

AFRICA EASY presents

THE ZAMBIAN EXPLORER

(12 nights / 13 days)

with optional 3-night Cape Town pre or post extension

DETAILED DAY-BY-DAY SAFARI ITINERARY

Day 1 – JOHANNESBURG

- On arrival in Johannesburg, transfer to a local hotel and rest up in preparation for departure to Zambia.

Meals: Dinner included

Overnight: **JOHANNESBURG HOTEL**

Days 2 & 3 – VICTORIA FALLS, LIVINGSTONE

- Scheduled flight from Johannesburg to Livingstone, Zambia
- Transfer to the colonial-style Royal Livingstone Hotel, overlooking the mighty Zambezi River. It is here that David Livingstone discovered one of the natural wonders of the world: the Victoria Falls
- Two days exploring and touring Victoria Falls and the surrounding area
- There is also the option to cross the famous bridge over the Zambezi River to view the Victoria Falls from the Zimbabwean side

Meals: Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner on own.

2 Overnights: **ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL, ZAMBIA**

Days 4-6 – LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

- Transfer to the Livingstone airport for our chartered flight to Royal Airstrip, Lower Zambezi National Park
- By vehicle and small-motorized boat we continue a short distance to Chiawa Camp, set on the banks of the Zambezi river under a grove of mahogany and acacia trees
- Chiawa, one of only a few camps within the Lower Zambezi National Park, offers spacious and luxurious tents with ensuite facilities. The thatched lounge and bar area provides the best views in the valley
- Each day we explore this remarkable wildlife area with excellent naturalist guides, including game drives in open 4x4 game-drive vehicles
- At night, search for the nocturnal species with the aid of spotlights
- Walking safaris are also available, accompanied by armed game scouts, or explore the Lower Zambezi River on a comfortable pontoon with cocktails in hand as the sun sets

Meals: All meals included

3 Overnights: **CHIAWA CAMP**

Day 7 – ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE, LOWER ZAMBEZI

- This morning we bid farewell to the magnificent Chiawa Camp and transfer a short distance along the Lower Zambezi River to the Royal Zambezi Lodge, just outside the national park

- ❑ Also set on a private riverfront overlooking the heart of Mana Pools, the Royal Zambezi Lodge is the starting point for our canoe trip down the Lower Zambezi, one of the last great water safaris in Africa!
- ❑ After lunch at the Lodge we have the following options: a game-drive or guided walk in the Lower Zambezi National Park, a fishing outing or simply relaxing at the lodge in the pool, on your private patio or in the Kigelia Lounge overlooking the river

Meals: All meals included

Overnight: **ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE**

Day 8 – CANOE TRIP BETWEEN ROYAL AND MWAMBASHI LODGES

- ❑ After a hearty breakfast this morning, we board our canoes and set off down the Zambezi River. The canoe trip will allow you to soak in the essential oneness with nature, taking away all unnecessary distractions
- ❑ We will be accompanied on our full-day 27-km canoe trip by professional guides with over 30 years of canoeing experience. More detailed information on the canoe trip follows this itinerary
- ❑ Do remember, you don't need to be super fit to enjoy this tranquil experience. This is a very relaxing trip and a journey never to be forgotten!
- ❑ On arrival downriver at Mwambashi River Lodge, we will met by our lodge hosts and share stories of our day-long canoe trip
- ❑ The Mwambashi River Lodge is situated in the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park, overlooking Chikwenya Island and the Zambezi River. Big game is often nearby!
- ❑ This evening we gather around the campfire for a dinner under the African sky

Meals: All meals included

Overnight: **MWAMBASHI RIVER LODGE**

Day 9 – MWAMBASHI RIVER LODGE, LOWER ZAMBEZI

- ❑ Today will be spent relaxing at the lodge between morning and afternoon game drives
- ❑ The tented accommodations are tastefully furnished with the colors of Africa. All tents are ensuite and offer superb views of the river
- ❑ Late afternoon we will take a motorized boat cruise on the Zambezi River in search of game and the profuse bird-life in this remote area
- ❑ Return to the lodge for sundowners followed by dinner
- ❑ The wilderness of this camp, the level of comfort, and the big-game experience are sure to awaken and nourish the senses

Meals: All meals included

Overnight: **MWAMBASHI RIVER LODGE**

Days 10-12 – SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

- ❑ We bid farewell this morning to our canoe guides and the team at Mwambashi
- ❑ Our privately chartered aircraft takes us on a scenic flight from the Royal Airstrip, in the Lower Zambezi, to Mfuwe
- ❑ On arrival our rangers and guides meet us and we transfer to our bush camps, set under cool shade trees near the Luangwa River
- ❑ Known for its unspoiled beauty and abundant game, South Luangwa National Park encompasses an extensive riverine habitat, lagoons and ebony groves
- ❑ Each day we explore the Luangwa, either on foot with game rangers and naturalist guides or in open four-wheel-drive vehicles

- ❑ Four hundred species of birds also thrive here, as well as great concentrations of wildlife including elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, hippo and endemic red puku antelope
- ❑ As night falls we search for big cats and other nocturnal species using spotlights
- ❑ We enjoy a farewell dinner in the African bush!

Meals: All meals included

3 Overnights: **BUSH CAMPS**

Day 13 – MFUWE / LUSAKA / JOHANNESBURG

- ❑ After a morning of game viewing we return to camp for breakfast, bid farewell and transfer to the Mfuwe airstrip
- ❑ Our scheduled charter flight takes us to Lusaka. On arrival we connect with international flights to Johannesburg and continue on home. Or if you are doing a post-tour Cape Town extension, fly Johannesburg to Cape Town
- ❑ Our *Zambian Explorer* safari ends in Johannesburg

More info on what to expect on the CANOE TRIP:

- ❑ **You don't need to be super fit** for this kind of canoeing, as it is not a race down the river or against time, but a drift and gentle paddle to take pleasure from the water, wildlife, scenery and tranquility of our breathtaking surroundings
- ❑ **THE PLAN IS:** After settling in at Royal Zambezi Lodge, we will attend a detailed briefing on our canoe trip. Those choosing not to travel by canoe will be transferred between the lodges by motorized boat.
- ❑ The following morning we will embark the canoes and paddle downstream towards Mwambashi, a 27-km journey
- ❑ You will have ample opportunity to enjoy the wildlife that frequents the riverbanks and islands. Lunch and refreshments are served enroute
- ❑ In the mid-to-late-afternoon, we will arrive at Mwambashi River Lodge and be welcomed by our hosts
- ❑ The next day we may opt to do game viewing in the park or some more canoeing. If you choose to go on the river again, you will be able to canoe the Chifungulu Channels or the Discovery Channels, which are idyllic inland waterways that branch off the main stream of the Zambezi and rejoin further down
- ❑ Canoeing can be combined with other activities, and if you are a real fan we will make sure you get the most out of canoeing...

OPTIONAL 3-NIGHT CAPE TOWN PRE AND/OR POST EXTENSION AVAILABLE

CAPE TOWN – Day 1

Arrive Cape Town Airport and transfer a short distance to the Waterfront and our hotel

Meals: On own account

Overnight: **THE COMMODORE HOTEL or similar**

CAPE TOWN – Day 2

Full-day Cape Peninsula tour including the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve; Cape Point, where two oceans meet; African (jackass) penguins; and a visit to the renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Meals: Breakfast included, lunch and dinner on own

Overnight: **THE COMMODORE HOTEL or similar**

CAPE TOWN –Day 3

This morning we take a catamaran tour to historic Robben Island—a World Heritage Site. After lunch in the waterfront, take a trip up Table Mountain by cable car followed by a visit to the District Six Museum. Today's tours are weather and conditions permitting. A substitute outing will be a full-day tour to the Cape Winelands and Hermanus in search of southern right whales

Meals: Breakfast included, lunch and dinner on own

Overnight: **THE COMMODORE HOTEL or similar**

If you are on the pre-extension

Depart Cape Town the next morning on an early flight to Johannesburg to connect with the scheduled flight between Johannesburg and Livingstone

If you are on the post-extension

On arrival in Johannesburg after the Zambian Explorer tour, board a flight to Cape Town and transfer to the Waterfront

TOUR BOOKINGS:

To reserve space on the above tour or on any of the tours on the ***Africa Easy*** website, please complete the **REQUEST INFO FORM** on the site (you will hear back within 24 hours). Or you may contact Africa Easy by telephone at 206-284-2319 (toll free: 800-617-2319) or e-mail: Nadia@AfricaEasy.com so that we can mail a reservation form to you.

Please familiarize yourself with the ***Africa Easy*** **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** before booking any of our tours

INCLUDED IN THE ZAMBIAN EXPLORER TOUR:

- Accommodations and meals (hotels/lodges/camps) as mentioned in the itinerary
- Charter airfare between the camps/lodges in Zambia only. Included air: Livingstone to Royal / Mfuwe / Lusaka
- Services of a professional naturalist guide resident in each safari camp and lodge
- Services of local tour guides while on sightseeing excursions
- All game-viewing activities and sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary
- Park entrances fees
- Porterage at all hotels/lodges
- Group transfers as mentioned above

NOT INCLUDED IN THE ZAMBIAN EXPLORER TOUR:

- Except as mentioned above, international and domestic air transportation is not included
- Meals "on own" as mentioned in the detailed itinerary
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, including bottled water. Some lodges and camps while on safari do include complimentary house wines or soft drinks.
- ALL gratuities for porterage, hotel & safari lodge staff, tour guides, and naturalist guides, etc
- Items of a personal nature such as souvenirs, communication fees, laundry, excess baggage, visas / passport and inoculation fees, as well as airport and departure taxes
- Travel and personal insurance (**highly recommended**)
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned above
- Transfers outside of group arrangements