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NEWSFLASH

Introducing DAILY Flights to/from the Kafue in 2020

Our 2020 Zambian flying circuit now includes DAILY flights in the months of August, September and October 2020. Still a total of 8 seats accessing the Kafue (as we have in June and July), they will be split into 4 from Livingstone and 4 from Lusaka.

June and July 2020 – Days of Operation

- 8 seats between Kafue and Lusaka & vice versa on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (4 days a week)
- 8 seats between Kafue and Livingstone & vice versa on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday (3 days a week)

August, September and October 2020 – Days of Operation

- 4 seats between Kafue and Lusaka & vice versa, **DAILY**
- 4 seats between Kafue and Livingstone & vice versa, **DAILY**

June to October – Circuit Flight Times

- ✓ Depart Kafue at 09:00, arrive Livingstone 11:00
- ✓ *Depart Livingstone 14:30, arrive Kafue 16:30 (LATER TIME)*

- ✓ Depart Kafue at 09:30, arrive Lusaka 10:40
- ✓ Depart Lusaka 14:30, arrive Kafue 15:40

The departure time from Livingstone has also been adjusted, allowing you to book a direct combination of Botswana and the Kafue – or add in a night or two at Toka Leya. Imagine the best of both worlds if you booked the Delta plus Linyanti and ended in the truly remote wilderness of the Busanga Plains? Combining the Kafue with Zimbabwe is another easy option - either utilising the air/road/boat transfer between the Kafue and Mana Pools or the relevant flights plus a road transfer between Livingstone and Victoria Falls to combine with our camps in Hwange.

Discover Amazing Zambia – 1 June 2020 to 31 October 2020

This new package features Wilderness Safaris camps in the Kafue National Park and Time + Tide camps in the South Luangwa plus Lower Zambezi National Park. Although not included, we recommend adding a few nights at Toka Leya in Livingstone at the beginning or end of the safari for a true Zambian experience and of course, our new daily flights allow for greater access and flexibility! The itinerary in brief is:

DAYS 1, 2 & 3:

Arrive at Mfuwe International Airport (under own arrangements) and transfer by road to Time + Tide Luwi or Nsolo for three nights.

DAYS 4, 5 & 6:

Road transfer to Mfuwe International Airport for a Proflight air transfer to Lusaka, and onward connection with Procharter to Royal airstrip in the Lower Zambezi. Road transfer to Time + Tide Chongwe Camp for three nights.

DAY 7, 8 & 9:

Road transfer to Royal airstrip for a Procharter air transfer to Lusaka, and onward connection with Wilderness Air to Busanga Bush Camp for a three night stay in the Kafue National Park.

DAY 10

Air transfer from the Busanga Plains to Lusaka for onward arrangements.

CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Botswana Water Activity Update

While we wait for the proper rains to arrive, there have been some superb sightings with drier conditions allowing for greater wildlife movement.

- At the Vumbura camps, DumaTau and Qorokwe there is no change with water activities being offered as per normal.
- There is still some water in the Savuti Channel, however the Queen Sylvia barge at King's Pool is currently not available.
- Around Abu and Seba, there are no water activities.
- On the Jao Reserve only Pelo is still offering limited mokoro excursions. The focus at the other camps is game drives and walks.

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Fly Free in Botswana – Additional Information

Hopefully you will have seen our communication earlier this week introducing this wonderful initiative:

- *Book 6 nights at Wilderness Safaris Botswana camps, and the first 3 flights are free*
- *Book 8 nights or more at Wilderness Safaris Botswana camps, and the first 4 flights are free*

Easy to quote and book in the Wilderness Window, the travel validity for the deal is from November 2019 through to 31 December 2021, while the booking period is between now and the end of February 2020.

To assist, some of nitty-gritty details:

- CLARIFICATION | While you still need the minimum number of nights at Wilderness Safaris camps to benefit from the deal, flights to/from non-Wilderness camps on the Wilderness Air Botswana circuit are included if the camps are booked through Wilderness Safaris. The deal does not apply on sectors not booked by Wilderness Safaris.
- The free flights will work in combination with our existing long stay rates in low season as well as the Solo Traveller deal which is valid until the end of March 2020 – **so even more value for money!**
- The deal applies to all sectors in Botswana so all flights ex Maun, A2/A2; A2/A3; A3/A4 (and vice versa) plus A5 for Kalahari Plains – but excludes the Zambezi Triangle (BBK/VFA/LVI).
- Applicable to all full paying guests, including standard bookings for children and private guide.
- Applies to NEW quotes and bookings only – no conversion of existing quotes and bookings.

- Based on seat rates only, not sole use flights, and excludes departure taxes (from Maun or Kasane) plus landing fees at some third party airstrips.
- Our standard flying rates remain in the system and published rates sheets as they are still valid for all itineraries that do not meet the above criteria.

Change to Baggage Dimensions on Wilderness Air

Further to last months' communication, we hoped to go live mid-November with our changes to the permissible dimensions for luggage and reduced excess luggage costs. We are still fine-tuning some parts of the booking process so the status quo remains (current dimensions and costs). Once finalised, we will advise and amend collateral plus systems accordingly.

REMINDERS & REGULATIONS

General Elections in Namibia

On Wednesday 27 November 2019, Namibia will be holding a general election. It has been declared a public holiday so there will be skeleton staff in our offices.

FINALLY – Revised Child Travel Regulations

The South African Home Affairs department has confirmed that Unabridged Birth Certificates for most foreign minors coming into South Africa are no longer required. While additional documentation is still required for all South African children entering and leaving the Republic, only passports are necessary for foreign minors in the following situations:

- Child accompanied by both parents
- Child accompanied by one parent
- Child travelling with person who is not his/her biological parent

The one exception is an unaccompanied child, where additional documentation is required for a foreign minor. Please refer to the website for further details:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-updated-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry>

Guest Information

Your assistance in obtaining and sharing the following information with Journey Specialist would be greatly appreciated – not only to ensure your client has the best possible experience while on safari with us, but also to meet non-negotiable requirements from airlines and charter companies:

- Full name as per passport
 - Age
 - Nationality
 - Weight
 - Passport number
 - Special requests
 - If they are repeat visitors to Wilderness Safaris camps
 - Arrival and departure details, if Wilderness Safaris has not made these arrangements
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