



THE GREAT ZAMBEZI

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO WORLD ON SALE BOTSWANA SAFARIS

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Much of Southern Africa's great beauty is due to its magnificent waterways. The Zambezi River Basin is the most important of all the waterways in the southern continent. The Zambezi, Africa's 4th largest river, takes a 1600 mile journey from its source in northern Zambia to the coast of Mozambique. Flowing south from the headwaters, the river briefly moves through Western Angola before turning east where it forms the southern border of Zambia before entering Mozambique on its final leg to the Indian Ocean. The story of the Zambezi is the story of water in Africa. On this journey you visit Victoria Falls, one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, and explore the stunning Lower Zambezi region, just across the river from famed World Heritage site of Mana Pools National Park. This unique environment provides a rare and authentic opportunity to learn about local African communities and the challenges they face today from changes in climate & rainfall, to conflict with wildlife. Resident wildlife in the Lower Zambezi National Park is not only abundant but diverse. There is no more beautiful place to learn about water and no one better to learn from than Whole World Water (WWW). A representative of WWW will meet with you during your journey.



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Days 1 & 2

LIVINGSTONE / VICTORIA FALLS AREA / TONGABEZI LODGE (House)

Upon arrival in Kasane, Botswana on **Day 1**, you are met and transferred across the border into Zambia and on to the elegant Tongabezi Lodge in the Victoria Falls area. Tongabezi is set in a grove of African ebony trees on a sweeping bend of the Zambezi River, just upstream from the majestic Victoria Falls. The lodge consists of five luxury open-air houses and five cottages, all of which are only steps from the water and have spectacular views across the river. Built of local materials, every room is unique in design and set among the lodge's ebony and acacia trees. Each has its own shower, flush toilet and electricity. Fantastic birdlife and elephants along the river make this a special retreat.

In the late afternoon on **Day 1**, you take a sunset cruise up the river (with "sundowners"), watching the banks for many different species of game which utilize the river as a rich food and drinking source. Islands along the river are dotted with crocodiles and families of hippos. During your stay here there is a possibility that you will see herds of elephant drinking along the banks of the Zambezi and hear the hippos grunting throughout the day. Dinner each evening is served in the stunning, open air dining area overlooking the river.

On **Day 2**, you have a morning visit to the magnificent Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls is where the Zambezi River opens out into an extravaganza of roaring, spraying water, known to the locals as "mosi oa tunya" (the smoke that thunders). Standing before the brooding statue of David Livingstone, who in 1855 named the falls after his Queen, part of the raging river is compressed into a massive surge of green-white water known as the Devil's Cataract. Few sights are as awe-inspiring as this.

After your visit to the falls, then transfer to Livingstone Island for lunch. Perched on the edge of the Victoria Falls in the very midst of this thundering mass of water, Livingstone Island is the place from where Dr. Livingstone first viewed the falls. During your guided exploration of the island, you'll truly understand the real power of this Wonder of the World. Afterwards enjoy a sumptuous lunch while

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the Zambezi waters roar past. If you are feeling brave, take a heart-stopping peek over the island's edge to the churning mass of water below, or a dip in the Falls' very own "devil's pool" (*activity is subject to water levels*).

Additional activities available during your stay at Tongabezi:

- ❖ Game viewing through Mosi oa Tunya National Park (see Zambia's last rhino)
- ❖ Visit historic Livingstone town and the craft market
- ❖ Tour the Livingstone Museum noted for its artifacts that belonged to David Livingstone
- ❖ Visit a local village

Additional activities available at additional cost:

- ❖ Guided canoeing down the Zambezi River
- ❖ Horseback riding along the Zambezi River
- ❖ Helicopter or Microlight flight over the Victoria Falls
- ❖ Grade 5 white water rafting
- ❖ Africa's tallest bungee jumping
- ❖ Elephant-back safari

NOTE: You have a private vehicle and boat for activities during your stay at Tongabezi (subject to availability).

Days 3 & 4

LOWER ZAMBEZI / KANYEMBA LODGE

On the morning of **Day 3** you are transferred to the Livingstone Airport where you board your flight to the Royal Airstrip in the Lower Zambezi region (via Lusaka). Here, you are met by a representative from Kanyemba Lodge and transferred upstream by boat to the lodge (1.5 hours). Kanyemba Lodge is located on the banks of the Zambezi River and completely surrounded by nature. The lodge is small and exclusive, with six chalets built of natural materials which blend in perfectly with the surroundings. Each chalet has a private verandah overlooking the Zambezi River.

Over the next two days you visit with Isaiah Museto, Community Coordinator for Direct Impact Africa. He takes you to Chiawa Village to meet the director of the Chiawa Clinic and the headmaster of the Chiawa Basic School. During these visits you learn about the community needs and EXPLORE's "Direct Impact Africa" (DIA) projects and their work in the surrounding Lower Zambezi area. DIA is supported by Whole World Water in its efforts to bring irrigation and water to local villagers. Other village visits may include the Simbarashe women's cooperative, Chics for Chicks, the fish farm, and the women's dorm.



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During your stay you also have time to explore the Zambezi by boat or canoe. This part of the river is dotted with small islands surrounded by tall grasses and highly favored by elephant and hippo. You also may take a bush walk on Kanyemba Island or a game drive in this beautiful area.

NOTE: *You have a private vehicle and boat for activities during your stay at Kanyemba Lodge (subject to availability).*

Days 5 & 6

LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK / SAUSAGE TREE CAMP (Signature Tent)

On **Day 5** you are transferred by boat to Sausage Tree Camp. A boat from Kanyemba takes you half of the way and you then transfer to a Sausage Tree Camp boat and continue down river to the lodge (total transfer is 2+ hours). This beautiful camp is situated in the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park and offers all the game and all of the luxury without all the people.

Sausage Tree Camp consists of eight luxurious Bedouin-style canvas tents. Spread along the banks of the Zambezi River, each tent has a stunning river view, comfortable beds with down duvets under mosquito netting with the finest of furnishings.

The Lower Zambezi National Park is remote and unspoiled with a diverse range of eco-systems, offering stunning scenery and varied wildlife viewing. Until recently it was the private reserve of Zambia's President, so it is extremely untouched. This area is home to large herds of elephant and buffalo, and lion are also common. Regular plains game sightings include kudu, zebra, impala, warthog and bushbuck. There are large "pods" of hippo in the river directly in front of the lodge as well as crocodile. Night drives are also an option and leopard, hyena, porcupine, civet, genet and honey badger are commonly sighted. The area is also well known for its excellent sightings of serval, a medium sized spotted cat.

Besides game drives, there are many options during your stay at Sausage Tree Camp. Motor boat or canoeing safaris are available from the camp anytime, and are manned by expert guides who steer you as you explore the numerous



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interesting channels and islands in search of the many photographic opportunities that invariably arise. Fishing for the world-renowned "Tiger fish" is also available.

NOTE: You have a private vehicle and boat for activities during your stay at Sausage Tree Camp (subject to availability).

Day 7

LUSAKA / DEPARTURE

On the morning of **Day 7**, you are transferred to the Jeki Airstrip for your flight to Lusaka where you transfer to your flight(s) homeward.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Price Range: \$3,136.00 - \$3,843.00 per person based on double occupancy

Available between October 1-November 15, 2013 & April, 15-November 15, 2014

All prices include a \$150 per person contribution to Whole World Water- a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe and clean water to people around the world.

Price Includes: All accommodations as stated in itinerary; all ground transportation upon landing in Kasane, Botswana; all game activities as stated in itinerary; park fees.

Tongabezi Lodge: All meals, local beverages, activities as stated in itinerary, & laundry
Condé Nast Traveler World on Sale special additions:

- Private boat and vehicle for activities (pending availability)
- Complimentary Livingstone Island lunch (subject to water levels)

Kanyemba Lodge: All meals, local beverages, activities, & laundry,
Condé Nast Traveler World on Sale special additions:

- Private boat and vehicle for activities (pending availability)
- Village visits to DIA projects and meetings with local leaders

Sausage Tree Camp: All meals; local beverages; laundry, game activities
Condé Nast Traveler World on Sale special additions:

- Private boat and vehicle for activities (subject to availability)

Price Excludes: All airfare; medical immunizations; passport fees; visa fee for Zambia (\$50.00 per person); accident/baggage/ medevac & cancellation insurance; individual transfers; excursions deviating from the scheduled tour; excess baggage charges; medical expenses; airport departure fees and taxes; telephone or fax charges; room service; private guide; gratuities to guides and staff; and other items of a purely personal nature.

Tongabezi Lodge: Imported wines & premium spirits; additional activities as stated in itinerary
Kanyemba Lodge: Imported wines & premium spirits
Sausage Tree Camp: Imported wines & premium spirits

REQUIRED FLIGHTS (Excluded from the package price):

Approximate cost for the required domestic (Zambian) flights on Days 3 & 7: \$700.00 per person
International airfare to Kasane, Botswana and departing from Lusaka, Zambia

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