



CLASSIC ROUTE ZAMBIA

The CLASSIC ROUTE covers some **highlights of Zambia** (area: 752,614 km²), also known as the “diamond in the rough”. It boasts some of the continent’s best wildlife parks and is bordered by the Zambezi River, along which are three of the region’s major highlights: Victoria Falls, Lake Kariba and Lower Zambezi.

Itinerary: Lusaka – South Luangwa National Park including walking safaris – Lower Zambezi – Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Day 1 Arrival in **Lusaka**, the capital of Zambia, part modern and part traditional African, where the dusty markets sit alongside very Soviet-looking high-rise blocks. Direct onward flight to **Mfuwe**, where you will be met by your ranger and driven to your lodge. In the afternoon you will embark on your first **safari in open 4WD game vehicles** under the guidance of knowledgeable, experienced and professional safari guides. **Overnight in the South Luangwa National Park**

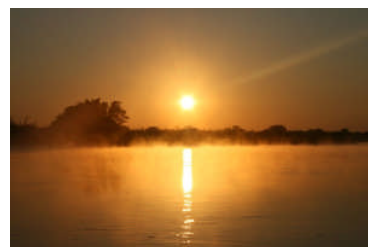
Day 2 The **South Luangwa National Park** is *the* best park in Zambia and one of the most majestic in Africa. Impalas, puku and buffalos wander on the wide-open plains, leopard, lion and wild dog hunt in the dense woodlands, herds of elephants wade through the marshes and hippos munch serenely on Nile cabbage in the Luangwa River. The birdlife with over 400 recorded species is also tremendous. Full day of game drives in the park. **Overnight in the South Luangwa National Park**

Day 3-6 Transfer from your lodge to the first **walking safari camp** further south. Those camps are more rustic, but extremely comfortable and all your needs are being looked after. Meet with your professional guide for a briefing. Remember that the next few days hike is not a nature trail, but you will be tracking **big game** through the African bush on foot. You will walk from camp to camp and stay at three camps in 5 nights. The walks are very relaxed and slow and incredibly peaceful – except if an elephant blocks your way! You will have stunning views of the **Luangwa River** that is home to one of the biggest hippo concentration in the world. It is also the lifeblood of the park and flows all year, although it gets quite shallow in the dry season (May to October). At this time – **the best time to visit** – the vast sandbanks are exposed, but usually covered by groups of hippos and/or crocodiles basking in the sun. **Overnight in the South Luangwa National Park**



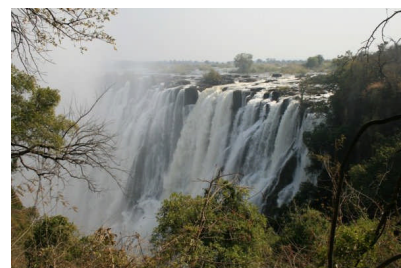
Day 7 Return transfer to Mfuwe and flight back to Lusaka. From here you will be picked up and transferred into the **Lower Zambezi** region in eastern Zambia. Arrive at your lodge, settle in and in the afternoon enjoy your first **boat trip** on the **Zambezi River** where you will spot many elephants and hippos as well as an abundant bird life. **Overnight at the Zambezi River**

Day 8/9 During your two-day stay along the **Zambezi River** you will also enjoy a full day’s visit into the **Zambezi National Park**, Zambia’s newest park that covers 4,092 km² along the northwestern bank of the Zambezi River opposite the Mana Pools National Park in Zimbabwe. It is one of Zambia’s premier parks, with a beautiful flood plain alongside the river. But the best wildlife viewing is on the flood plain and river itself – seeing groups of elephants swim across the river is a highlight of the trip! **Overnight in the South Luangwa National Park**



Day 10 Today, you will be transferred to the historic town of **Livingstone**, named after the first European to set eyes on the falls, and from here to your lodge. Rest of day at leisure, perhaps partake in a relaxing **sundowner cruise** on this part of the Zambezi River. **Overnight in Livingstone**

Day 11 We recommend a visit of the mighty **Victoria Falls** in the **Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park**. Zambia’s smallest park is situated some 11km from Livingstone and is divided into two sections – the Victoria Falls World Heritage National Monument Site and the Mosi-oa-Tunya Game Park. Just before the Zambian border post you will find the entrance and you just have to walk across the **footbridge** to get a close-up view of the **Eastern Cataract** – nothing beats the hair-raising (and hair-wetting) experience! *Quick facts of the Victoria Falls: aptly described as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, they are 1.7km wide and 108m high and have an annual average flow of one million litres per second.* **Overnight in Livingstone**



Day 12 During the day depart from Livingstone.