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**8 DAY SMALL GROUP SHOEBILL SAFARI
SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK, KASANKE NATIONAL PARK AND
BENGWEULU SWAMPS
EVERY JUNE**



Take advantage of this exceptional trip covering the South Luangwa, Kasanka, and Bangweulu swamps. On the hunt for the remarkable shoebill, you will also encounter elephants, lions, giraffes, and host of other species.

This is a diverse safari combining South Luangwa National Park, Kasanka National Park and Bangweulu Swamps in a small group with a safari guide leading the trip to enhance your experience throughout.

After a couple of nights at Nkwali in the South Luangwa the group flies to Kasanka - there are many bird species to enjoy and the sitatunga will certainly be seen at the swamp. Then the safari will continue onto Bangweulu Swamps, which remains one of Zambia special highlights - with superb birding from water birds to the endangered wattled crane elegantly strolling around the plains. Of course the star attraction remains the extraordinary shoebill. At this time of year it is virtually a sure sighting. The area also hosts the endemic black lechwe along with tsessebe and buffalo.

Activities on offer:

- South Luangwa: walking, game drives (day and night), Kawaza Village Tour, Tribal Textiles tour (for souvenirs), Chipembele Wildlife Orphanage visit.
- Kasanka National Park: walking, game drives and bird watching.
- Bangweulu: walking, game drives and bird watching.

DAYS ONE AND TWO

On arrival at Lusaka International Airport you will be met and assisted with your luggage and check-in for your flight to Mfuwe. Your safari guide will be waiting for you at the Mfuwe airport where he will drive you to Luangwa River Camp for two nights on an all-inclusive basis.

The drive to camp is approximately 1 hour - Luangwa River Camp sits nestled under an ancient ebony grove on the banks of the Luangwa River overlooking the game rich area known as the Luangwa Wafwa. This small and intimate camp with just five bush suites, along with its setting and location creates a real “wow” factor and a romantic feeling simply flows through the camp. Depending on your arrival time in the day you will enjoy lunch or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive.

You have a full day of game drives and walking safaris on day two to explore the South Luangwa further.



DAY THREE

After breakfast around the camp fire you will be transferred to Mfuwe Airport for the 50 mins flight to Kasanka National Park and on to Wasa Camp. Depending on your flight time you may arrive in time for lunch and then enjoy birding for the afternoon along the Luwombwa River. With luck you may see African finfoot, ross' lourie, pel's fishing owl and osprey. Returning to camp for dinner and an early night or after dinner drinks around the camp fire.



DAY FOUR

Enjoy a day of birding and game watching in the hope of seeing many mammal species such as Lichtenstein's hartebeest, sable antelope, reedbuck and the rare blue monkey. Visit the sitatunga hide with its panoramic views over the Kapabi Swamp where you can spot as many as 40 sitatunga feeding at one time.

DAY FIVE

Today you will transfer by plane to Bangweulu Swamps, arriving at Shoebill Camp. The search by boat and foot will start - to track down the elusive Shoebill. Back to camp for lunch and out again after tea to see the herds of antelope for which the area is famous. Dinner is simple but adequate and then an early night.

DAY SIX

A full day of birding and enjoying the surroundings. Watch from the hide at dawn or dusk as thousands of waterfowl fly overhead. Overnight at Shoebill Camp.

DAYS SEVEN AND EIGHT

You will fly back to Lusaka for an overnight stay. The next morning you will be transferred to Lusaka International Airport for your flight home.

This safari can be extended to enjoy more time in the South or North Luangwa National Parks, the Lower Zambezi or Livingstone – please ask!



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