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Tour code:

Guaranteed departures

Small group safari maximum:

Travel through:

Safari length:

191006NZe13

6 travellers

Northern Zambia

13 days



2019

NORTHERN ZAMBIA



DEPARTS:

LILONGWE on Sunday 06Oct19 16:00pm

ENDS:

LUSAKA on Friday 18Oct19 at 16:00pm

Highlights

* South Luangwa National Park

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SAFARI GRADE: EXPEDITION

An expedition trip that shows you the essence of wildest Africa of yesteryear. North Luangwa National Park is a seldom visited, untouched wilderness and will charm you with its pristine beauty and variety of wildlife. We explore this area before heading south to the more famous South Luangwa National Park. It has long been regarded as one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. Open game drives and exciting game walks will immerse us in this wilderness.

The concept of the Sunway expedition tours is quite simple; we visit unusual destinations as a small group of travelers. There is one Sunway expedition leader who is an experienced guide. He/She knows how to run the operations of the tour, how to get through the borders, do the meal planning, keep the vehicle moving etc.

However these are places that we seldom visit, and as such the expedition leader will not have detailed knowledge of every destination. Where bookings are required, we will make bookings in advance, but much of the itinerary will be flexible and final route will be at the discretion of the expedition leader and subject to road conditions.

All participants on Sunway expedition trips must understand this tour requires flexibility and an appreciation of the open style of travel. This is not a set tour, it is an exploration. It's an adventure!

Day 1 LILONGWE [camping - - -]

This expedition starts in the afternoon in Lilongwe at Kiboko Campsite. In the afternoon we meet the rest of the group and enjoy a restaurant meal (own expense) and discuss our upcoming adventure into the heart of the wildlife oasis of the Luangwa Valley.

Planned stops:	1 night in Lilongwe
Includes:	-
Overnight:	1 night in Lilongwe - Campsite, good ablution facilities, hot showers & flush toilets, restaurant & bar
Distance/time:	-

Day 2 - 7 SOUTH LUANGWA [camping BLD] (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Leaving Lilongwe behind us, we cross the border into Zambia at Chipata as we head towards the Luangwa Valley. The road can be very rough and bumpy, and slow.

There are many game parks in Africa that may lay claim to be "Africa's Best Game Reserve", but South Luangwa has a better claim than most. Few other parks have South Luangwa's remarkable wildlife spectacles (day & night) in the isolation of a true wilderness. The concentration of game around the Luangwa River and its ox bow lagoons is among the most intense in Africa, and coupled with low visitor numbers South Luangwa always comes out around the top of the list.

Our stay in South Luangwa is unashamedly about wildlife viewing. With the plentiful wildlife that flourish in the park, we will explore the area on morning and afternoon game drives both inside the park, and in the game management areas that border the park.

A highlight of visiting South Luangwa is to go on a walking safari with a knowledgeable local guide, and night game drive in an open 4WD game viewing vehicle, where we hope to spot some of the elusive nocturnal predators.

Planned stops:	5 nights South Luangwa area, campsite outside the national park, 1 night en route in the Chipata area.
Includes:	Entrance fees for 3 days in the NP and 3 game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle and 2 game walks with local operator and guide.
Overnight:	Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar (situated on the Luangwa River, overlooking the National Park)
Optional Activities:	Additional game walks, or night game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle with local guide (all own expense)
Distance/time:	Lilongwe – South Luangwa: 290kms ± 6½ hrs, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch (subject to road conditions)



Day 8 - 11 NORTH LUANGWA [camping BLD]

Moving north along the eastern bank of the Luangwa River we have a long journey as we move further north to the heart of the Luangwa Valley and North Luangwa National Park.

This remote tract of land covering 4636 square kilometres offers one of the finest wilderness experiences in Zambia, if not Africa itself. The beauty of visiting this park is the truly remarkable opportunities to experience Africa as it was. It is wild and untouched and you are simply an unobtrusive witness to its natural beauty and drama. The park is noted for its massive herds of buffalo, a spectacular sight if they're seen on the run, kicking up dust for miles behind them. Large prides of lion are found in the area and it is not uncommon to witness a kill. Other common mammals are hyena, Cookson's wildebeest, bushbuck, zebra, warthog, baboon, vervet monkey, puku and impala. Elephant and leopard are also seen, but not as frequently as in the South Park.

The road infrastructure in North Luangwa is very limited due to the remoteness of the park, we are very unlikely to see anyone else during our stay in the park.

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We explore the "open to the public" northern zone of the park on morning and afternoon game drives in our expedition vehicle. Due to the lack of infrastructure we will have to be completely self sufficient, but it will be well worth the trouble to spend a short amount of time in the remarkable wilderness area.

Planned stops: 4 nights North Luangwa area, campsite outside the national park
Includes: 2 day entrance fees to North Luangwa NP
Overnight: 4 nights camping in the community area bordering the national park
Distance/time: North Luangwa - South Luangwa – 290kms ±10 hrs excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch (subject to road conditions)



Day 12 - 13 LUSAKA – TOUR ENDS [camping x1 Bx2 Lx1, -]

After spending 10 amazing days in the wild and remote wilderness areas of Northern Zambia, we slowly make our way back to civilization.

On day 12, coming out of the rugged terrain of North Luangwa, we camp for the night in the town of Chipata, and enjoy our final dinner together at a local restaurant (own expense)

Day 13 we have a long drive back along the "Great East Road" back to Lusaka. This Expedition back in time to wildest Africa, ends in the afternoon at Lusaka Airport.

Planned stops: 1 night en route to Lusaka (Probably in Chipata depending on the road conditions and travel time)
Includes: -
Overnight: Day 12, Campsite, good ablution facilities, hot showers & flush toilets, restaurant & bar
Distance/time: North Luangwa – Chipata: 390kms ± 8 hrs excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch (subject to road conditions)
Chipata – Lusaka: 570kms ± 7½ hrs excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch (subject to road conditions)

Please note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and photo stops!

2019 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (valid for travel in 2019)

If you book as an individual, or as one group booking of 2-6 clients travelling on this scheduled date (subject to a minimum number of 4 clients to guarantee the departure), then the price is:

€ 2 320 pps + local payment of US\$ 300
€ 80 single supplement


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DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

Why travel on a Sunway Safaris Expedition Trip.

Sunway Safaris have been running mobile camping & accommodated safaris throughout Southern Africa for the past 23 years. Our extensive knowledge and experience in African travel means that we are confident that we can safely take you to those remote and wild areas of Africa that many people dream about but who are daunted by the prospect of travelling on their own. You can rely on our knowledgeable and experienced tour leaders to take you to these out of the way places.

- **Experienced African Travellers** – By offering the Expedition trips to people who have travelled to Africa before, and who are aware of the sometimes very difficult travelling conditions, you will only be travelling with adventure minded travelers. The Expedition trips will be limited to a maximum of 8 people ensuring you experience Africa in a small an intimate group of like minded people.
- **Sunway tour guides** – group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway Expedition safari you will travel with one of our most experienced guides who are confident of travelling off the beaten track. Your guide has a passion for Africa, her people and her wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing his/her knowledge with you.
- **Participation** – An essential part of an Expedition trip is your participation. If the small group all pulls together and when the going gets tough, you are all there to help out. Putting up and taking down your tents is the easy part. Helping get the vehicle out of the thick sand, planning your route through thick mud, being a full participating member of the Expedition will only enhance your enjoyment of your out there African experience.
- **Safety** – All of our vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Responsible travel** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit.
- On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol  which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support.
- **Experience** - We have more than 19 years experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa, but ensure that you do not follow the well trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world.
- Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** - probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at time of travel require a medical certificate stating client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact marketing@sunway-safaris.com.

Accommodation

- **Camping** – where possible we will stay at designated campsites in national parks, on private land and in towns. Campsite facilities are generally very good but in places can be basic. There are hot and cold showers, restaurants, washing facilities and telephones available at most of the campsites. Some camps have simple reed enclosures for showers but do have flush toilets! On other nights in expedition trips we may be forced to stay wherever we can find a campsite, this could even be an unscheduled wild camping night. Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest. You will need to bring your own towel.

- **Wild camping** - Wild camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. Toilets will be of the "dig and bury" variety and a simple bucket bush shower will be provided.
- **Accommodation** – there may on occasion be campsites with rooms / chalets available. Sunway has budgeted for camping night, and therefore should you wish to upgrade on arrival at the campsite, this would be for your own expense, subject to availability of rooms. Sunway would pay the cost of camping, any extra would be for your own expense. This gives you the flexibility to use accommodation as you find it, at your own budget (and depending on the weather on the day).

Transport

- **Expedition vehicle** – the Sunway Safaris expedition vehicle will be used for all portions of the tour. The vehicle is designed to handle all road conditions expected on the route. Depending on the group size we may tow a trailer for equipment. The vehicle has closed sides with opening glass windows. Individual seats for each client. There are a couple of long days of travelling but the vehicles have a comfortable cruising speed. The emphasis of the trip is "getting out and doing things".

Local Payment

- A local payment is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari.

Sunway prepays by bank transfer, as many of the tour costs as possible. However, in many cases, a cash payment is the only option: certain of the destinations that we visit, only accept cash. For example entry fees to most national parks, some of the campsites and also local food markets (and even some shops) are only payable in cash. In addition, each Sunway vehicle has a garage card but these are only accepted in South Africa and parts of Namibia, therefore in all other countries, fuel must be paid for in cash. Due to the remoteness of some departure points, having a local payment system enables us to manage tour funds effectively. The efficiency of this system helps keep the overall tour prices down.

For these reasons, it is necessary for Sunway to charge a local payment. It also ensures that a portion of the tour costs goes directly into the country you are visiting, thereby benefiting local communities and contributing to the conservation of the areas we visit. This is all part of Sunway Safaris' ongoing effort to operate sustainable safaris that make a real difference.

Participation

- An essential part of your expedition is participation – from putting up your tent or packing away in the morning to helping with meal preparation and cleaning up – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your tour leader will do all the meal planning and food shopping however all participants will need to help with food preparation and washing up. At border crossings the expedition leader will need help from the participants in queuing for paperwork etc. In the unlikely event of a vehicle breakdown (such as flat tyre), or the more likely event of vehicle becoming stuck in mud or sand, everyone will need to help solve the problem and get the group out of the situation. Team spirit is part of the fun!

Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Africa House by Christina Lamb (Story of Stewart Gore who built an English country mansion in Zambia)
- Exploring Victoria Falls by Prof Lee R Berger and Brett Hilton by Barbe
- David Livingstone, The Truth Behind The Legend by Rob Mackenzie
- Personal Life of David Livingstone by William Blaikie
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography - Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (Is the deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom. A classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.)
- The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay (Story of one young man's search for the love that binds friends, the passion that binds lovers, and the realization that it takes only one to change the world.)
- The Covenant by James A. Mitchener (The best and worst of two continents carve an empire out of the vast wilderness that is to become South Africa.)
- My Traitor's Heart by Rian Malan (Malan, former South African crime reporter, searches for the truth behind apartheid.)
- When The Lion Feeds by Smith Wilbur (Fictional story set in Natal, South Africa in the 1870's)
- Jock of the Bushveld by J Percy FitzPatrick (Story of a trader and his dog set in 1880 around Pilgrim's Rest and Kruger area)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman

- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

Food

- We pride ourselves on giving very good healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except as shown in the itinerary. For those meals we will eat at local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- We do cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies.)
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

