



# MAMA TEMBO TOURS • ZAMBIA

EAST, WEST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA SAFARI SPECIALIST

## MTTZ Contest Safari

Dates of Travel: July 01 to October 01, 2018. It is also possible to travel in October if you are prepared for some high temperatures.



Diversity is the key to a great safari. This 14 day Zambia road trip includes many of Zambia's best destinations and all the adventures you miss by flying: three national parks in the famous Luangwa Valley; first class wildlife observation; walking safaris; night safaris; the historical Shiwa N'gandu estate; Kapishya Hot Springs; the Mutinondo Wilderness; and three

nights in Lusaka as our guests at MT Cheza where we are happy to share your Zambian experiences over a home-cooked meal around the fire pit.

Day/Date	Daily Details	Accommodation/Meals
<b>01</b> <b>Lusaka</b>	Arrive Lusaka. You are met and transferred to Mama Tembo Cheza, MTTZ's private guest house on a five acre wooded plot in a quiet, rural area of Lusaka. We provide potable water; DSTV; wireless; back-up inverter, batteries and generator for Zambian power cuts, and a private fire pit where you can relax under the stars and listen to owls and night jars.  <i>Driving distance from the airport: 40 minutes</i>	MT Cheza <a href="http://www.MTTZSafaris.com">www.MTTZSafaris.com</a>  <i>Meals: dependent upon your arrival time</i>
<b>02</b> <b>Lusaka</b>	Free day in Lusaka. We will take you on a half day or full day tour of Lusaka. There are some lovely walks and do-it-yourself birding around MT Cheza too. Feel free to relax and prepare for your safari.	MT Cheza <a href="http://www.MTTZSafaris.com">www.MTTZSafaris.com</a>  <i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i>
<b>03</b> <b>South Luangwa</b>	We transfer you to the airport for an early morning one-hour flight to Mfuwe, gateway to South Luangwa National Park, Zambia's signature	Kafunta River Lodge <a href="http://www.luangwa.com">www.luangwa.com</a> or

<p><b>National Park</b></p>	<p>national park with first class wildlife observation.</p> <p>Kafunta River Lodge or Nkonzi Camp will collect you at the airport and transfer you to camp where you undertake twice daily game activities, either by vehicle or on foot.</p> <p>You have a choice of accommodation. We can discuss which suits your requirements better.</p> <p>Kafunta River Lodge: consists of eight elevated and thatched chalets, the lounge, dining area and swimming pool overlook a game-rich flood plain where elephants especially are frequently seen. Beyond the plain is the Luangwa River and one of the best game-viewing areas of the south park. Kafunta is 45 mins driving distance from the airport. It is located outside the park.</p> <p>Nkonzi Camp: is a simple but comfortable bush camp facing a sand river in the dry season. It sleeps only 8 people in 4 tents with hot water bucket showers and outdoor ensuites. Nkonzi is located some 15 kms from the busier area of the park. Expect to see fewer vehicles on your game drives. Nkonzi also offers a full day game drive which allows you to travel further into the park. Nkonzi is located inside the park and a 1.5 hour drive from the airport at game drive speed.</p>	<p>Nkonzi Camp  <a href="http://www.jackalberrysafaris.com">www.jackalberrysafaris.com</a></p> <p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i></p>
<p><b>04 South Luangwa National Park</b></p>	<p>Morning and afternoon game drives returning to the camp late morning for lunch and a rest. The afternoon game drive stops for sundowners in the bush after which follows a night game drive. If you have chosen to stay at Nkonzi, then we suggest you undertake your full day's game drive today.</p>	<p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i></p>
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<p><b>06 Luambe National Park</b></p>	<p>Your South Luangwa accommodation will transfer you to a collection point in Mfuwe where you meet your MTTZ driver and vehicle. Today you drive through the game-rich Nsefu sector of the Luangwa Valley (on the eastern side of the Luangwa River) to Luambe National Park, arriving in time for a late</p>	<p>Luambe Lodge  <a href="http://www.luambe.com">www.luambe.com</a></p>

	<p>lunch. Or take along a packed lunch from Kafunta or Nkonzi and arrive in time for the afternoon game drive.</p> <p>Luambe is a small park, just 25 kms long, sandwiched between South and North Luangwa National Parks. Due to its history and the proximity of human populations, Luambe is not a big five destination. It will take a few years of lodge presence and visitors' patronage to encourage the growth of its wildlife numbers. The lodge consists of five spacious and comfortable en-suite safari tents on the banks of the Luangwa River overlooking one of the river's largest hippo pods. Expect a noisy night!</p> <p><b>Driving Distance: 4 hours</b></p>	<i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i>
<p><b>07</b> <b>Luambe National Park</b></p>	<p>A full day to explore Luambe National Park. Activities here are game drives; walking safaris; birding and hippo watching. Carmine bee-eaters arrive from Mozambique beginning in late July to nest in the river banks. By August and September, you can enjoy morning coffee near their colony which allows you to see these beautiful birds leave their nests at first light to take to the air in search of insects.</p>	<i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i>
<p><b>08</b> <b>North Luangwa National Park</b></p>	<p>This is our most adventurous day, driving between Luambe NP and North Luangwa NP, a scenic journey which takes you through rural Zambia. We carry a packed lunch. We cross a precarious looking pontoon over the Luangwa River into the North park by early to mid afternoon. From there it is less than a 50 min drive to Buffalo Camp on the Mwaleshi River.</p> <p>Buffalo Camp is a quinessential seasonal bush camp consisting of just six chalets constructed from natural materials. Buffalo is one of only two camps in the entire park. It is a very simple place but there is always hot water for showers, cold drinks, and plenty of wildlife excitement close by.</p> <p><b>Driving Distance: 6 hours</b></p>	<p>Buffalo Camp <a href="http://www.shiwasafaris.com">www.shiwasafaris.com</a></p> <p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i></p>
<p><b>09</b> <b>North Luangwa National Park</b></p>	<p>As there are limited game tracks in this park, walking safaris are the main activity in this true wilderness. As the dry season wears on, buffalo congregate in huge herds for protection from the predators which stalk them. Lions have a reputation for being fierce in North Luangwa. They do not see the amount of visitors that South Luangwa receives.</p>	

		<i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i>
<b>10</b> <b>Kapishya</b> <b>Hot Springs</b> <b>on the</b> <b>Shiwa</b> <b>Ng'andu</b> <b>Estate</b>	<p>Leaving Buffalo Camp this morning you drive up the Luangwa Valley escarpment to exit the park at Mano Gate. Your destination today is Kapishya Hot Springs on the private Shiwa Ng'andu Estate. Shiwa Ng'andu is a manor house and farm built by Sir Stewart Gore-Browne in the 1920s and which today welcomes tourists as a game farm, historical site and unique accommodation. The 100 square km estate offers good walking and horseback riding for competent riders. Birding is also excellent. Kapishya Hot Springs is located 30 kms from the manor house. Chalet accommodation here is set in lovely gardens only a few minutes' walk from the hot springs. Your Kapishya host is Mark Harvey, grandson of Sir Stewart, who also owns and operates Buffalo Camp, your accommodation in North Luangwa National Park.</p> <p><i>Driving distance: 5-6 hours.</i></p>	<p>Kapishya Hot Springs <a href="http://www.shiwasafaris.com">www.shiwasafaris.com</a></p> <p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i></p>
<b>11</b> <b>Kapishya</b> <b>Hot Springs</b>	<p>We suggest an early morning tour of the Shiwa house between 8:30 – 9:30 am. For the rest of the day, relax and enjoy the beautiful gardens, swimming pool and hot springs. Sort through your photos and use the wireless to contact the outside world. Kapishya has a spa on site offering all sorts of pampering services.</p>	<p>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</p>
<b>12</b> <b>Mutinondo</b> <b>Wilderness</b>	<p>Your destination today is the Mutinondo Wilderness, a private 100 square km preserve of indigenous woodland. Mutinondo is perfect for exploring on foot. Accommodation is open-air, rustic stone chalets tucked away in the whalebacks which are a distinctive geographical feature of Mutinondo. September is the month known for the miombo flush – the forests turn red and yellow – Mutinondo is one of the best destinations to experience these colours.</p> <p><i>Driving Distance: 5 - 6 hours</i></p>	<p>Mutinondo Wilderness <a href="http://www.mutinondozeambia.com">www.mutinondozeambia.com</a></p> <p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</i></p>
<b>13</b> <b>Mutinondo</b> <b>Wilderness</b>	<p>Explore the Mutinondo Wilderness on foot. A guided, full day hike down the escarpment to Mutinondo Waterfalls can be arranged in advance. Otherwise, there are other less strenuous hiking trails.</p>	<p>Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner</p>

<p><b>14</b> <b>Lusaka</b></p>	<p>This is a long day's drive back to Lusaka along The Great North Road. The Great North Road was originally envisioned by Cecil John Rhodes during British colonial rule as stretching from Cape Town to Cairo, a PanAfrican highway linking the continent from south to north. This grandiose project's success proved elusive, but the section of The Great North Road through Zambia lives on. Traffic into Lusaka is always a delaying factor on our return but Zambia is in the process of constructing a dual highway the last 200 kms. It may take to 2019 to complete.</p>	<p>MT Cheza <a href="http://www.MTTsafaris.com">www.MTTsafaris.com</a></p>
	<p><i>Driving distance: 7 – 8 hours</i></p>	<p><i>Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner</i></p>

**Prize Safari & Companion Safari Include:**

- One way air transfer to South Luangwa National Park
- Land cruiser for the road section, Day 06 – 14, seats 4 comfortably with small fridge, inverter for charging batteries
- Road transfers in South Luangwa NP provided by park accommodations
- Accommodation on full board basis per the itinerary (double or twin share)
- English-speaking driver guide for the road section and his expenses
- All National Park, Conservancy, Pontoon and Vehicle Entry fees
- Game Activities per the itinerary, provided by your accommodations
- Bottled drinking water in the vehicle at all times
- Airport Transfers, Lusaka
- Airport meet and greet, Lusaka
- Lusaka Tour on Day 02
- Entrance fee to Shiwa Ng'andu Manor House

**Safari Excludes:**

- Zambia visa (typically 50 USD)
- International flights to Zambia
- Optional activities such as full day hiking guide in Mutinondo
- Travel and health insurance which must include emergency evacuation to home country
- Single room supplement
- Personal spending for services and meals not mentioned in the itinerary (beverages in camps, telephone calls, wireless, spa treatments, laundry etc.)
- Tips/Gratuities
- Extra costs incurred as a result of alterations to the original tour
- Any extension travel services upon completion of the safari (we are happy to provide you assistance with any add-on travel.)
- Alcoholic beverages



There remains a great deal of nostalgia in the way the travel industry markets Africa. Africa *the way it was*, the slogans say. I have never understood what that means exactly. Longing for the wilderness experience of the past insinuates that we want it all to ourselves. But exclusivity is not the best way to protect wilderness. We need everyone's help going forward if we are to save our natural world. Furthermore, nature itself is not static. It is always changing. It never lives in the past. This is one of the greatest lessons of nature if only we paid attention.

Marketing also sells us on destinations labeled as *the real Africa*. Of course, this refers primarily to the safari industry, inferring that safaris of old were more authentic, hence the need to re-create the experience. This is just not so. The real Africa is the here and now, not what it was 100 or even 10 years ago, and it waits for you outside your safari lodge any time you want to see it. It is why I love traveling by road through Zambia.

I look forward to welcoming you to Zambia in 2018!

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