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ZAMBIA

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# GENERAL UPDATES

## NEWSFLASH

Wilderness is proud to announce that 28 of our camps have been nominated in the Best Resorts category of the coveted *Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards* survey. The online voting poll is live until 30 June 2024. [Vote here](#)

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## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

### Proflight Zambia

- In anticipation of the upcoming peak tourism season, Proflight Zambia has announced its annual scheduled flights to Kafue National Park beginning 01 June 2024.
- The flights offer ease of access and connectivity to one of Africa's largest parks for both local and international travellers.
- Through Procharter, the airline will connect Lusaka with Chunga in Kafue National Park, through a 3 x weekly service to run from 01 June 2024 to 31 October 2024.
- Procharter will, on behalf of Proflight, operate a 12-seater Caravan aircraft on this route on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with flights scheduled for departure from Lusaka at 10h30 and arriving in Chunga at 11h35; seamless connections from Mfuwe, Livingstone, as well as Lower Zambezi are also offered through morning flights on selected days.
- Flights from Chunga will depart at 12h15 and arrive in Lusaka at 13h20 to connect on to international flights, as well as to Mfuwe, Livingstone and Lower Zambezi.

### Zambia Airways

The airline is expanding its services into East Africa, with the introduction of a new regional service linking Lusaka to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and Nairobi in Kenya.

- Commencing on 27 June 2024, the flights will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, stopping at Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.
  - The services on Tuesdays and Thursdays will fly from Lusaka to Dar es Salaam, then on to Nairobi before returning to Lusaka. On Saturdays, the flight departs from Lusaka to Nairobi, then flies to Dar es Salaam, from where it returns to Lusaka.
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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](#).

For clarity on Wilderness 2025 Packages & Promotions, Governors' and Wayo Africa packages, FAQ's have been addressed in the sections below.

## Wilderness Packages

- Non-combinable promotions – Please note that the Honeymoon offer is NOT combinable with the Free Flying offer.
- Our promotions and special offers also apply to Groups (17 plus) if travelling on fully inclusive rates.

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# CAMP REVIEWS

## ZAMBEZI

Simone Solomons, Kelifilwe Molongwa, Samantha Botes and Portia Mphote from our Wilderness Cape Town and Johannesburg offices visited Zimbabwe and Zambia in the first week of May, and from their feedback, it was an immensely wonderful educational experience. This is what they had to say about the Wilderness properties they stayed at.

The first Wilderness property we stayed at was **Wilderness Toka Leya** in Zambia's Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. What a wealth of incredible experiences. From wildlife viewing to adventure activities, there was an activity to suit everyone. The camp offers a perfect blend of comfort and immersion in nature, and is ideally located, overlooking the Zambezi River with airy safari tents set in a serene, picturesque atmosphere. Quite the experience! Watching crocs and elephants while enjoying a drink on the deck sounds like a scene straight out of a nature documentary. It's moments like these, in such a remote and beautiful place, that make travelling truly unforgettable.



Our next stop was back in Zimbabwe, in Linkwasha. Situated in a private concession in Hwange National Park, **Wilderness Linkwasha** is a very intimate and luxurious camp. The camp is unfenced and the wildlife is free to roam around. Imagine the thrill! The camps' facilities are definitely designed to enhance guests' stays. The main area is positioned well, overlooking a waterhole, with various multi-level decks including a swimming pool and library. In front of the camp main area is a fully equipped underground hide, which accommodates up to six people at a time. It's close to the main area so guests are allowed to walk there by themselves. The hide is fully stocked with drinks and the staff can prepare snacks for guests as well; they also have two day-beds inside. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience. This is a place where you really want to relax, forget about the internet and work. The staff were very friendly, and gave us warm and welcoming hospitality during our stay.

**Wilderness Ruckomechi** was the perfect ending to a gorgeous Zimbabwe educational. We were all first-timers at this camp and were warmly welcomed in true Wilderness style. We highly recommend Ruckomechi to all travellers exploring Zimbabwe, or as an add-on to our Busanga Plains camps in Kafue. The camp had recently opened for the season, and there were ellies around, loads of plains game, interesting birdlife, honking hippos, and we even heard the whooping of hyenas in camp at night. A great aspect of Rucks is that there is a variety of activities you can enjoy. The first evening we were introduced to the area with a stunning sunset cruise, and the following morning we parted ways, some to enjoy a guided walk and some to go on a morning game drive. There is also catch-and-release fishing, canoeing, great bird-watching, and a private bush bath for those wanting some R&R. Choose to keep busy, or rest in camp and simply relax – it's your choice. But watching the gorgeous colours as the sun sets behind the mountains on the other side of the Zambezi River... it doesn't really get much better than this.



