



ZIMBABWE • ZAMBIA • MALAWI



Mixed herd of impala and eland on a 'green season' game drive (Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe)

WHY ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA OR MALAWI

WHY ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA

Zimbabwe and Zambia share an unbroken border along the Zambezi River of some 800 km (500 miles). This includes the magnificent Victoria Falls, Lake Kariba and the protected areas of the Lower Zambezi, as well as a number of cultures and ethnic groups. In short, the two have a lot in common.

The most obvious shared asset is the World Heritage Site of **Victoria Falls**, one of the world's Seven Natural Wonders and a scenic, thrilling addition to any safari in the region. Regardless of the time of year or level of the water pouring over the edge of the Falls, the sight is breathtaking.

The two countries have something else in common: the existence of vast and pristine protected areas of wooded savannah, home to large and varied wildlife populations including some of Africa's most exciting species and ecosystems. In Zambia, our camps are found in **Kafue National Park** and **Victoria Falls** area, and in Zimbabwe in **Hwange National Park**, both easily accessible from Victoria Falls and frequent combinations with that unique destination. Further east is the Lower Zambezi transfrontier protected area and on the Zimbabwean side, one of Africa's iconic wilderness and wildlife destinations, **Mana Pools National Park**.

WHY MALAWI

This tiny south-central African country, called "the warm heart of Africa," is not usually associated with the safari circuit of either east or southern Africa and this is exactly its appeal. Charming, hospitable people, breadth of altitude and scenery, pockets of amazing diversity and some truly unique destinations are all features of this little-known country.

Its geography is sculpted by the Great Rift Valley: towering mountains, pristine plateaus, lush lowland forests, fertile valley floors, golden sandy beaches and an enormous ocean-like lake are all hallmarks of this geological phenomenon. At its lowest point, Malawi is only 35 m (114 ft.) above sea level, while Mount Mulanje rears no less than 3 000 m (9 800 ft.) high. Between these extremes, the country harbours everything from elephant and cichlid fish to orchids, and is one of the best places in Africa for travellers to interact with the local people or visit a rural community in an atmosphere totally devoid of expectation or affectation.

Must-see destinations include the spectacular **Nyika Plateau** in the far north, the unique **Lake Malawi** and **Liwonde National Park**, the gem in Malawi's game viewing crown.

Chitsva chirimurutsoka

(new experiences and discoveries do not come to those who sit, but rather to those who travel)

Shona proverb



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Kafue

Camps: Shumba Camp; Busanga Bush Camp

Open grasslands and floodplains of the Busanga Plains, amazing antelope diversity, tree-climbing lions and other predators



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Victoria Falls

Camps: Toka Leya; The River Club

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, wildlife along the Zambezi River, community projects, Wilderness Touring



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Hwange

Camps: Little Makalolo; Davison's Camp

Savannah mosaic of woodland and grassland, exceptional all year round, large herds of elephant, buffalo and plains game, large lion prides



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Nyika Plateau

Camps: Chelinda Lodge; Chelinda Camp

Pristine rolling grasslands and evergreen forest, orchid paradise, roan antelope, eland and leopard



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Lake Malawi

Camps: Chintheche Inn; Mumbo Island

Broad sandy beaches, offshore islands and friendly local subsistence communities, myriad tropical cichlid fish species



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Liwonde

Camps: Mvuu Lodge; Mvuu Camp

Floodplains and woodlands along the Shire River, large herds of elephant and sable, black rhino



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Mana Pools

Camp: Ruckomechi Camp

Wild and remote Zambezi River and floodplain, dry season game concentrations, game viewing on foot



Camp Categories

- Premier
- Classic
- Adventures



Why Travel with Wilderness Safaris?

Today we have so much choice when it comes to travelling, it's often difficult to make a decision on the country in which to travel, let alone deciding with whom to travel. Wilderness Safaris makes the choice easy. Not only do we have camps and lodges in nine countries across Africa, but we have been based in Malawi and Zimbabwe for some 20 years, and Zambia for 14. We love the remoteness, timelessness and diversity of the areas we operate in here and believe we offer our guests access to the region's best wilderness and wildlife areas.

- Wilderness Safaris offers our guests exclusive access to more than 3 million hectares (8 million acres) of Africa's best wildlife areas. This equates to 3 000 hectares (8 000 acres) of private land per guest, creating a unique sense of seclusion, comfort, privacy and space. Experiences in our private concessions far exceed those in public access national parks.
- Our areas cover many habitats, encompassing parts of nine of Africa's eleven biomes, thus allowing for incredibly diverse and all-round experiences, whether in the savannah, the rainforest, the desert or the ocean.
- Whether travelling as a couple, a family or on your own and in order to satisfy individual needs and personalities, our properties range from high-end luxury to more affordable options.
- Our dedicated team with 30 years' experience of designing perfect safaris works hand in hand with your travel agent – an Africa specialist in their own right – to design a journey that suits your budget and bucket list.
- Our own bush airline – Wilderness Air – means that we can create a seamless journey that allows you to move from one place to the next on your itinerary without hassles.
- We offer complete, tailor-made services throughout southern Africa including logistics, sightseeing and accommodation in our camps as well as an extensive list of other accommodation and of course our own set-departure guided journeys known as Explorations.
- We operate a touring and transfers business – Wilderness Touring – in the tourism hubs of Cape Town (South Africa), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Livingstone (Zambia) and Windhoek (Namibia).

At Wilderness Safaris, we create journeys, not holidays. A journey is an immersive experience, one that changes how you view the world in general and the wild places of Africa in particular.



Why we do what we do

- The environment is at the heart of our beliefs and values. Our quest is to come to understand the wilderness better, to respect it, to care for it and to share it with our guests.
- We are serious about what we do and believe fully in our vision of contributing meaningfully to African conservation.
- Our vision is encapsulated by “the 4Cs,” a concept that suggests that our organisation aims to be truly sustainable by committing to the four dimensions of Commerce, Conservation, Community, and Culture:
 - **Commerce** deals with our ecotourism offerings and products and is perhaps the most critical element to sustainability in the modern world.
 - **Conservation** is divided into *Environmental Management Systems* i.e., building and managing our camps in the most eco-friendly way possible, and *Biodiversity Conservation* i.e., the understanding, management and protection of the wildlife and ecosystems with which we are involved.
 - **Community** is all about the people at the heart of our business: *Internal Community* – our staff across all our regions, and *External Community* – comprising the rural communities that either own the land on which we operate or live adjacent to these areas.
 - **Culture** is a multifaceted element that governs respect for the culture of all employees as well as the remote rural communities surrounding the conservation areas.
- Our non-profit trusts – the Wilderness Wildlife Trust and Children in the Wilderness – help us drive this vision. The **Wilderness Wildlife Trust** funds projects addressing the needs of existing wildlife populations, seeks solutions to save threatened species and provides education and training for local communities. **Children in the Wilderness** is an environmental and life skills educational programme that focuses on the next generation of rural decision makers – the children of Africa.

Awards

Condé Nast
Traveler

**TRAVEL+
LEISURE**

2011 VIRTUOSO
Sustainable Tourism
Leadership
Award

TOURISM+TOMORROW
Awards

2013

US Travel + Leisure 2013 World's Best Awards – *Wilderness Safaris (5th Top Safari Operator)*

Condé Nast Traveler World Savers Award – *Wilderness Safaris (Finalist)*

2012

Travel + Leisure Global Vision Award (Leadership) – *Wilderness Safaris*

WTTC Tourism for Tomorrow Awards (Global Tourism Business) – *Wilderness Safaris (Finalist)*

Outside Magazine Active Travel Awards (Best Travel Company) – *Wilderness Safaris (runner up)*

2011

Virtuoso Sustainable Tourism Leadership Award – *Wilderness Safaris*

GBCHealth Business Action on Health Awards (Workplace Engagement & HIV) – *Finalist*

Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards (Best Tour Operator & Safari Outfitter) – *Wilderness Safaris (4th)*

Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards (Best Tour Operator & Safari Outfitter for Families) – *Wilderness Safaris (3rd)*

Our Camps and Explorations

In Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi, our camps are typically small, intimate safari bases in superb locations, ranging in size from just four units (with a total of eight beds) to 12. Here we want our guests to be immersed in Africa: while lying in bed to hear the roar of the lion, the grunting of hippo, the sigh of the wind.

In order to fulfil individual needs, we have several categories of accommodation, as explained at right.

Of paramount importance to us is that our camps have as little impact on the environment as possible. This is relevant not only during the building process, but also during day-to-day operating and takes into account all elements of environmental impact, from the visual and aural implications, to effects on soil, the water table, vegetation, game movement, and so on.

All of our camps undergo rigorous in-house and independent environmental impact assessments (EIAs) prior to construction. Wherever possible, renewable energy for our electricity and water heating requirements is provided through photovoltaic solar arrays. Waste water treatment, recycling and fuel storage, as well as procurement of all goods and services, are also carefully considered. Each camp undergoes comprehensive biannual audits, making them some of the most sustainable and responsible in Africa. We believe that – more than just comfort and life-changing experiences – our camps provide the luxury of space and a clean conscience.



Premier Camps

Our Premier camps comprise our most elegant and stylised accommodation. These camps combine exclusive luxury and superbly designed architecture with the warm comforts of home and personal service.

ZAMBIA

- Shumba Camp



Classic Camps

Our Classic camps are luxury tented camps, all offering stylish and spacious accommodation, with superb facilities. All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and decks overlooking the magnificent surroundings.

ZIMBABWE

- Little Makalolo Camp • Ruckomechi Camp

ZAMBIA

- Busanga Bush Camp
- Toka Leya • The River Club

MALAWI

- Chelinda Lodge • Mvuu Lodge



Adventures Camps

Larger and more convivial, our Adventures camps comprise units that are generally tented, extremely comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and all the amenities to make you feel at home. Note: activities at these camps may be at extra cost.

ZIMBABWE

- Davison's Camp

MALAWI

- Chelinda Camp • Chitheche Inn
- Mumbo Island Camp • Mvuu Camp



Explorations

Our fully serviced Explorations are guided journeys that create a sense of exclusive discovery in Africa. A variety of travel modes and activities explore mostly private concessions and wildlife areas exclusive to Wilderness Safaris guests. Accommodation in Malawi ranges from Wilderness Safaris camps (Classic and Adventures) to independent establishments in complementary locations.

MALAWI

- Landscapes of Malawi
- Rift Valley Explorer

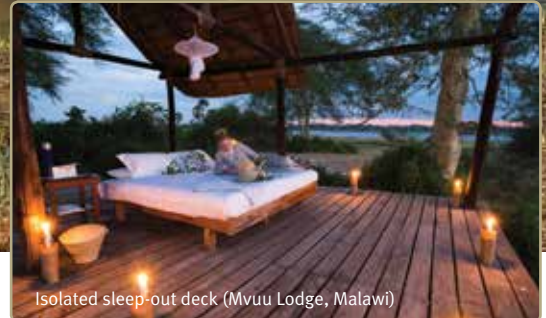




Premier camp room and deck (Shumba Camp, Zambia)



Outdoor 'honeymoon' bath (Ruckomechi Camp, Zimbabwe)



Isolated sleep-out deck (Mvuu Lodge, Malawi)





Wilderness Air pilot team with Cessna Caravan and Cessna 206 (Victoria Falls Airport)

Between Camps

From the moment you arrive in Africa, to your departure and every point in between, Wilderness Safaris people are ready and waiting for you.

We want to ensure as seamless and smooth an experience as possible whether in Zimbabwe, Zambia or Malawi. This first takes the form of a “meet and greet” at the airport of arrival (usually Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Lusaka, Lilongwe or Blantyre) where a representative of Wilderness Safaris welcomes and briefs you, before taking you through to your next flight or transfer.

Aside from being the site of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls, and the two towns on the Zambian and Zimbabwean sides of the river (Livingstone and Victoria Falls respectively), are our operational bases for these two countries and the hub for Wilderness Air, our own “bush airline.”

In these two countries, Wilderness Air is a key element of your safari experience, flying you between remote bush camps and then back to international airports for onward connections. Victoria Falls is also home to Wilderness Touring, our touring and transfer business that enhances any visit to the area whether sightseeing, shopping or enjoying cultural activities.

In Malawi, Lilongwe is our national hub. Here we run a luxurious home-from-home guesthouse (Heuglin’s), a touring and transfer service and also have a close relationship with a local aircraft charter business for flights to our camps.



Wilderness Touring offers seamless transfers in Victoria Falls and Livingstone



Wilderness Touring cultural excursion



5-seater Cessna 206 en route to camp (Hwange National Park)

WELCOME TO ZIMBABWE



Boat-based wildlife viewing (Mana Pools)



Walking safari (Hwange)



Game drive lion encounter (Hwange)



Elephant herd slaking their mid-morning thirst (Hwange)

Cradled between two great African rivers – the myth-shrouded, perennial Zambezi and the “great grey green greasy” seasonal Limpopo – Zimbabwe is blessed with bountiful natural resources.



Between these two majestic watercourses lies a wealth of scenic landscapes, remnants of ancient civilisations and incredible wildlife. Spectacular granite landscapes rise up out of miombo woodland and mopane savannah in the south-west and the central plateau has extensive moist grasslands and broad-leaved woodland. To the south-east lie the dry woodlands and bushveld of the lowveld, while in the north-west corner, the Zambezi River pours over the world-famous **Victoria Falls**.

Below the Falls, the Zambezi zigzags through the Batoka Gorges before carving a giant arc around the north of the country, great cliffs sliding down into riverine forest and wide floodplains. The river flows into Lake Kariba and then onward through the hot low-lying Zambezi Valley and the game-rich World Heritage Site of **Mana Pools National Park**.

Along the Botswana border, the easternmost tongues of the Kalahari sands creep into the country and mix with the teak forests of the interior. Here Zimbabwe’s largest national park, **Hwange**, is home to some of southern Africa’s last great elephant, buffalo and sable herds.

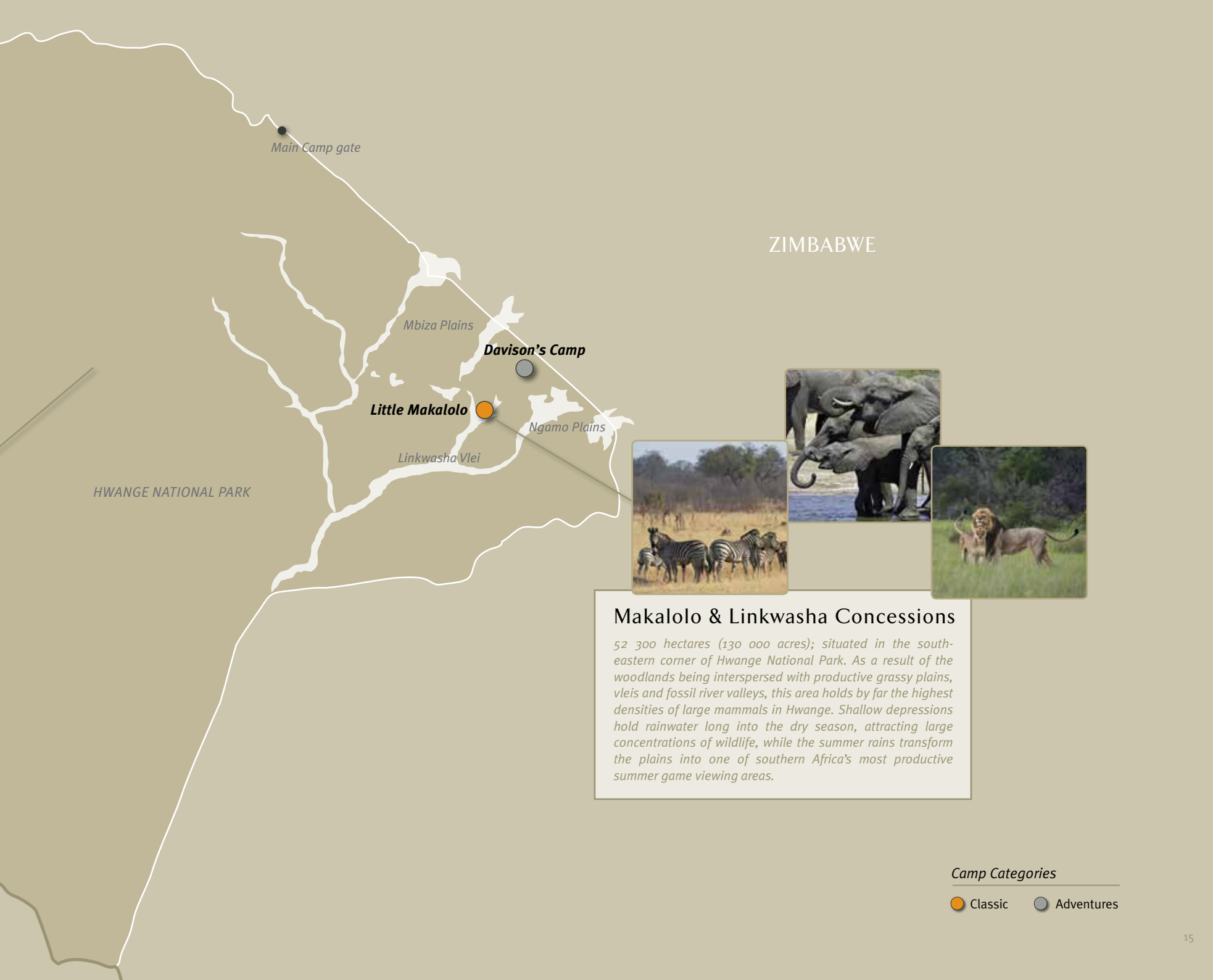
CAMPS IN ZIMBABWE – HWANGE



Hwange National Park

1.4 million hectares (3.4 million acres); Zimbabwe's largest and most popular national park. Landscapes range from the rugged, hilly country of the north to vast swathes of broad-leaved woodland across the centre, and the fossil river valleys, vleis and plains in the south-east. The sandy soils of the Kalahari dominate in the south-west, resulting in a unique meeting of two ecosystems and their associated fauna – oryx (an arid savannah species) being found side by side with species like sable (more at home in moist woodland).

BOTSWANA



ZIMBABWE

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Main Camp gate

Mbiza Plains

Davison's Camp

Little Makalolo

Ngamo Plains

Linkwasha Vlei



Makalolo & Linkwasha Concessions

52 300 hectares (130 000 acres); situated in the south-eastern corner of Hwange National Park. As a result of the woodlands being interspersed with productive grassy plains, vleis and fossil river valleys, this area holds by far the highest densities of large mammals in Hwange. Shallow depressions hold rainwater long into the dry season, attracting large concentrations of wildlife, while the summer rains transform the plains into one of southern Africa's most productive summer game viewing areas.

Camp Categories

● Classic ● Adventures



Little Makalolo

Intimate and exclusive, Little Makalolo is situated in the remote south-east of Hwange, looking out at a waterhole to which animals are drawn in their numbers in the dry season. A false mopane tree in the centre of the camp shades a dining and living area, with a plunge pool in which to cool off, and an open area for convivial evening fireside tales. During siesta hours, you can enjoy outstanding wildlife viewing at the log pile hide that overlooks the waterhole in front of camp.

Highlights

Little Makalolo is in one of Hwange's best game viewing areas, where a number of shallow pans in the vicinity draw a constant parade of elephant (estimated at 30 000 in the Park), buffalo, southern giraffe and Burchell's zebra, creating one of the densest concentrations of game in Africa. Sable, roan and eland are special here, with lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah present as apex predators.

*Endless camp
waterhole traffic ...
the quintessential
Hwange experience.*





Little Makalolo at a Glance
Category: Classic
6 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Spacious, en-suite traditional-style tent; outdoor shower; 100% solar power for electricity and water; private veranda
Experiences: Day and night game drives • Guided walks • Waterhole hides and viewing platforms



Davison's Camp at a Glance

Category: Adventures

9 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Twin-bedded Meru-style; en-suite facilities; private veranda

Experiences: Day and night game drives • Guided walks • Waterhole hides and viewing platforms





Davison's Camp

Davison's Camp is beautifully situated in the private Linkwasha Concession, in the south-eastern section of Hwange National Park. Named after the founder of Hwange National Park and its first warden, Ted Davison, it is tastefully hidden beneath a grove of false mopane trees. Both the guest tents and the main area – comprising a lounge, dining room and plunge pool – look out at a much-frequented waterhole and open plain.

Highlights

In the summer, wildlife viewing is excellent, with buffalo, giraffe, sable, wildebeest, zebra and eland found in abundance on the open plains. In winter, the waterholes, or pans, are magnets for elephant, with hundreds coming down to drink at each one. Lion, leopard, spotted hyaena, common waterbuck and roan are all found on this private concession.

Named for Hwange's first warden and ideally positioned overlooking a productive waterhole.

CAMPS IN ZIMBABWE – MANA POOLS



ZAMBIA



Chirundu Village ●

Ruckomechi Concession

3 930 hectares (9 700 acres); the only private-use concession within Mana Pools National Park. Exclusive access to a spectacular stretch of the Zambezi River, including productive floodplain, permanent inland pans, the Ruckomechi River, ana tree woodland, 'jesse' (diospyros thicket), gallery mopane forest, other habitats and excellent concentrations of wildlife make this an exceptional base for exploration of the unique Mana Pools National Park.

KARIBA
●



LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Chewore River

Chewore Safari Area

Mana River

Sapi River

Sapi Safari Area

Ruckomechi Camp

Ruckomechi River

Dande Safari Area

Mana Pools National Park

220 000 hectares (542 000 acres); the core of a larger 1.7 million hectares (4.2 million acres) of conservation estate at the heart of the Zambezi Valley. Running through the centre of this area is the magnificent Zambezi River – one of Africa's great waterways. Its floodplain banks are picturesque parklands dominated by the iconic ana tree. The combination of the waters of the river and the nutritious pods of the ana trees that are dropped in winter make for fruitful dry season game viewing.

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

Nyakasanga River

Hurungwe Safari Area



Charara Safari Area

ZIMBABWE

Camp Categories

● Classic

Ruckomechi Camp

Ruckomechi Camp lies on the banks of the Zambezi with a superb view of the mountains across the river in Zambia, and is set amongst broad-canopied ana trees that are loved by elephants for their rich nutritious seeds. The central dining, bar, library and lounge areas face the escarpment, along with an infinity pool and hammocks, and an inviting, cushion-strewn stargazing deck. Ruckomechi boasts a favourite amongst guests: its outdoor 'bath-with-a-view' in a secluded, scenic spot.

Highlights

Both the river and the pools for which the Mana Pools National Park is named hold water year-round, drawing all manner of wildlife and waterfowl, especially during the dry season. Below the canopy of giant trees, large numbers of elephant mingle with buffalo, impala, waterbuck, eland, kudu and the more secretive nyala. Lion frequent the floodplains and adjacent woodland, while leopard stalk the thickets and cheetah and the endangered wild dog are occasionally seen.

A sparkling broad river, shady trees, purple-hued mountains – and an elephant or two: this is the view from Ruckomechi.



Ruckomechi Camp at a Glance

Category: Classic

10 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Spacious; en-suite bathroom; indoor and outdoor showers; veranda with view of the river

Experiences: Day and night game drives • Guided walks • Game viewing river cruises • Catch-and-release fishing (seasonal) • Hides for wildlife viewing

Season: April – October





Zebra herd on floodplain fringe

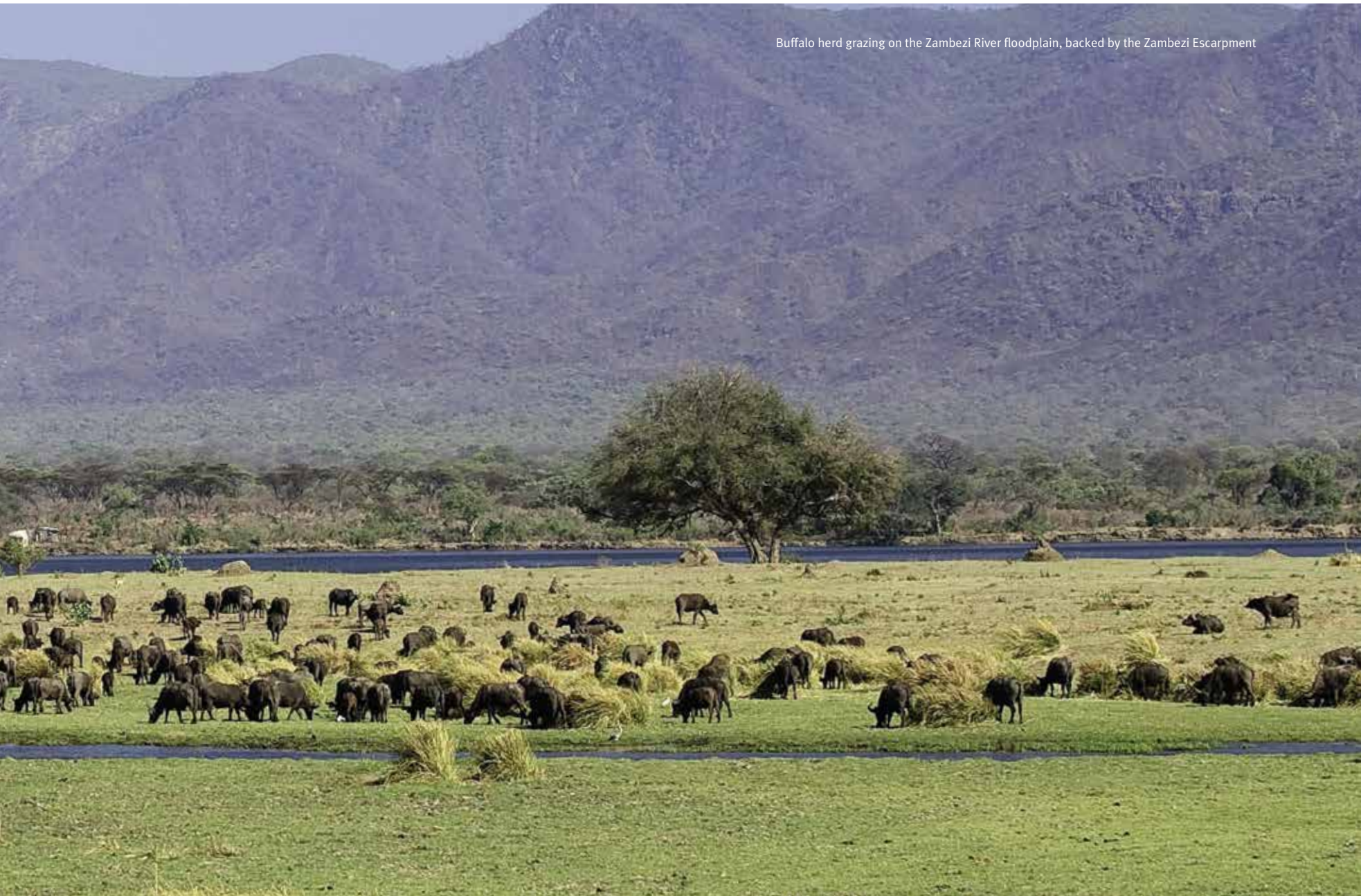


Young male lion on the hunt

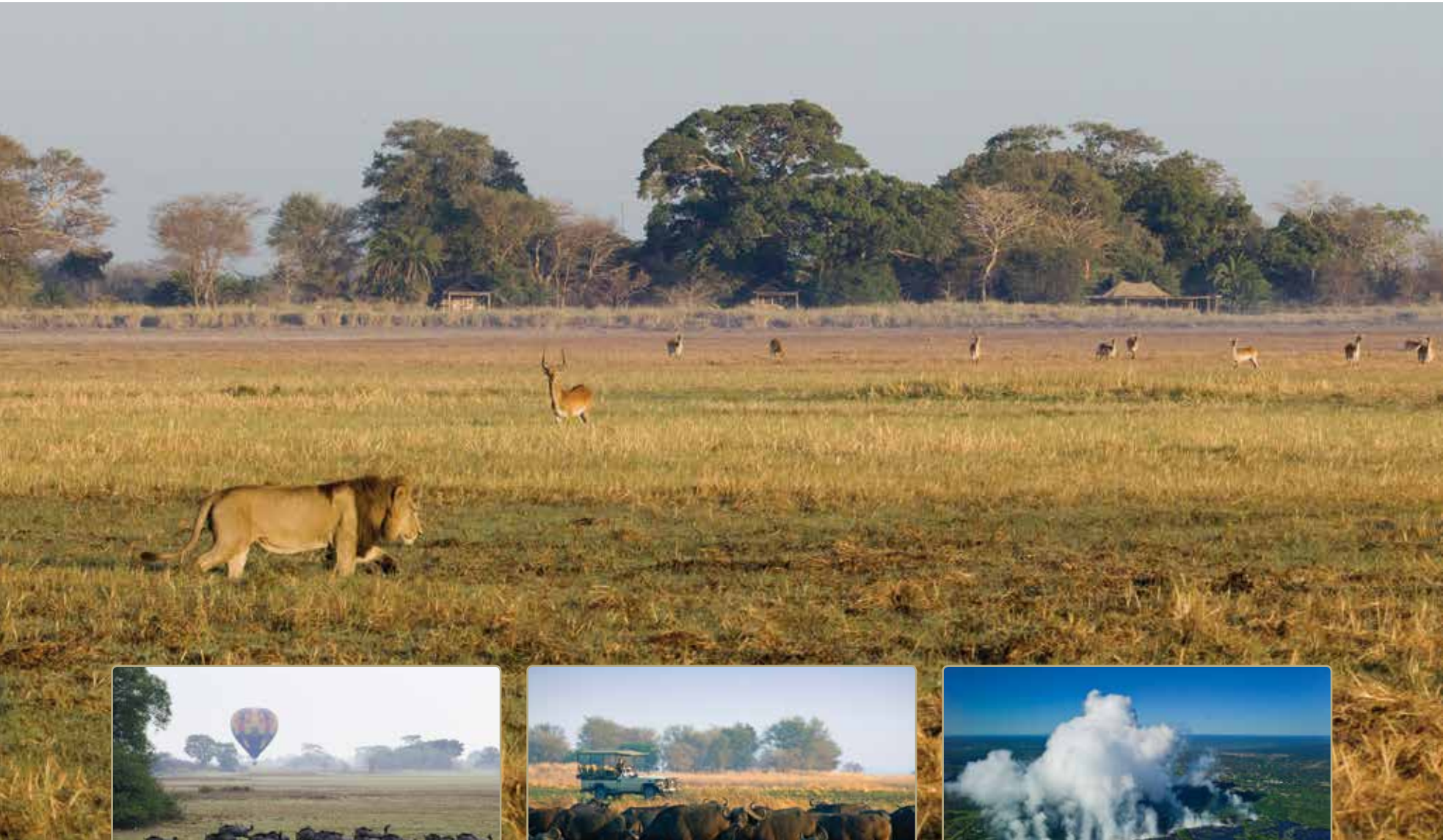


Magnificent adult eland bull

Buffalo herd grazing on the Zambezi River floodplain, backed by the Zambezi Escarpment



WELCOME TO ZAMBIA



Hot air balloon safari (Kafue)



Viewing buffalo while on game drive (Kafue)



Aerial view of the Victoria Falls (Livingstone)



Zambia retains the quintessence of Africa: vast, undisturbed landscapes, superb wildlife and cultural encounters in one of the continent's least travelled and thus most rewarding wilderness destinations.



Landlocked in south-central Africa, the majority of the country straddles a central plateau 3 000 m above sea level resulting in a mild, pleasant climate. To the east, the altitude falls away to the hot and humid river valleys of the Luangwa and Zambezi. To the north-west lie the headwaters of the Kafue and Zambezi, while in the north-east Lake Tanganyika is shared with Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Kafue National Park epitomises the remote, wild and diverse characteristics of the Zambian wilderness. Its Busanga Plains are perhaps the prime wildlife viewing destination in the country: immense open floodplains dotted with large herds of lechwe, puku, buffalo, wildebeest and even roan antelope.

Kafue is easily accessible from both Lusaka and Zambia's 'adventure capital' – Livingstone – outside **Victoria Falls** where visitors can choose to simply drink in the grandeur of the spectacle or to engage in any one of a multitude of adrenalin-raising activities.

A remarkably low population in a deceptively massive country means that this is still Africa undiscovered with a timeless sense of wilderness and remoteness.

CAMPS IN ZAMBIA – KAFUE



Kafue National Park

2.24 million hectares (5.5 million acres); Zambia's largest and oldest national park and the heart of a massive conservation area of 7.3 million hectares (18.2 million acres). Here, extensive tracts of miombo woodland are interspersed with dambos (open, grassy areas) and floodplains of varying sizes. Three major water courses feed and drain the park: the Kafue, Lunga and Lufupa Rivers. Major features include the productive Busanga Plains in the north-west, and Lake Itezhi-Tezhi in the south.





Busanga Bush Camp
Shumba Camp

Busanga Plains Concession

28 000 hectares (69 000 acres); the expansive, grassy Busanga Plains are the jewel in Kafue's crown. Ringed by miombo woodland, the plains themselves are a mosaic of grassland, muddy channels and hippo pools, palm islands and fragmented papyrus swamp. This range of habitat provides fantastic concentrations of common species such as puku, lechwe, buffalo and wildebeest, but also comparative rarities like roan, oribi, sitatunga and Lichtenstein's hartebeest.



● LUSAKA

Ruckomechi Camp

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK

KAFUE NATIONAL PARK

Kafue Flats

LAKE KARIBA

ZIMBABWE

The River Club
 ● LIVINGSTONE
 ● Toka Leya
 ● VICTORIA FALLS

Camp Categories

● Classic



Shumba Camp

Shumba Camp is situated on a tree island right in the middle of the superbly flat Busanga Plains. Floodplain grasses stretch to the horizon, interrupted only by isolated protrusions of fig and palm trees. From the raised decks, the view is panoramic and often filled with grazing puku and lechwe; at sunrise the vista from the dining and bar area (as well as your own tent) seems surreal as dawn fog blankets the landscape. Dinner takes place here or in the cosy boma where the staff often share elements of Zambian culture.

Highlights

Shumba means ‘lion’ – and appropriately, the camp is in the midst of various lion pride territories. Shumba’s proximity to permanent water and the mix of seasonal and permanent floodplains makes it the perfect location for large numbers of plains game: besides puku and lechwe, rare roan, Lichtenstein’s hartebeest and oribi can be found. Wild dog and cheetah are seen too.

Shaded by spectacular fig trees and with magnificent vistas over the open wildlife-rich plains.



Shumba Camp at a Glance

Category: Premier

6 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Spacious and luxurious; en-suite; indoor and outdoor showers; raised deck for a view over the Plains

Experiences: Day and night game drives • Boating when the Plains are still inundated • Hot air ballooning

Season: June – October





Busanga Bush Camp at a Glance

Category: Classic

4 Tents: Well-appointed Meru-style tent; en-suite; hammock on veranda with view

Experiences: Day and night game drives • Hot air ballooning

Season: June – October



Busanga Bush Camp

Intimate Busanga Bush Camp is hidden on a lush tree-island of sycamore fig trees. The lounge and bar area is under canvas with an uninterrupted view out over the plains; breakfast is often served here to take in the view of the herds of lechwe and puku feeding. A little further back the dining area is shaded by a majestic tree from which an unusual lantern chandelier hangs, romantically lighting up dinner, which is served in the open air.

Highlights

Thanks to the morning mist rising off the floodplains, guests can experience incredible sunrises with the sun a spectacular pink colour, while the floodplains teem with wildlife and birds. Large herds of red lechwe and puku are a common sight, together with oribi and resident roan, while zebra and wildebeest use the fringes of the plains. Lion are the most common predator, with occasional sightings of cheetah and wild dog.

Busanga's original camp; small, intimate and perfectly positioned at its heart.



CAMPS IN ZAMBIA – VICTORIA FALLS



The River Club

10 hectares (25 acres); ideal location opposite Zimbabwe's Zambezi National Park and outside the hubbub of Livingstone. The River Club occupies one of the few raised viewpoints on the Zambezi River upstream of Victoria Falls. This and its lush grounds mean that it offers a unique perspective and sanctuary that overlooks a pod of hippo and the wilds of Zimbabwe across the river.



Victoria Falls

1 700 metres (5 600 feet) wide and 108 m (360 ft.) high; known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders), due to its towering plume of spray that is visible at a distance. The Falls' maximum flow rate exceeds that of Igauzu and is more than double that of Niagara.



●
Sinde Village

ZAMBIA

✈️ LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT

MOSI-OA-TUNYA NATIONAL PARK

●
Toka Leya

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

6 859 hectares (17 000 acres); a beautiful stretch of Zambezi River conserving Zambia's only white rhino population. This small, but very diverse reserve covers a blend of mopane and broad-leafed woodland, river floodplain, riverine forest and braided river channel. Almost 20 km of Zambezi River frontage plays host to a healthy array of large mammals – buffalo, elephant, hippo, giraffe and zebra – revealing Zambia as it was when Livingstone 'discovered' the Falls.



ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

LIVINGSTONE

Wilderness Touring

With offices in both Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingstone (Zambia), Wilderness Touring is the perfect host and facilitator for all activities in and around this Natural Wonder of the World. Our fleet of late-model vehicles and team of passionate, knowledgeable guides are able to offer seamless airport transfers, Victoria Falls tours, cultural excursions and much more.



Lwanda Island

Kalunda Island

ZIMBABWE

Princess Victoria Island

Devil's Cataract

Livingstone Island

VICTORIA FALLS

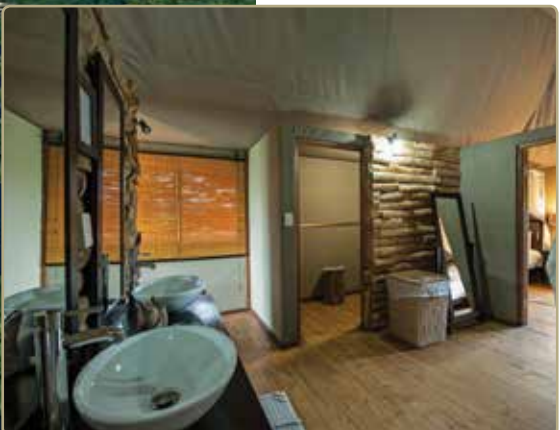
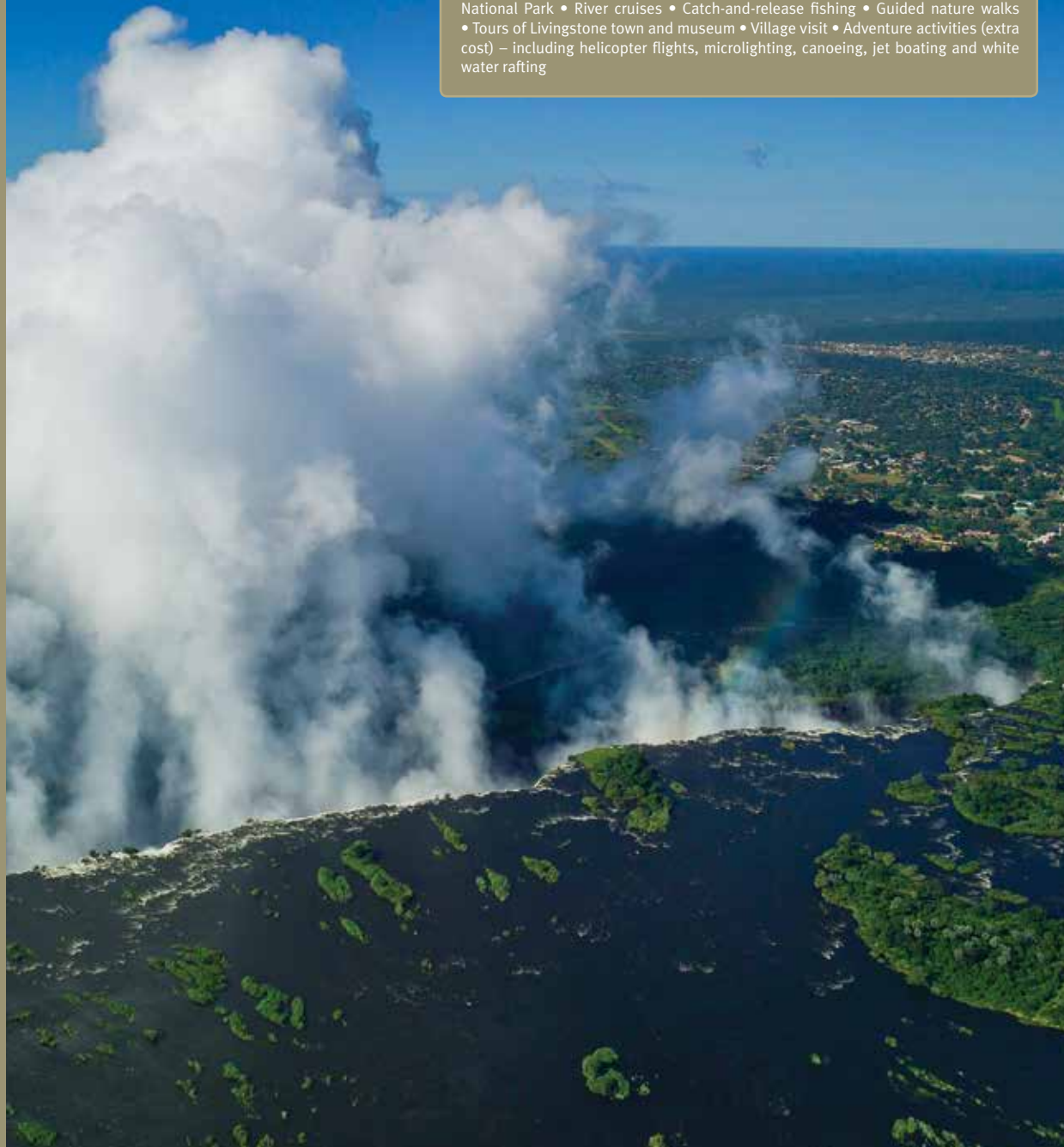
VICTORIA FALLS

River Gorges

Camp Categories

● Classic

Toka Leya at a Glance
Category: Classic
12 Tents (including 3 Family Tents): Raised, spacious safari-style tent; en-suite; indoor and outdoor shower; climate control; expansive wooden deck with river view
Experiences: Victoria Falls tour (Zambian side) • Game drives in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park • River cruises • Catch-and-release fishing • Guided nature walks • Tours of Livingstone town and museum • Village visit • Adventure activities (extra cost) – including helicopter flights, microlighting, canoeing, jet boating and white water rafting





Toka Leya

The swiftly-flowing Zambezi River hurries past Toka Leya Camp in the central part of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, just 12 km from the Victoria Falls. The eastern and main areas of camp are under a shady canopy of jackalberry, knobthorn and waterberry trees, while the western side is in a more open setting: an ancient baobab tree is the focal point of panoramic Zambezi vistas. There is ample space for relaxation with meals served on the sundeck, the pool deck and dining room all overlooking the river. The pizza oven and spa round off the camp experience.

Highlights

Toka Leya's location means that there is plenty to do here, from cruising down the Zambezi to visiting Victoria Falls, exploring Livingstone town to game driving through Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. The Park has species such as buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, impala and white rhino, while hippo, crocodile and elephant are regularly seen in or near the Zambezi.

Stay on the Mighty Zambezi and visit "The Smoke that Thunders."



The River Club

The River Club's well-appointed Edwardian house looks out over the Zambezi River, sporting a lounge, dining room, library and veranda, with manicured lawns on which meals are served. The gazebo and the summer house (with snooker room) are alternatives for private dining, while the infinity pool seems part of the great Zambezi itself. For the energetic, there is a gym, running track and tennis court.

Highlights

Situated just 18 km upstream from Victoria Falls, The River Club allows for in-depth and adventurous exploration of this Wonder. Livingstone, known as the "adventure capital" of Zambia, is also steeped in history. The Zambezi River is interspersed with vegetated islands, sandbanks and rocky rapids, and fringed with cool riparian forest – all a perfect sanctuary for hippo, crocodile and elephant, and prolific birdlife. The nearby Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park offers further wildlife viewing opportunities of buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and white rhino.

High tea and croquet blend with African life on the forested banks of the Zambezi River.



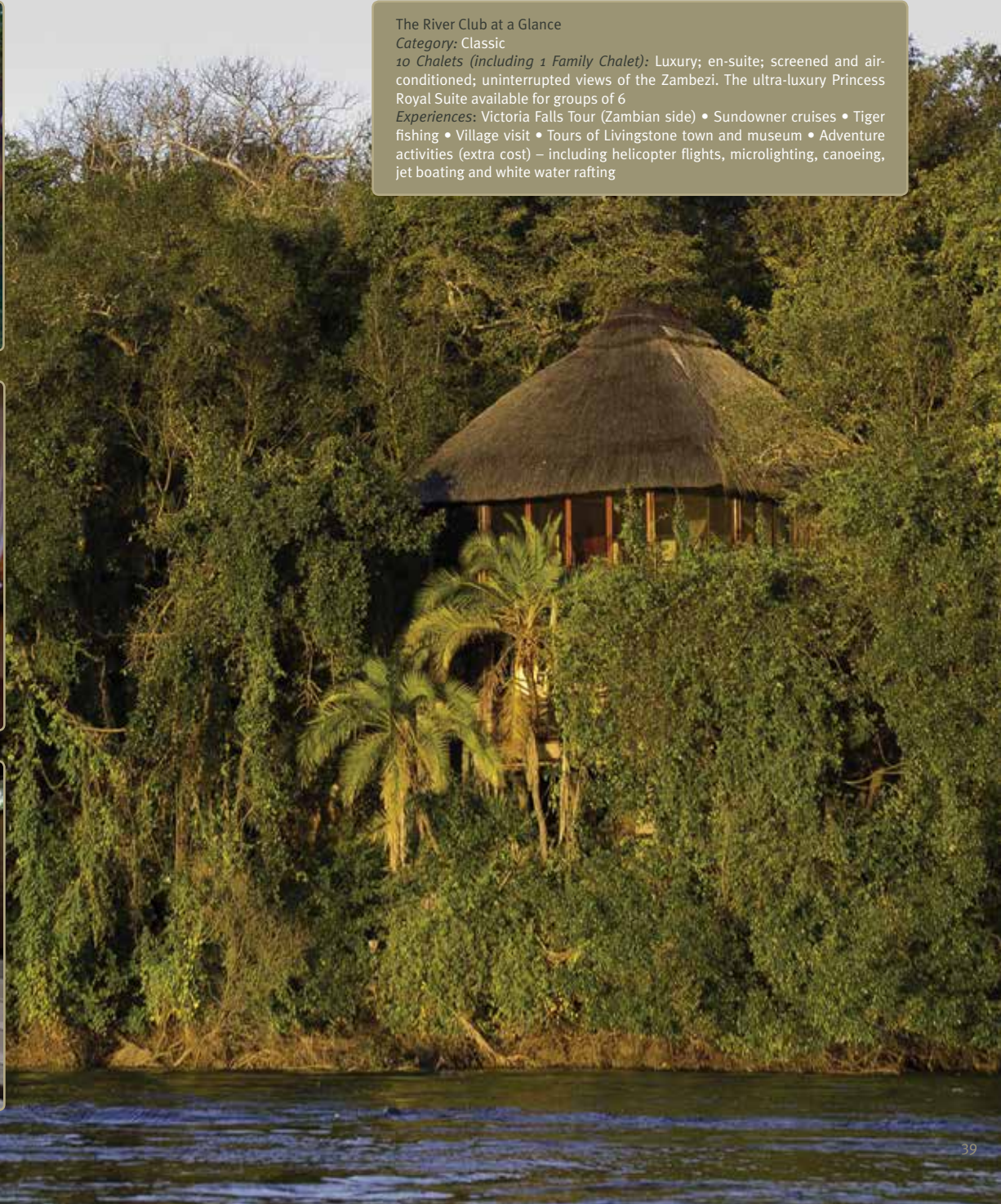


The River Club at a Glance

Category: Classic

10 Chalets (including 1 Family Chalet): Luxury; en-suite; screened and air-conditioned; uninterrupted views of the Zambezi. The ultra-luxury Princess Royal Suite available for groups of 6

Experiences: Victoria Falls Tour (Zambian side) • Sundowner cruises • Tiger fishing • Village visit • Tours of Livingstone town and museum • Adventure activities (extra cost) – including helicopter flights, microlighting, canoeing, jet boating and white water rafting



WELCOME TO MALAWI



Lakeshore view (Lake Malawi)



Zebra and endless vistas (Nyika)



Drinking elephant herd (Liwonde)



Boat excursion along the tropical Shire River (Liwonde)

One of Africa's more densely populated countries, Malawi is primarily well-known for the warmth and friendliness of its people and for the extra dimension this brings to travel in Africa; it is undoubtedly one of the friendliest places to travel on the continent, with ordinary, everyday people happy to invite you into their homes and to present you with gifts of fresh fruit and other food.



Despite the high population however, there are in fact large wilderness areas, unique on the planet, in which to reconnect with nature and to observe wildlife in its natural environment. The most obvious of these is **Lake Malawi** – the “Lake of Stars,” as described by David Livingstone. It is Africa's third largest and second deepest lake and supports higher numbers of fish species than any other lake on Earth with more than a thousand species thought to occur here.

Another is **Nyika National Park** in the north-west of the country. This absolutely unique ecosystem is unlike anything else in Africa, with large herds of roan, eland and zebra roaming endless unbroken vistas of rolling Afro-alpine grassland, a striking contrast to the more typical African wooded savannah of **Liwonde National Park** in the south – home to the country's largest elephant, hippo and sable antelope population.

CAMPS IN SOUTHERN MALAWI



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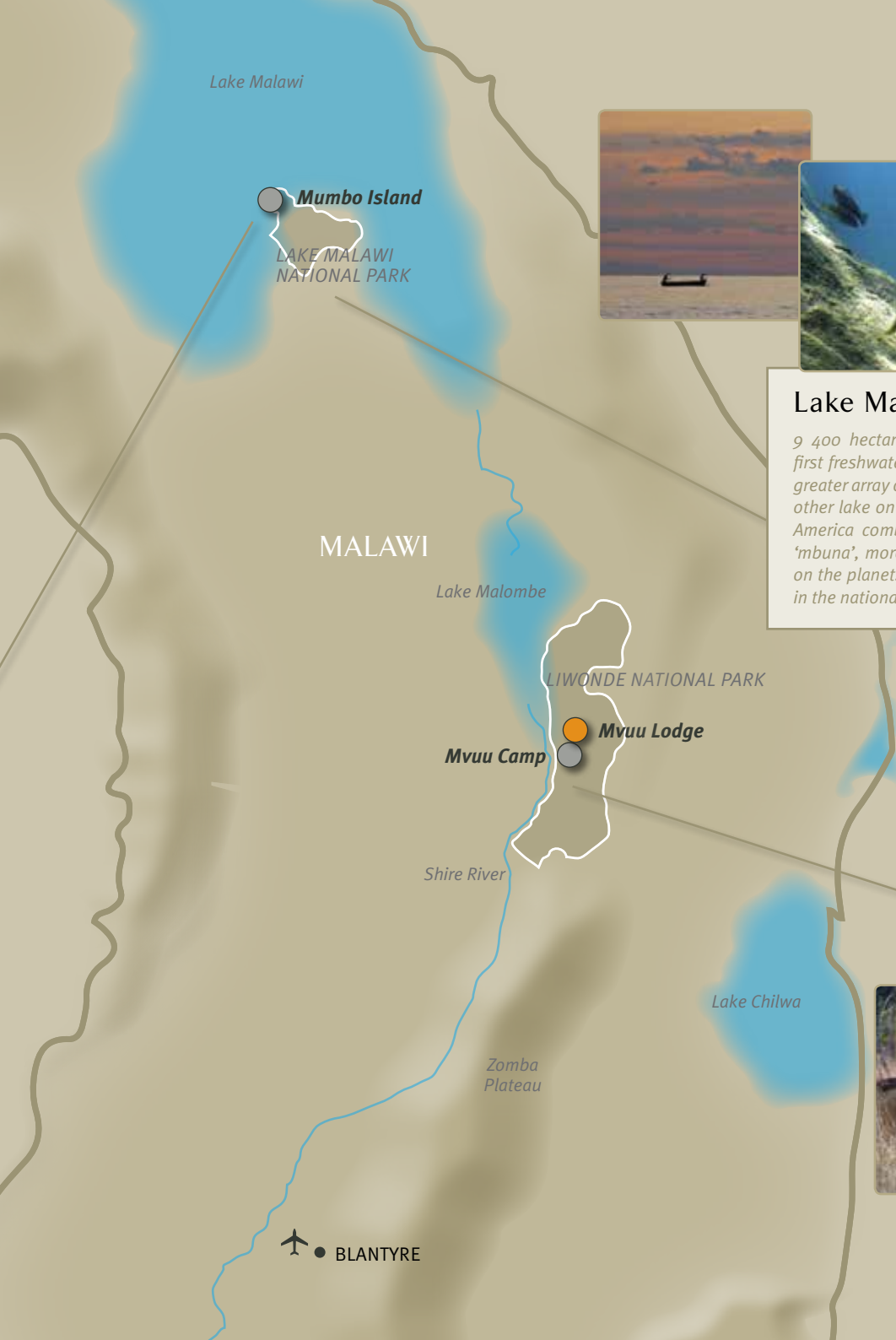
Mumbo Island

40 hectares (99 acres); an idyllic granite island covered in dense woodland and with its own private beach. This is one of the 12 islands that fall within Lake Malawi National Park and its protected biodiverse waters. Crystal-clear waters and weathered granite boulders provide habitat for tens of cichlid species including a handful that are endemic to this specific island and are found nowhere else on Earth.

Camp Categories

- Classic
- Adventures

ZAMBIA



Lake Malawi

Mumbo Island
LAKE MALAWI NATIONAL PARK

MALAWI

Lake Malombe

LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK

Mvuu Camp
Mvuu Lodge

Shire River

Lake Chilwa

Zomba Plateau

✈️ ● BLANTYRE



MOZAMBIQUE

Lake Malawi National Park

9 400 hectares (23 000 acres); gazetted as the world's first freshwater national park in 1980. Lake Malawi holds a greater array of freshwater fish species (over 1 000) than any other lake on Earth and more than all of Europe and North America combined. The majority are colourful cichlids or 'mbuna', more than 95% of which are found nowhere else on the planet. Approximately half of all these species occur in the national park.

Liwonde National Park

60 000 hectares (148 000 acres); the gem in Malawi's wildlife crown. Straddling the beautiful Shire River and its floodplains, this national park harbours a surprisingly abundant wildlife population – particularly elephant, hippo, sable and black rhino. Borassus palms dot the floodplains, while baobabs and mopane woodland dominate the hinterland. Nearly 300 bird species occur here, including specials such as Böhm's bee-eater, Livingstone's flycatcher, Pel's fishing-owl, Lilian's lovebird and brown-breasted barbet.





Mvuu Lodge

Mvuu Lodge overlooks a secret, tranquil lagoon just off the Shire River, with the main lounge, dining and bar area set high above the water. Its extensive wildlife library and telescope make the most of the exceptional bird and other life that moves around the river, and the pool is perfect for cooling off at siesta time.

Highlights

In this lush area, the Shire and its floodplains draw an excellent diversity of animals to feed and drink, including a dense population of hippo, crocodiles and large numbers of elephant as well as sable, Lichtenstein's hartebeest, yellow baboon and waterbuck. Non-stop birding is guaranteed here. The Rhino Tracking Experience is a unique opportunity to join the Rhino Protection Team scouts and your guide in tracking rare black rhino on foot; learn about their conservation – and end with a delicious bush breakfast or dinner. No visit is complete without meeting the friendly people of the nearby villages.

Mvuu means 'hippo' in Tonga – an appropriate name for this Shire River sanctuary.

Mvuu Lodge at a Glance

Category: Classic

8 Tents (including 1 Honeymoon Suite): Meru-style tent; en-suite facilities; private deck with view

Experiences: Morning and evening game drives • River cruise • Nature walk • Birding • Village visit • Rhino Tracking Experience (extra cost; 90% of the fee goes to rhino conservation in Liwonde)





Mvuu Camp at a Glance

Category: Adventures

12 Tents (including 5 Family Tents): Spacious stone and canvas chalet or specially designed family tent; all en-suite

Experiences: Morning and evening game drives • River cruise • Nature walk • Birding • Village visit • Rhino Tracking Experience (extra cost; 90% of the fee goes to rhino conservation in Liwonde)





Mvuu Camp

Mvuu Camp is impressively located: its thatched dining and lounge area is framed by two large baobab trees and offers a magnificent river vista, while dinners are sometimes held under the stars in the boma. The rest of the camp is scattered amongst large trees with views over the Shire River. An education and conference centre with facilities for 40 delegates or smaller corporate functions is available.

Highlights

Game viewing by boat explores the Shire River, which draws all manner of fauna to its banks, such as elephant feeding in the reeds and a constant line of grunting hippo. There are also large numbers of impala, waterbuck, yellow baboon and the majestic sable. A 4 000-hectare sanctuary is home to further species like buffalo and Lichtenstein's hartebeest. The Rhino Tracking Experience is a unique three-hour guided walk, tracking the endangered black rhino, one of only two breeding nuclei of black rhino in Malawi. The birdlife here is prolific – probably the best year-round birding in southern Africa.

A spectacular vantage point over the Shire River – filled with hippo, elephant and non-stop birds.

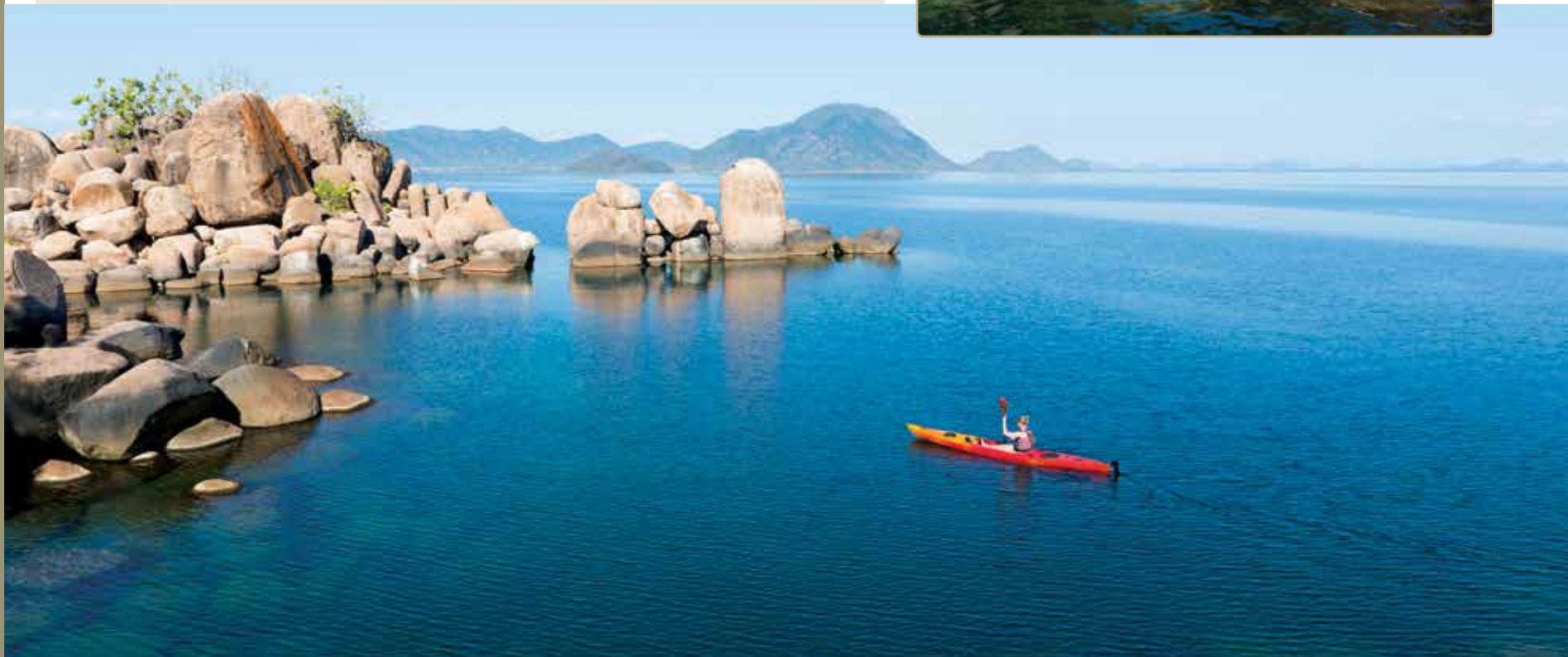
MUMBO ISLAND

Intimate, beautiful Mumbo Island floats on southern Lake Malawi, a profusion of green foliage bursting out amongst large, rounded rocks and a white, snug beach on a tiny bay. The main area is hidden in the forest while the tents are perched on rocks high above the water. Mumbo Island Camp is 100% solar-powered and the dining area, bar and gazebo are all hand-built from timber, thatch and canvas. The mix creates a place of rustic charm and light footprint, a Robinson Crusoe-like experience.

*Idyllic Robinson
Crusoe honeymoon
island retreat.*

Highlights

Lake Malawi National Park, with its crystal-clear waters and innumerable species of cichlid fish, offers some of the best freshwater scuba diving in the world and the best snorkelling on the Lake. Active outdoors enthusiasts will enjoy kayaking, swimming around the islands or exploring the small forest, while families and honeymooners love being able to get away from it all in a way that only a tropical island can offer.



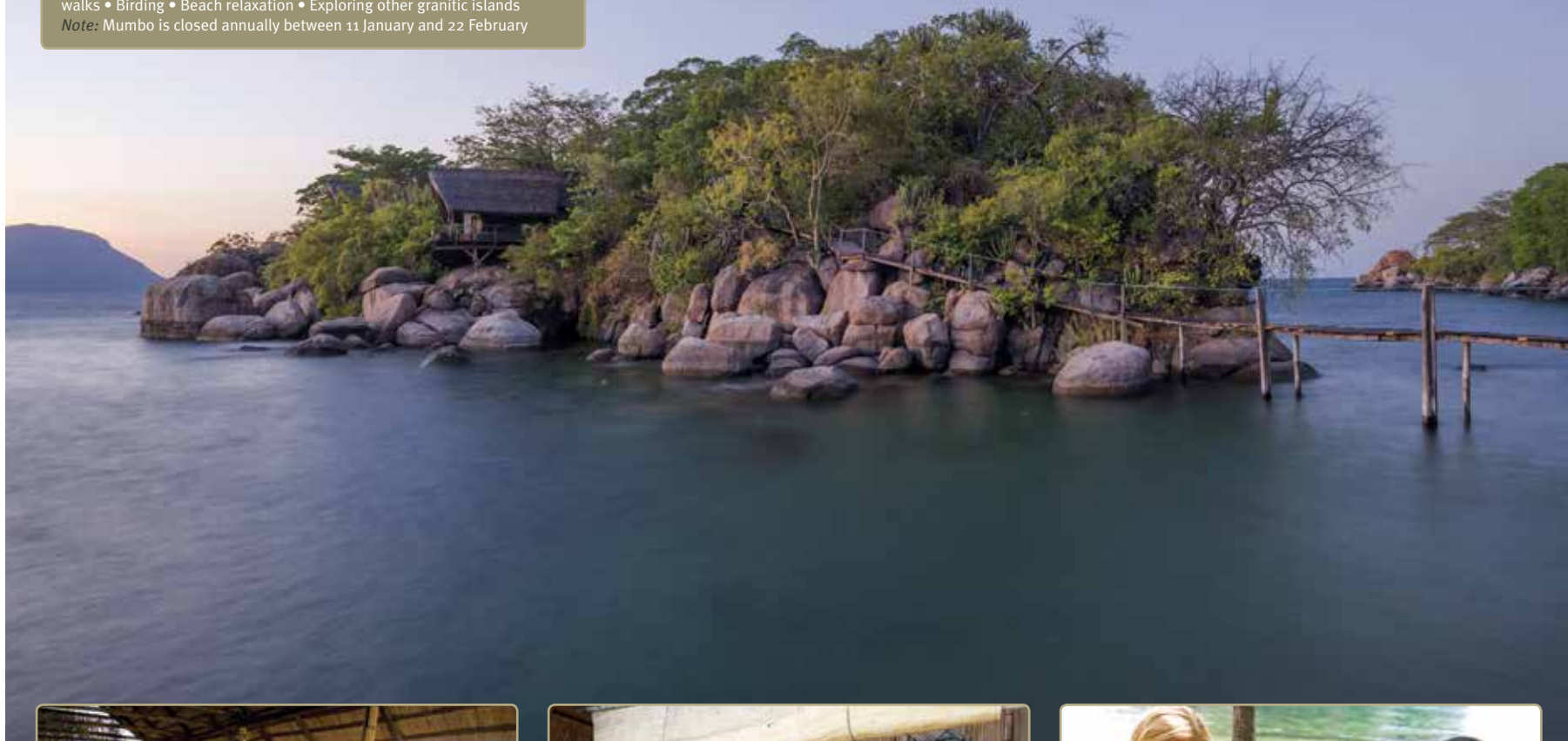
Mumbo Island Camp at a Glance

Category: Adventures

6 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Safari-style; en-suite; eco-loo and bucket shower; wooden deck and hammock

Experiences: Kayaking • Snorkelling • Scuba diving (PADI registered resort offering beginner, advanced and specialty courses, and gear hire) • Nature walks • Birding • Beach relaxation • Exploring other granitic islands

Note: Mumbo is closed annually between 11 January and 22 February





Male Three Spotted Fish, *Copadichromis azureus*

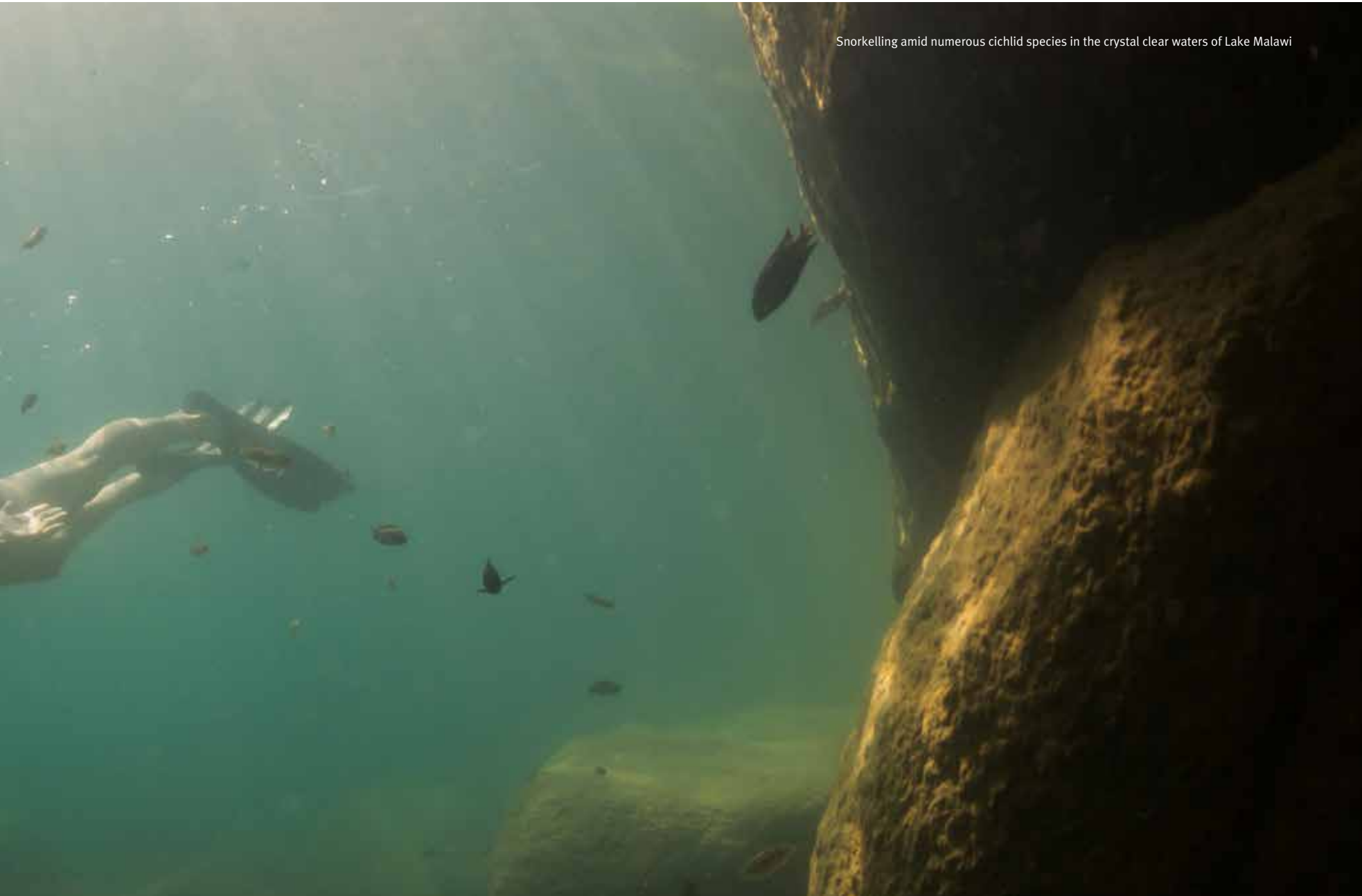


Female Malawi Golden Cichlid, *Melanochromis auratus*



Male Mumbo Yellow, *Petrotilapia mumboensis*, found only around Mumbo Island

Snorkelling amid numerous cichlid species in the crystal clear waters of Lake Malawi



CAMPS IN NORTHERN MALAWI



Camp Categories

- Classic
- Adventures

Nyika National Park

313 400 hectares (774 000 acres); absolutely unique Afro-alpine ecosystem. Known for its rolling hills, high-altitude grassland, and evergreen forest pockets bursting with endemism, Malawi's largest national park is a beautiful, wild and untouched upland area, with the distinction of being the only big game Afro-montane area in south-central Africa. Extensive swathes of broad-leaved miombo woodland dominate the lower slopes, while the plateau itself is dominated by grassland and evergreen forest patches.



ZAMBIA

Chelinda Camp ● Chelinda Lodge

NYIKA
NATIONAL PARK

VWAZA MARSH
GAME RESERVE

Chelinda Concession

80 000 hectares (198 000 acres); pristine alpine grassland and crystal-clear streams. The Chelinda Concession is situated at the heart of Nyika National Park and in every direction offers achingly beautiful, unobstructed views of rolling hills, white boulders, bracken-patterned valleys, and distant mountaintops. More often than not these habitats are covered with herds of roan, eland, zebra and reedbeek.



Chintheche

7 hectares (17 acres); an idyllic, wooded retreat situated on the central Lakeshore of northern Malawi. A picturesque golden beach and warm, shallow waters make up the eastern side of this property, while a lush garden, tree nursery and vegetable garden comprise the western side. Cichlids are found in the waters just off the beach and around a nearby island, while mutable sun squirrel and abundant birds frequent the grounds.

● CHINTHECHE

Chintheche Inn ●

MALAWI

Viphya Plateau

Lake Malawi

TANZANIA

MOZAMBIQUE

Chintheche Inn at a Glance

Category: Adventures

10 Units (including 1 two-bedroomed Family Cottage): Comfortably furnished room; en-suite; patio; furnished with colourful fabrics and local crafts

Experiences: Guided walks • Boating • Snorkelling • Mountain biking • Birding • Village visits • Day trips to Nkhata Bay and Bandawe Mission





Chintheche Inn

Chintheche Inn is set in extensive, lush gardens dotted with splendid, shady trees and overlooking Lake Malawi which, ocean-like, stretches to the horizon. The distant Viphya Mountains form a dramatic backdrop. There is a central dining area and bar, and meals often take place (weather permitting) under the stars or in a secluded corner of the garden, near the large swimming pool.

Highlights

Chintheche Inn boasts some of the finest beaches on the lakeside as well as excellent freshwater activities such as boating and snorkelling. Meeting and interacting with the local people, biking through villages and learning about the Chintheche Tree Planting initiative from our staff are just a little of what makes the friendly, laid-back Inn such a unique place to visit. Birdlife is abundant, while the reclusive mutable sun squirrel may be sighted in the gardens.

Possibly the finest beach on the central lakeshore.





Chelinda Lodge at a Glance

Category: Classic

8 Chalets (1 Family Suite of two interconnected chalets): Pine log cabin; en-suite; fireplace; upstairs viewing area or room for children

Experiences: Nature/Game drives • Guided walks • Birding • Mountain biking • Diverse summer botany • Catch-and-release fishing (extra cost)



Chelinda Lodge

The rolling hills of Nyika, covered in grass and pockets of evergreen forests, seem to belong to another continent. A pocket of hagenia woodland and forest backdrop shelters the idyllic upland Chelinda Lodge, and all its log cabins have sweeping views of the antelope-dotted hills. Wooden walkways link the cabins to the main area, complete with outside deck for sundowners, convivial dining around a fireplace and lounge area for quiet reflection or conversation.

Highlights

The vistas in Nyika are immense, while from a game viewing perspective a variety of animals can be seen around Chelinda Lodge – particularly in the grasslands. Numbers and species vary depending on season and include roan, eland, Crawshaw's zebra, southern reedbuck, bushbuck, warthog, spotted hyaena, leopard and side-striped jackal. Even elephant can be seen at times. Birding specials and orchid species add colour and vibrancy to this unique area.

Unique African highlands: game-covered grasslands, mountain vistas and cosy log cabins.





Chelinda Camp

Chelinda Camp overlooks a crystal-clear dam with views out onto the open grasslands of the High Nyika Plateau. Guests here take meals in the nearby main area, which has a large dining, bar and lounge area complete with comfortable furnishings and an inviting fireplace.

Highlights

From a game viewing perspective, a variety of animals can be seen, particularly in the famous Nyika Grasslands, which harbour important populations of roan, eland, Crawshay's zebra, southern reedbuck, bushbuck, warthog, spotted hyaena and side-striped jackal. Elephant can be seen at times and even leopard can be seen in the daytime owing to the temperate climate. Chelinda's grasslands are famed for their spectacular orchids as well as the 400 bird species that occur in the Nyika National Park – many with highly restricted distributions.

Afro-alpine atmosphere on the pristine high Nyika Plateau.





Chelinda Camp at a Glance

Category: Adventures

10 Units (including 4 Family Units): 4 chalets – two bedrooms; en-suite; lounge and dining area; fireplace; small kitchen. 6 twin-bedded rooms – en-suite with either a bath or shower

Experiences: Day and night game drives • Guided walks • Birding • Mountain biking • Diverse summer botany • Catch-and-release fishing (extra cost)





Serval, frequently encountered on night drives



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Delicate flower – *Cyanotis barbata*





OUR EXPLORATIONS

Set out under the African sun to explore some of the continent's prime wilderness areas with our exclusive Explorations safaris. These spectacular guided journeys allow guests to discover remote and pristine areas in diverse private concessions while enjoying the most outstanding wildlife viewing. Our fully-serviced cross-country safaris cater for small groups (operating with a minimum of two and a maximum of eight guests) on a scheduled basis or are tailor-made for private groups. All of which allow for the most authentic African experience today.

The secret to a fantastic Explorations trip is your personal guide, who leads the safari from beginning to end. Our guides are passionate, experienced and highly trained local individuals who make the whole journey seamless and interpretive from start to finish. More than just talented naturalists, many are skilled photographers and can assist you in taking amazing wildlife images. These guides are also available to lead private tailor-made safaris and specialist trips in any of our concessions and camps – some even offering multilingual experiences.

While on an Exploration, you will experience a number of different accommodation styles, from Wilderness Safaris Classic and Adventures camps or lodges to independent establishments in other fascinating areas that help complete the journey.



Classic Camps are Wilderness Safaris camps that are used on certain Explorations trips in Malawi. They are set in secluded locations with outstanding wildlife viewing. Each camp is luxurious and comfortable with large rooms, en-suite bathrooms and private decks (examples: Mvuu Lodge; Chelinda Lodge).



Adventures Camps are Wilderness Safaris camps that are used in some Explorations. These camps comprise units that are generally tented and extremely comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and all the amenities to make you feel at home (examples: Mumbo Island; Chintheche Inn).



Other camps and lodges used include a range of hand-picked independent accommodation. These are all perfectly located with warm and convivial service and atmosphere.

EXPLORATIONS IN MALAWI



Rift Valley Explorer at a Glance
 Type: Discoverer
 Duration: 9 nights / 10 days
 Regions in Malawi: Lilongwe • Zomba Plateau • Liwonde National Park • Lake Malawi
 Experiences: Three destinations relatively close together: mountains of Zomba; wildlife viewing in Liwonde; relaxation or active exploration on a deserted island; unique fish species in a freshwater national park; road transfers showcase magnificent landscapes; villages and markets reveal life of a colourful country
 Activities: Guided walks • Day and night game drives • Boat safaris • Scenic road transfers
 Please note: This Exploration operates between May and November.

Map Key

- Classic
- Adventures
- Other
- Air Transfer
- Road Transfer



Rift Valley Explorer

Discover the languid scenery of Zomba, take in Malawi's finest wildlife experience at Liwonde National Park and end at the fabled Mumbo Island, one of the world's most romantic hideaways. Fully-serviced and charming accommodation built in dramatic spaces allow for spectacular vistas of each area visited. The drives between the destinations are a revelation, providing ample opportunities to meet the friendliest people in Africa.

A classic combination of Rift Valley bush, beach, mountain and culture.

Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Transfer by road from Lilongwe Airport to Kumbali Country Lodge, Lilongwe

Days 2 & 3: Drive to Ku Chawe Inn, Zomba Plateau

Days 4, 5 & 6: Continue by road to Mvuu Lodge, Liwonde National Park

Days 7, 8 & 9: Drive to Chembe Village and either kayak or transfer by boat to Mumbo Island, Lake Malawi National Park

Day 10: Return to Lilongwe by road





Landscapes of Malawi

The north of Malawi is home to a huge variety of scenery, wildlife and culture, from the central Viphya Mountains and alpine Nyika National Park to the central shores of Lake Malawi that reveal a blend of stunning beaches, vibrant local communities and exceptional freshwater fishlife. Each night is spent in fully serviced camps for a sublime “back to nature” experience. Travelling by road allows time for appreciating breathtaking landscapes and getting to know some of the colourful cultures of this country.

Explore Malawi’s legendary north: Viphya, Nyika and Chintheche.

Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Drive from Lilongwe to Luwawa Forest Lodge, Luwawa Forest Reserve

Days 2, 3 & 4: Transfer by road to Chelinda Lodge, Nyika National Park

Days 5, 6 & 7: Drive to Chintheche Inn, Northern Lakeshore

Day 8: Return to Lilongwe by road



EXPLORATIONS IN MALAWI



ZAMBIA

TANZANIA

Lake Malawi

Viphya Plateau

Chintheche Inn

Luwawa Forest Lodge

KASUNGU NATIONAL PARK

NKHOTAKHOTA NATIONAL PARK

MALAWI

LILONGWE

MOZAMBIQUE

Lake Malombe

LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK

Shire River

Landscapes of Malawi at a Glance

Type: Adventurer

Duration: 7 nights / 8 days

Regions in Malawi: Luwawa • Nyika Plateau • Lake Malawi/Lakeshore

Experiences: Diverse habitats and spectacular landscapes of northern Malawi; the Afro-montane biome of Nyika; relaxing central lakeshore experience; unique fish species in one of the world's largest lakes

Activities: Guided walks • Day and night game drives • Non-motorised water sports • Scenic road transfers

Please note: This Exploration operates between May and November.

Map Key

● Classic ● Adventures ● Other

--- Air Transfer — Road Transfer

More Than Just a Safari

At Wilderness Safaris, our delight is to share the wild places of Africa with our guests, while our ultimate goal is to help make a difference to Africa, its people and its wildlife. As a guest, you are helping us to do so.

There is much more that needs to be done, however, which is why, some 20 years ago, we created the **Wilderness Safaris Wildlife Trust**, an independent entity that supports a wide variety of wildlife management, research and education projects throughout Africa. These projects address the needs of our wildlife, seek solutions to save threatened species and provide education and training for local communities. This has made our journey more meaningful and we've reached more people and places than before.

Conservation of animals and plants is only as strong as the people who live in their vicinity. If they're not interested, protection is likely to exist only on paper. That's why Africa's future lies in her children, and why our pride and joy is our **Children in the Wilderness** programme, which aims to educate the youth of Africa, inspiring and helping them to appreciate and thus protect their magnificent natural heritage.

Every year, we close some of our camps for a week at a time and groups of 16 to 25 children between the ages of 10 and 14 are hosted here, given the opportunity to experience these wilderness areas and their wildlife. During camp, the curriculum covers environmental education, HIV/ AIDS and nutrition and life skills, and the importance of conservation. No less importantly, throughout the year, Eco Clubs are held at the local schools (i.e. schools situated near Wilderness Safaris areas), where we can visit the children in their own environment, providing opportunities for all learners who are interested in the environment to meet, learn, discuss and expand their knowledge of their natural heritage.

Our guests can be proud to be part of this life-changing journey.





Lion monitoring and conservation (Busanga Plains, Zambia)



Village visits and livelihood support (Njobvu Village, Malawi)



Annual aerial wildlife censuses (Liwonde National Park, Malawi)

Congo

Pristine rainforest, incredible natural diversity and the best location to see western lowland gorillas and a host of other primates.



Botswana

Home to the unique Okavango Delta, with incredible safari experiences here, in the Linyanti and the Central Kalahari.

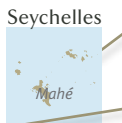
Namibia

The world's highest sand dunes, vast conservation areas, desert-adapted wildlife and nomadic traditional tribal cultures.



South Africa

The 'Rainbow Nation' and host to the Kruger Park, Table Mountain, diverse cultures and some of Africa's best tropical diving.



Where Else In Africa?



Kenya

The roots of 'safari,' and home to the planet's greatest large mammal migration and the burgeoning herds of the Laikipia Plateau.

Seychelles

Sandy white-beaches, warm-ocean Eden and tropical escape filled with unique species found nowhere else on Earth.



Malawi

The 'warm heart of Africa,' part of the Great Rift Valley and perhaps the world's most diverse freshwater lake.

Zambia

Known as 'the real Africa,' with space, wilderness and wildlife to match the claim, whether in Kafue or Victoria Falls.



Zimbabwe

Classic safari destination teeming with big game in Hwange and Mana Pools National Parks, as well as the majestic Victoria Falls.

Africa is vast. The so-called 'dark continent' is nearly one quarter bigger than all of North America (including Alaska, Canada, Mexico and the USA), and the entire European continent would fit into its land surface no less than three times.

It is also not as densely populated as is often believed. Population density is only 46% that of Europe and 35% that of Asia. Despite this, there are between 2 100 and 3 000 indigenous African languages and cultures, a diversity mirrored by the huge array of flora and fauna that occurs across the breadth of the continent.

This diversity of wildlife is unmatched anywhere else on the planet in terms of the range and numbers of large mammals – the megafauna. Africa plays host to more than 1 300 mammal species, while in comparison North America and Europe between them hold less than 600 species.

Vast intact savannah landscapes and ecosystems enable lion, herds of elephant, myriad plains game and even people to exist as they have done for thousands of years. The same is true of the rainforest and some of our closest relatives – chimpanzees and gorillas – as well as the deserts, off-shore islands and lakes.

The continent can be overwhelming in its multiplicity of destinations and experiences; to the left are a few of the highlights.



Exposure to traditional culture should be part of every safari (Ngamo Village, outside Hwange National Park)

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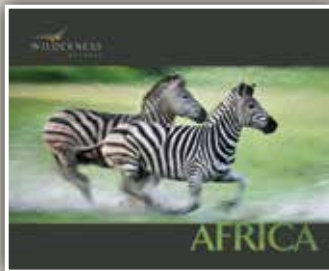


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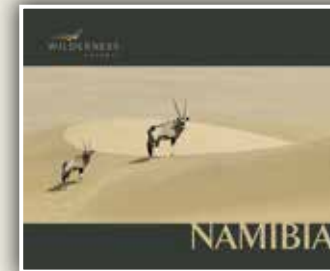
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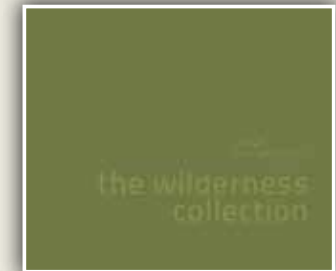
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