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7 NIGHT KASANKA BAT SAFARI LATE NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER



Every year at the end of October thousands of “straw coloured fruit bats” congregate in the trees of the Mushitu swamp forest near the confluence of the Musola and Kasanka rivers in Kasanka National Park. The bats come to feed for a short six weeks on the abundance of seasonal fruit including wild loquat and waterberries. By mid-November their numbers reach into the millions. These migrations happen in other parts of Africa, but they tend to occur in urban areas, and with the growth of cities, bat numbers seem to be on the decline. To see millions of bats dispersing at dusk against the setting sun is one of the wildlife wonders of Africa, and one that definitely shouldn’t be missed.

The safari will continue at Nkwali Camp, where you will get to relish in the splendours of the Emerald Season in South Luangwa.

Kasanka is famed for having over 400 bird species, as well as both the tsessebe and sitatunga species of antelope. The South Luangwa River adds to the wildlife experience with the chance to see wild dog and explore the lush, colourful landscape at this time of year.

DAY ONE

On arrival at Lusaka International Airport, you will be met by a representative of Tracks Safaris who will assist you with your luggage and check-in for your flight to Mfuwe. On arrival at Mfuwe Airport you will be met and transferred to Nkwali Camp for 2 nights on an all-inclusive basis. The drive takes about one hour through colourful village life and the bush.

Nkwali Camp has a wide view of the Luangwa River and overlooking the South Luangwa National Park. The six rooms all look out over the river and have open air bathrooms. Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the lagoon to the back of Nkwali or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive.



DAY TWO

At dawn breakfast is served around the campfire. The porridge heated on the fire and toast cooked by the coals. The morning walk or drive will leave soon after, entering the park by boat from the camp or by road via the main gate. The game in the area is excellent – and includes many family herds of elephants and the endemic species of giraffe, the Thornicroft Giraffe. A mid-morning break of tea, coffee and cake will be taken at a scenic point on a lagoon or the Luangwa River. Return to camp for lunch around mid-day.

After lunch you can cool off in the swimming pool or siesta. Following tea you will go out on an afternoon game drive that continues into the early night giving the chance to see the nocturnal world, returning to camp about 2000 hrs with dinner generally at 2030.

DAY THREE

Another relaxing day with morning and evening game activities. Being the last whole day you resume game activities in the morning and evening with the possibility of visiting Kawaza village as an option to meet local people and experience life in a real Zambian village.

DAY FOUR

Today you will transfer to Kasanka National Park. Your Robin Pope Safaris guide will accompany you for your flight to Kasanka and on arrival you will be transferred to Wasa Camp where you will spend the next three days amongst the glory of the bat migration



DAYS FIVE AND SIX

These days will be quite relaxed with a chance to bird-watch, spend time in the Fibwe hide to catch a glimpse of the shy sitatunga, and view all of the other fantastic species in this area such as Lichtenstein's hartebeest, Pel's fishing owl, etc. And of course, you can't forget the bats!

DAY SEVEN

After a relaxing breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip where you will meet your plane for the flight to Mfuwe and onward connection to Lusaka. A beautiful flight over the escarpment and down into the Luangwa River Valley. On arrival into Lusaka you will be met and transferred to Protea Lusaka Tower Hotel for one night on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAY EIGHT

Depending on your onward flight, you may do an activity or go straight to the airport after breakfast for your international flight back home.



Extend your Kasanka Bat safari by spending more time in the South or North Luangwa National Parks, the Lower Zambezi or Livingstone – please ask!



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