



WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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## SPECIALS

A reminder that our Wilderness Exclusive Safari Offers have been extended to 2025. Download our PDF with all the offers [here](#).

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## CAMP REVIEWS

**In June Thando Maphosa, Bev De Boer, Neela Naidoo and Bronwyn Lambrecht headed out on a Zambezi educational where they had so much fun (and enhanced experiences, most importantly).**

### **Wilderness Shumba**

On arrival at Lusaka International Airport, we were met by a Staravia representative and escorted to their lounge for refreshments before our flight out to Kafue. The duration of the flight was an hour and 15 minutes and was relatively smooth for the time and heat of the day.

On arrival at Shumba Airstrip we were welcomed by our guide James and we took a slow drive to camp enjoying the scenery and sightings en route. A highlight for one of the ladies was seeing a puku antelope for the first time. The sunset was just as captivating.

Upon approaching the camp an elephant popped out of the bush, surprising us, and we were thrilled with this welcome to the camp. Once he wandered off, we were welcomed by the camp staff, offered refreshments and settled into our spacious and comfortable rooms, each with great views over the Busanga Plains.

At high tea that afternoon we got to know the staff members better – and they are truly the heart of the camp with their warm and humorous personalities, attending to our every need, not to mention the abundance of delicious food they served us. Our surprise sundowner was nothing short of amazing – this was really special and we will forever cherish the conversations we shared here.

Shumba has an idyllic location overlooking the Busanga Plains and even though they are going through a drought at the moment, the game was plentiful. Shumba means “lion” in Shona, and the area didn’t disappoint – we were treated to a sighting of two lion prides meeting up after a long time apart and we witnessed both the pleasure of them seeing each other again as well a scuffle between the youngsters sizing each other up. Later on in the drive we came across an older female lion with her four cubs and it was delightful watching them get up to mischief. Birding was also plentiful and it was fun to getting to see a few new species on our checklist.



James, our guide, is extremely knowledgeable about the fauna and flora as well as the area as a whole. His calm, patient and kind nature meant our time with him was filled with valuable learnings about everything big and small. This was a very enriching experience overall.

After three wonderful days at Shumba it was time to say goodbye; and after a 90-minute flight we arrived in Livingstone for two nights at Wilderness Toka Leya.

### **Wilderness Toka Leya**

Staying at Toka Leya, set within Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, is truly an exceptional experience as it feels like you're on a Zambezi River island, but just 20 minutes from Livingstone and the Victoria Falls.

Staff were amazing from the minute we arrived, giving us such a warm welcome. Eunice and her team really made us feel at home. We loved everything, from the food to the activities on offer – each of us also got to plant a tree! On one of the afternoons, we had a relaxing time on the Zambezi enjoying sundowners with the hippos singing melodies for us. We also got to visit the renowned Victoria Falls on the Zambian side – such a cherished moment.

The tents are spacious and luxurious with the most breath-taking views of the famed river; the main areas are most inviting and this lodge is just a perfect starter or end to a safari for honeymooners, couples and families.

