

Connecting Zambia

AND MANA POOLS

June – October 2019

MAKING IT EASY – HOW TO BOOK ZAMBIA,
INCLUDING A COMBINATION WITH MANA POOLS!

Along with flight information and accommodation options to assist you in planning a safari to Zambia, we have included a suggested itinerary featuring highlights of both Zambia and Zimbabwe – a combination of Livingstone, the Busanga Plains and Mana Pools.



GETTING AROUND

The flights listed in the grid below are as per the current operational schedules of both Wilderness Air and Proflight. Should you find there are restrictions regarding times and days of the week, we are pleased to advise that a sole-use charter option is possible – any day of the week, subject to availability. Based on a 4-seater aircraft, costs for 2019 are as follows:

US\$ 3580 nett, one way – Livingstone to the Busanga Plains and vice versa

US\$ 2200 nett, one way – Lusaka to the Busanga Plains and vice versa

** For parties larger than four, please contact your Journey Specialist for rates.*

LUSAKA

DAILY CONNECTIONS TO LUSAKA

Emirates – Dubai
Ethiopian Airways – Addis Ababa
Kenya Airways – Nairobi
South African Airways – Johannesburg

WILDERNESS AIR OPERATED BY STARAVIA

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri only:
Departs Lusaka for Kafue at 14:30
Departs Kafue for Lusaka at 09:30

LIVINGSTONE

WILDERNESS AIR OPERATED BY STARAVIA

Wed, Sat & Sun only:
Departs Livingstone for Kafue at 14:15
Departs Kafue for Livingstone at 09:00



Link Kafue with South Luangwa via Lusaka		Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday
Wilderness Air Zambezi	Kafue / LUN	09:30 – 10:40
Proflight	LUN / Mfuwe	16:30 – 17:40 (refer to note 3)
Link South Luangwa with Kafue via Lusaka		Tuesday / Thursday
Proflight	Mfuwe / LUN	12:20 – 13:30
Wilderness Air Zambia	LUN / Kafue	14:30 – 15:40
Link Lower Zambezi with Kafue via Lusaka		Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday
Proflight	Jeki / LUN	12:55 – 13:30
Wilderness Air Zambia	LUN / Kafue	14:30 – 15:40
Link Lower Zambezi with Kafue via Livingstone*		
Proflight	Jeki / LVI	13:55 – 15:45 (direct – not via Lusaka)
Wilderness Air Zambia	LVI / Kafue	14:15 – 16:15

*Due to Proflight's arrival time in Livingstone it is not possible to connect the same day to Kafue National Park. Our recommendation is to include a 2 night stop-over at Toka Leya and enjoy the magnificent Victoria Falls, a cultural visit to one of the nearby villages, river cruises, rhino tracking, etc. before continuing with your Busanga Plains adventure.

Link Kafue with Lower Zambezi via Lusaka		Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday
Wilderness Air Zambia	Kafue / LUN	09:30 – 10:40
Proflight	LUN / Jeki	16:00 – 16:35 (refer to note 3)
Link Kafue with Lower Zambezi via Livingstone		Wednesday / Saturday / Sunday
Wilderness Air Zambia	Kafue / LVI	09:00 – 11:00
Proflight	LVI / Jeki	11:50 – 13:40 (direct – not via Lusaka)
Link Kafue with Ruckomechi (Mana Pools) via Lusaka		
Wilderness Air Zambia	Kafue / LUN	09:30 – 10:40
Wilderness Safaris (road transfer)	LUN / Chirundu	departing between 12:00 and 14:00
Wilderness Safaris (boat transfer)	Chirundu / Ruckomechi	approx. 1.5 hour

SUGGESTED ITINERARY – WHAT AN ADVENTURE!

- Fly into Victoria Falls or Livingstone and spend 2 nights or more at **Toka Leya**. Staying at Toka Leya offers an introduction to the Zambezi River, the Victoria Falls, cruises, adrenalin activities, spa treatments, and rhino tracking.
- Fly from Livingstone to Busanga Plains (approximately 2 hours) situated in Kafue National Park, for 3 nights at **Shumba** or **Busanga Bush Camp**. Enjoy remote and vast plains, herds of lechwe and puku, hippos, lions, wonderful birding and the more unusual antelope like roan, sable and oribi. Activities on offer during your 3-night stay are day and night game drives, plus hot air ballooning in August, September and October (where a conservation fee of \$200 per person will be charged in camp for this breathtaking experience).
- Fly to Lusaka from the Busanga Plains (approximately 1 hour). The journey continues with a 2- to 3-hour road transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle through the countryside to Chirundu. After clearing Zambian and Zimbabwean customs and immigration, there is another short road transfer to the Zambezi River. Embark on a speed boat trip down the Zambezi River (approximately 1 hour) to Mana Pools for a 3-night stay at either **Ruckomechi** or **Little Ruckomechi**. One of Africa's most beautiful national parks, Mana Pools offers spectacular views of the Zambezi River and the Zambian escarpment, as well as large numbers of elephant in the dry months; other wildlife includes lion, leopard and hippo.
- Fly from Mana Pools to Harare for onward arrangements.

WHERE TO STAY



KAFUE NATIONAL PARK

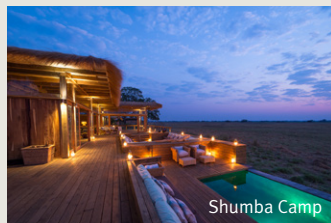
Plains Airstrip

Busanga Plains – a million hectares of wildlife abundance and diversity: lechwe, puku, roan – and excellent lion.

[Busanga Bush Camp](#) | [Shumba](#)



Busanga Bush Camp



Shumba Camp

LOWER ZAMBEZI

Jeki Airstrip

Great wildlife viewing by boat, canoe, 4x4 or on foot.

[Anabezi Camp](#) | [Chiawa Camp](#) | [Sausage Tree Camp](#)



Chiawa Camp



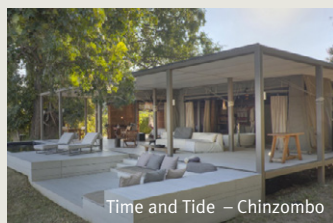
Anabezi Camp

SOUTH LUANGWA

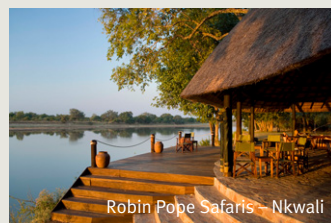
Mfuwe Airport

An African birding and big game paradise.

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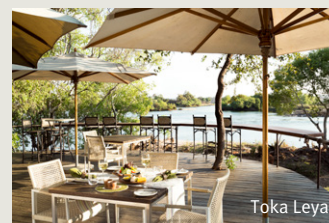
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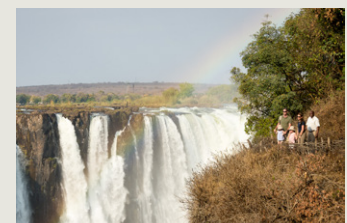
Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport

The adventure capital of southern Africa.

[Toka Leya](#)



Toka Leya



WHERE TO STAY



LUSAKA

[Kenneth Kaunda International Airport](#)

Capital of Zambia; one of the fastest-developing cities in southern Africa.

[Radisson Blu Lusaka](#) | [Taj Pamodzi Lusaka](#)



MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

[Mana West Airstrip](#) / [Chikwenya Airstrip](#)

Rich mammal and bird life in one of Zimbabwe's most remote and beautiful areas – the heart of the Zambezi Valley.

[Ruckomechi](#) | [Little Ruckomechi](#) | [Chikwenya](#)



Notes:

1. A combination of Lower Zambezi and Mana Pools National Park is not recommended due to logistical and cost implications. In addition Lower Zambezi and Mana Pools national parks offer very similar experiences.
2. Wilderness Air Zambia offers a short 10-minute hop between Ruckomechi/Little Ruckomechi and Chikwenya. Although the camps offer the same activities, the habitats are very different, and the combination enhances guests' overall Mana Pools experience. It is not possible to link Ruckomechi and Chikwenya via boat or road transfer, only via air.
3. To use the layover time for some of the Wilderness Air and Proflight flights productively, an option to book a short Lusaka city tour with lunch is available.



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