside the mountain) a visit, we undertake a **canoe trip** through the monumental **canyon** that is home to the **Zambezi River**.
- Accommodation: Eagles Rest. HB**  
**Water excursions approx. 6 hrs**
- Day 4 – Monday  
21 September 2009 After breakfast we embark the **house boat** belonging to the lodge and spend the day on the great **Lake Kariba**. **Optional activities** offered include **Fly Fishing, Water Skiing, canoeing, Kapenta Fishing, etc.** Alternatively you are welcome to just **relax** on the boat and enjoy the African sun.
- Accommodation: on the boat (Eagles Rest Houseboat). HB**  
**Water excursions**
- Day 5 – Tuesday  
22 September 2009 After breakfast we return to the **Rest camp**. From there we drive via **Chirundu** to **Gwabi Lodge**. From **Gwabi Lodge** we will be picked up by boat to the **Sausage Tree Camp** (a journey of approx. **two hour** along the **Zambezi river**) beautifully situated among **giant Acacias** and **Sausage Trees**. In the afternoon it's time for our first **game drive** through the **Lower Zambezi National Park**, rumoured to be one of the most **beautiful game park in Africa**.
- Accommodation: Sausage Tree Camp. HB**  
**Distance/Travel Time: ca. 60km/2hrs plus boat ride approx. 2 hrs – game drive approx. 2 hrs**
- Day 6 & 7 – Wednesday  
& Thursday In the following **two days** we want to explore the **Lower Zambezi National Park** further. On our game drives we will marvel at the **density and diversity**

23 & 24 September 2009 of game species including **Elephants, large herds of Buffalo** and possibly have **sensational sightings** of **Lions, Cheetahs, Leopards, Hyenas** and sometimes even **Wild Dogs**.

A **special adventure** in the Zambian parks is **Walking Safaris**, guided game viewing walks. During extensive journeys on foot a **private guide** together with an **armed guide** will introduce us to the **spectacular natural world** of this beautiful park. Alternatively we can join another **game viewing boat trip**. After enjoying a **sundowner** in the park it is possible to join a **night drive** to get closer to **Zambia's nocturnal wildlife**.

**Accommodation: Sausage Tree Camp. HP**

**Distance/Travel Time: Day excursions approx. 6 hrs.**

Day 8 - Friday  
25 September 2009

Transfer by **boat** back to **Gwabi Lodge**. We swiftly drive via **Chirundu** towards **Kafue**. Just before **Kafue** we turn in a south-westerly direction and drive via **Mazabuka**, the main area for sugar plantations in **Zambia** and then **Monze, Choma and Kalomo** to **Livingstone**. 20 km west of Livingstone lays the **Natural Mystic Lodge**.

**Accommodation: Natural Mystic Lodge. HB**

**Distance/Travel Time: 520km/9 hrs incl. boat ride**

Day 9 – Saturday  
26 September 2009

After a good sleep-in we drive to the **majestic Victoria Falls**. A brief excursion over to the **Zimbabwean** side of the falls is also possible. Optional activities (not incl. in the price) to be arranged by your tour guide include: **Wild Water Rafting, Helicopter/Micro light 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. HP**

**Distance/Travel Time: ca. 40km/ optional activities up to 6 hrs**

Day 10 – Sunday  
27 September 2009

After a **last breakfast** indulging in the **silence of the Zambezi River** - transfer to **Livingstone International Airport** for the return flight by **South African Airways SA 0049 13h40** to Europe.

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

#### **CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL AND GENERAL ADVICE:**

Our price offer of **Euro 3881.85 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) or any domestic flights in Zambia.** All further costs generated by Safari-bound activities **like permits and special taxes are included.**

We provide **lunch packs** and refreshing 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 **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**.

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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.