

Safari with fishing

Zambia & Mozambique

14 nights



Brief Itinerary

- Day 1** Fly Livingstone, Zambia
- Day 2** Waterberry Lodge, 3 nights, fully-inclusive
- Day 5** Fly Lower Zambezi National Park, Chiawa, 3 nights, fully-inclusive
- Day 8** Fly Johannesburg, The Peech Hotel, 1 night, B&B
- Day 9** Fly Vilanculos, Bazaruto Lodge, 5 nights, full-board
- Day 14** Fly home

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

Today you will check in for the overnight flight to Livingstone, Zambia, via Johannesburg.

Day 2

On arrival you will be met and transferred to stay on the banks of the Zambezi River at Waterberry Lodge for the next 3 nights.

Livingstone is mostly visited for the incredible Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world, but also has a huge range of activities on offer from micro-lighting across the Falls to swimming above the Falls, bungee jumping and white water rafting. The famous Flight of the Angels over the Falls in a small plane is a firm favourite, and for romantics you can have a champagne breakfast on Livingstone Island which is literally in the middle of the Falls. The area offers plenty of other gentler activities, including exploring the area on foot, horseback or on game drives through the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and fishing for Tiger Fish and Bream.



Waterberry Lodge is a lovely, good value lodge set on the beautiful Zambezi River and it has a lovely, relaxed feel about it. Secluded and with pretty gardens and wonderful views of the river, it is a great place to just relax on the sun deck, in the upstairs viewing lounge or around the pool, enjoying the odd sunset cruise, fishing trip or trip to Livingstone for some of the range of activities on offer. Its seven thatched cottages are comfortable and nicely decorated, close to the swimming pool and with views over the Zambezi and the private lake. The rooms include secluded riverside doubles, lakeside rooms with extra beds and two family chalets with adjoining bedrooms. They all have en-suite bathrooms, fans and high thatch ceilings which helps to keep them cool. Several have private decks overlooking the river or the private lake. Hippo and elephant are regular visitors to Waterberry, especially at dusk, and keen-eyed birders will enjoy the wide range of birdlife. Village walks, fishing, picnic cruises and sundowners on the river are all on offer. The lodge can also take you to visit Victoria Falls, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park or to Livingstone's Maramba Market, the local craft market in the local village.



Fishing at Victoria Falls is a real highlight, depending on numbers you can go out in a 10 or 4 seater boat for a 2 hour trip with a guide on a catch and release policy. Fishing tackle is available in the boat however you will be charged for any lost or broken items or you can bring your own.

You stay at Waterberry Lodge on either a fully-inclusive package which includes all meals, local drinks, two in-house activities per day (tour of the falls (Vic Falls entry fee not included and payable direct), sunset cruise, daytime cruise, fishing, island picnics, guided birding,

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guided village walk, guided tour of the town and local markets) and laundry, or on a full-board package which is the same as the above but includes only one in-house activity per day or on a full-board basis with no activities included (but can be booked and paid for at the time).

You will spend 3 nights at Waterberry Lodge on a fully-inclusive basis.

Day 5

Today you will be transferred to Livingstone Airport and fly to the Lower Zambezi National Park, where you will be met and transferred to stay at Chiawa Camp for the next 3 nights.

The Lower Zambezi National Park is on the north bank of the Zambezi River, below Lake Kariba, and is one of the continent's most picturesque wilderness areas. It is an area of immense natural beauty with numerous different landscapes and lovely mature trees largely undamaged by elephant. The waters of the Zambezi are fringed with rich and varied vegetation, ranging from acacia woodland to flood plains, and an abundance of wildlife and birds live in the various ecosystems here. A policy of non-intrusive enjoyment of wildlife and low environmental impact has preserved the area and its wildlife, and it's a lovely combination with a few days in the more game-rich areas of the Luangwa Valley or the Kafue. The Zambezi River is teeming with fish and creates the perfect spot to enjoy a spot of fishing, competing with the crocodiles there are records of 21lbs Tiger Fish being caught!



Chiawa is a family-run camp set in a grove of mahogany and acacia trees on the banks of the Zambezi. Overlooking the wide river and its many islands, herds of elephants and buffalo, and pools filled with grunting hippos, it has nine superior tents elevated on timber decks, which offer game viewing without even getting out of bed. They all have spectacular views of the river, luxury en-suite bathrooms and solar powered lighting. There is a spacious lounge and bar area which has an observation platform built into its roof, providing one of the best views in the valley. The dining area overlooks the river and all the animals, which regularly come to drink and feed at and near the lodge. Barbeques and al-fresco dining is a speciality at Chiawa and nothing beats sitting around the campfire after a good meal taking in the sounds and magic of the African night.



Activities at Chiawa are varied and exciting. Walking safaris, allow you to walk at a leisurely pace through the bush, interpreting spoor, identifying the various flora and fauna and highlighting conservation issues. You are accompanied by an armed guide at all times. Canoeing on the great Zambezi is an activity that Zambia is famous for, this is tranquil yet exciting, as you are able to view many large animals up close. The river is also an ideal setting for a less energetic sundowner.

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For an extra cost you can try your hand at a bit of tiger fishing, it is one of the seasonal specialties of the Zambezi River. The best time to catch them is from late August to mid-November during the hotter months although tiger fish and other species can be caught throughout our safari season. Netting and killing of any fish is not permitted within the National Park – 100% catch & release for all species. Additionally no live or cut bait is permitted (artificial lures only), no ultra-light tackle (minimum 20lb) and only one single de-barbed hook per line is allowed. Chiawa have an impressive array of equipment which you can borrow at no added cost, however should anything be lost or broken you would be charged, serious anglers are encouraged to bring their own rods and tackle.

At Chiawa, you stay on a fully inclusive basis including all meals, drinks, game activities, canoe trips and laundry. The price does not include fishing.

You will spend 3 nights at Chiawa on a fully-inclusive basis.

Day 8

This morning you will be transferred to the airstrip where you will take the scheduled flight to Lusaka. On arrival you will check in for the flight to Johannesburg where you will stay the night at The Peech Hotel.

The Peech Hotel is a boutique hotel in one of Johannesburg's prestigious northern suburbs, centrally situated between the shopping of Rosebank and the prosperous commercial and residential suburb of Sandton. It has a very luxurious feel and is surrounded by beautiful gardens.



The hotel has just 16 rooms spread over 4 annexes off the main house within the gardens. Each room is Air-Conditioned and has flat screen TVs, WiFi and en-suites with 'Raindance' showers and separate baths. You can stay either in a Garden room with a view of the garden and private patio, House room in the original residence of the property which adjoin perfect for families or a Garden suite the most spacious of the rooms in a quiet part of the gardens with your own private patio. There is an outdoor swimming pool where you can cool off in the heat of the day and a bistro where you can enjoy lunch or dinner overlooking the gardens.

At The Peech Hotel you stay on a B&B basis.

You will spend 1 night at The Peech Hotel on a B&B basis.

Day 9

This morning you will be transferred to the airport and check in for the flight to Vilanculos, Mozambique, where you will catch the short flight to Benguerre Island. On arrival you will be met and transferred to stay at Benguerre Lodge for the next 5 nights.

The Bazaruto Archipelago is in southern Mozambique and has idyllic white beaches and warm turquoise seas. It is made up of five sparsely inhabited islands ideal for total relaxation and world renowned for fishing. Once the playground of the Queen of Sheba and the trading route of old Arabia, most of the area is now part of a national marine park and it is well

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known for its pristine reefs and the diversity of marine life offering world-class diving and fishing. Benguerra Lodge is an exclusive lodge on the protected north-west shore of Benguerra Island, one of the five Bazaruto archipelago islands. The island is only 11 kilometres long and has a mix of forest, savannah and wetlands as well as pristine beaches which sustain a diverse population of fauna and flora including the rare Dugong. The deep Mozambique Channel, which runs alongside the island, is renowned for its game fish and Benguerra Island offers some of the world's best catch-and-release deep sea fishing and salt water fly fishing opportunities.



Set in mature gardens on its own beautiful palm-fringed private sandy bay, Benguerra Lodge is a beautiful lodge away from the world yet with plenty of activities on offer. Having just gone under a massive refurbishment the lodge there are three main types of accommodation, which merge naturally into the surrounding forest. There are 10 luxurious stone-and-thatch casitas, spacious and open-plan, which overlook the beach with four poster beds, day beds and en-suite bathrooms with large bathtubs and outdoor showers. Each has its own 100m² private deck, comfortable lounge area, plunge pool and outdoor dining area for romantic starlit dinners. There are two slightly smaller cabanas, similar in style, and each with its own private deck and dip pool (but lacking the view from your bed and a bathtub). All the rooms are only a moment's walk from the gorgeous white half-moon beach of Benguerra Bay, and are variously decorated with comfortable loungers around the lodge's rim flow swimming pool overlooking the ocean. Or you can stay in the Casa Familia which has 3 bedrooms each with en-suite bathrooms and a private swimming pool on the veranda.



The main area has a lounge with comfy sofas and board games, a lovely bar and an open-sided dining area which looks over the gardens, although dinner is often served al fresco on the deck or even on the beach. Naturally the seafood is excellent, with freshly caught fish, calamari and crab often prepared Portuguese-style, common on the menu. The diving and fishing are magnificent. The lodge has a fully-equipped dive centre and offers guided snorkelling excursions. The reefs around the island are beautiful and unspoiled, with abundant and diverse marine life. You can also go out on dhow trips, birding excursions, visits to the local villages, island walks, horse-riding and enjoy private picnics on deserted beaches. Benguerra also offers massages and a small range of treatments.

You can enjoy an assortment of fishing options at Benguerra (2-hour, half day or full day) adventure. These include light tackle fishing in the bay, fly-fishing in the open ocean or even targeting the oceans kingpin, the marlin. Hop aboard a versatile fishing boat, equipped with fishing tackle and safety equipment, and enjoy a fishing adventure unlike any other with your professional guide. The lodge and the fishing grounds are situated in a National Park - bottom fishing is not allowed and catch-and-release of all species is encouraged. Fly fishing is best done in the summer months (October to March) when you can catch king mackerel, tuna, barracuda and the elusive sail fish. Deep sea fishing is best done either in April-September (sail fish season) or October to January (marlin season) or for billfish at any time.

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At Benguerra Island Lodge, you stay in a casita, cabana or the villa. You can stay on a full-board basis which includes all meals, local drinks laundry and the following activities: One per day: sea kayaking, sunset dhow cruise and scheduled snorkelling trip. One per stay: castaway picnic, island expedition & local village tour. It does not include national park fees (UD\$10 pp per stay, payable with other extras), diving, deep sea fishing, sailing on the yacht, horse riding, catamaran trips, picnics by boat or spa treatments.

You will spend 5 nights at Benguerra Lodge on a full-board basis.

Day 14

This morning you will be transferred to Vilanculos Airport to check in for the international flight back to Johannesburg and your onward flight home.

This includes:

- All internal flights and transfers
- All accommodation on a shared basis in double rooms
- Meals and drinks as indicated
- All National Park fees
- All game viewing activities with a qualified guide as indicated

This does not include:

- International flights from the UK - quoted separately (non-refundable and non-exchangable once confirmed)
- Meals and drinks as indicated
- Staff tips
- Laundry
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Visas

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