Busanga is simply one of those magical and remote African destinations which should be on every safari-goers "to-do" list.

The Busanga Plains are seasonally flooded grasslands in the far north of Zambia’s Kafue National Park. Fed by the Lupufa River, the floodplains begin to dry out in late May, leaving access to the plains beginning in August. Hippos are trapped in shallow pools by the receding waters. Between August and end of October, Busanga provides some of Kafue’s best game observation. Red lechwe and puku cover the plains. It is possible to see roan and sable antelope. It’s a great location for big cat observation, especially lion and cheetah. The shy sitatunga antelope also lives in Busanga’s swamps.

A “luxury” safari is not just about how much it costs. It is also about how you prefer to spend your precious leisure time. It’s about the pursuit of authenticity (even if that means enduring a few bumpy roads), and an adventure which is defined less by adrenalin-rush and more by the mystique of remote locations and special events or activities. Diversity is the key to great travel. If this matches your criteria for Zambia then consider this itinerary to the remote Busanga Plains by road. You can then include yourself in the small group of Zambia’s visitors who choose Busanga over more popular destinations. If time permits, combine Busanga with another Zambia park.
DAY 1
LUSAKA
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. For 3 guests and more, we have several economical accommodation options: Sarek Creek Bed & Breakfast (sleeps 4 people); River Bird Guest House; and Palmwood Lodge (very accessible to the airport). For upgrades, consider Lusaka’s boutique Latitude 15 Hotel.

Meals included: dependent upon your arrival time

DAY 2
KAFUE NATIONAL PARK
Drive to Kafue River Lodge, a 6 hour drive, a route which takes the Great West Road to Mumbwa town before following a route through the Mushingashi Conservancy to Kafue NP’s Kabulushi Gate. Cross the Kafue River at the Lubungu Pontoon. From there, the lodge is 10 kms. Arrive in time for a late lunch. Afternoon activities can be a game drive or a boat safari (dependent upon the river’s depth) or a combination of both. Kafue River Lodge consists of four spacious en-suite chalets facing the river. KRL considers itself home of the "slow safari".

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3
KAFUE NATIONAL PARK
Twice daily game activities in the Lunga Luswishi Game Management Area, Kafue National Park, and Mushingashi Conservancy. Boat safaris, guided bush walks & night safaris are also available.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner
DAYS 4

KAFUE NATIONAL PARK: BUSANGA PLAINS

Depart after an early breakfast for the Busanga Plains, a **full day’s drive** to this remote area. The first half of the drive is through rural Zambia and its villages. The second half of the drive is through Busanga itself, flat grassland plains dotted with islands of date palms, sausage and fig trees. Wildlife observation gets better and better as you enter the plains proper.

Tonight’s accommodation is the sister camp to Kafue River Lodge, opened in 2019. Kasonso is a permanent camp open 01 July to 31 October.

**Meals included:** breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

DAYS 5

KAFUE NATIONAL PARK: BUSANGA PLAINS

The first of two full days spent exploring Busanga Plains. Twice daily shared game activities which can include guided walking.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 6

KAFUE NATIONAL PARK: BUSANGA PLAINS

The second full day spent exploring Busanga Plains.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner
KAFUE NATIONAL PARK
Drive south through Kafue National Park with a picnic lunch to meet the Great West Road which brings you back to Lusaka, a drive which keeps you in wildlife areas for its entirety. Lusaka is too far to reach by taking this leisurely route through the park, so we break our journey at the long established tented camp of Mayukuyuku, arriving in time to share their afternoon game activity which can be a boat safari. Mayukuyuku consists of four tented en-suite chalets.

Meals included: breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

DAY 8
LUSAKA — INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE
Lusaka is 250 kms distance, a 4 – 5 hour drive from Mayukuyuku. Enjoy the early morning game, even an early lunch, before departing for Lusaka. Once in Lusaka, we drop you to the airport for your international departure.

Meals included: breakfast, picnic lunch

— END OF SAFARI SERVICES —

COST PER PERSON (BASED ON TWO PEOPLE SHARING)

>> Lusaka x1; Kafue River Camp x2; Kasonso Busanga Camp x3; Mayukuyuku Bush Camp x 1
6 paxs: $3,601 USD
4 paxs: $3,735 USD
2 paxs: $4,103 USD

>> Please inquire about estimates for 3 paxs – 5 paxs. Single supplements might be incurred at accommodations where triple rooms are unavailable.
SAFARI INCLUDES

- Land cruiser for the road section, Day 02 – 08, seats 4/6 comfortably with small fridge, inverter for charging batteries
- Open shared game vehicle in Busanga Plains
- 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
- Laundry services at Kafue River Lodge; Kasonso Busanga Camp
- House beverages of wine and beer at Kafue River Lodge; Kasonso Busanga Camp

SAFARI EXCLUDES

- Zambia visa (typically $50 USD)
- International flights to Zambia
- Travel and health insurance which should include emergency evacuation to home country
- Single room supplements
- 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.)