A leopard is the central focus, resting on a thick, dark tree branch. The leopard's fur is covered in a pattern of dark spots and rosettes. Its eyes are a striking light blue, and it has a focused, alert expression. The background is a soft, warm glow of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of these warm tones, and the silhouettes of trees are visible in the distance. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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Lower Zambezi Photo Safaris

2027

Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

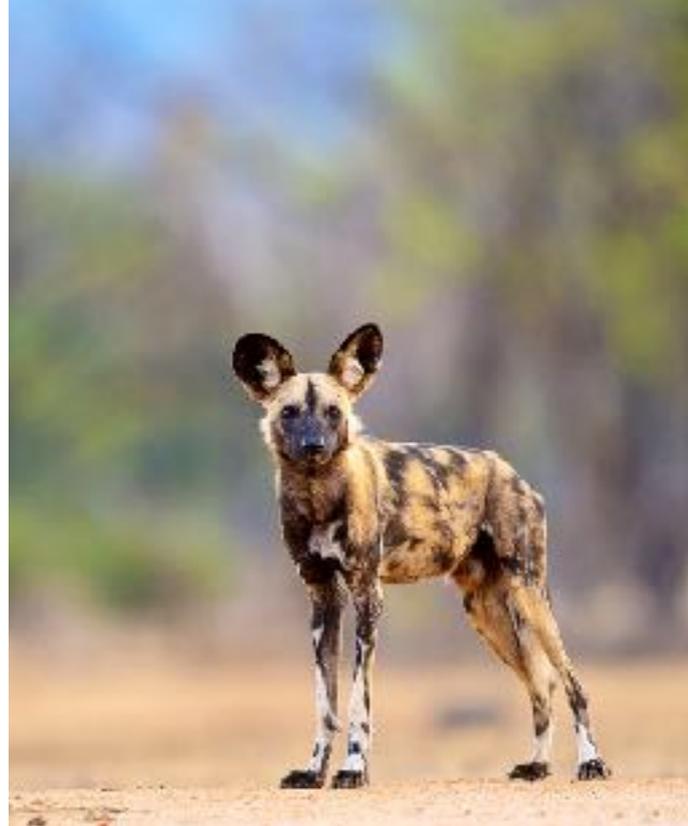
We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalised attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.

The Tusk Team



Overview

This photographic safari takes you to one of Africa's most unspoilt wildlife photography hotspots — Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park.

Set along a 120km stretch of the Zambezi River frontage, the park offers an incredible concentration and diversity of game along the valley floor, framed by the magnificent Zambezi Escarpment and the old, almost ethereal Winterthorn forests. It is, quite simply, a wildlife photographer's playground.

Elephant herds — sometimes more than one hundred strong — along with hippo, leopard, lion, wild dog, buffalo, and over 400 bird species all gather in this mesmerising wilderness.

The Lower Zambezi permits off-road driving for key sightings, giving us the flexibility needed to maximise photographic opportunities and position ourselves perfectly for unforgettable encounters.

This is a safari where anticipation hangs in the air and every outing holds the promise of something extraordinary. From golden riverfront light bursting through the forests to heart-pounding predator encounters, the Lower Zambezi delivers the kind of moments photographers dream of.

Join us and create images — and memories — that will stay with you long after the dust has settled.



What You Can Expect

Expect immersion.

The Lower Zambezi National Park is one of Africa's most beautiful and photogenic wilderness areas — a place where towering Winterthorn forests meet the mighty Zambezi River, and where wildlife gathers in extraordinary concentrations during the dry season.

This is not just a safari. It is a photographic experience designed around light, behaviour, and access.

During the dry season, large herds of elephant gather on the valley floor, often feeding right along the riverbanks. Buffalo and impala are plentiful, and with them come the predators.

The Lower Zambezi is particularly renowned for:

- Leopard sightings in beautiful habitats
- Strong populations of lion
- Regular encounters with African wild dog
- Exceptional elephant behaviour

The Lower Zambezi offers both quantity and quality when it comes to wildlife encounters — in some of Africa's most beautiful light.

Expert Guidance and Learning:

Tusk Photo prides itself on providing more than just a tour; it's an opportunity for growth and learning. Our seasoned photographic hosts, not only well-versed in the intricacies of the terrain but also passionate about photography, will lead you through the landscape, offering insights, tips, and techniques to elevate your craft. Whether you're a novice or an experienced photographer, expect to refine your skills in the art of capturing the wild.



Where You Will Stay

Chula Island Camp is a beautiful tented camp that combines understated luxury with the charm and spirit of a true seasonal bush camp.

With only six guest tents and a maximum of twelve guests, Chula offers an intimate and exclusive escape in the heart of the Zambezi wilderness. Each tent is carefully positioned to make the most of the island's setting, with sweeping views across the Zambezi River. The tents are bespoke and exceptionally comfortable, featuring high-quality linen, plush mattresses, flushing toilets, running water, and traditional bucket showers.

At the heart of camp, a stretch-canvas main area rests beneath the cool shade of Natal Mahogany trees — a perfect spot for relaxed meals, quiet reading, or simply taking in the sights and sounds of the wild.



Dates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Spaces	Nights
7 - 13 September 2027	\$ 7750	4	6

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at \$7750 per person sharing, single supplement \$1600. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

DAY 1

•Arrival in Lusaka. After passport control and having collected our luggage, we will take a spectacular scenic flight from Lusaka to Jeki Airstrip in the Lower Zambezi National Park, where we will then take a drive to the camp.

DAYS 2-6

•Step into a landscape steeped in timeless beauty, where the sculptural Winterthorn forests cast long shadows over a valley alive with wildlife. As the dry season unfolds, vast gatherings of elephant dominate the floodplain, joined by impressive herds of buffalo and impala. Predators are never far away — lion, leopard, and wild dog thrive in this rich ecosystem — and for those seeking something extra, night drives reveal a different world, where the sounds of the bush intensify and elusive nocturnal species take centre stage.

DAY 7

•After breakfast and our last morning game drive, we will transfer to Jeki Airstrip. From here we will board our flight to Lusaka International Airport where our safari sadly comes to an end.



What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Full board accommodation
- All meals
- Selection of Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Services of Tusk Photo hosts to assist and guide you
- Game Drives, water activities and walks
- Internal flights

EXCLUDED:

- Visas
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities
- Purchases of a personal nature
- International Flights

Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 24-70 and 14-24 or similar
- Flash and battery pack is advisable
- Mono pod, with camera mount and remote trigger for low angle pole cam shots
- Notebook or additional storage device

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 5 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything please contact us for more details

Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- South African citizens require no visas to enter Zambia.
- It is advisable to declare any cameras, lenses, laptops and other valuable items when leaving your country. We normally recommend keeping a detailed list of all items including serial numbers and descriptions. This makes the customs process that much quicker as all that is generally required is for the customs official to stamp the document.

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- The currencies accepted in Zambia are Zambian Kwacha (ZMW), US Dollars (USD), Euro (EUR) and British pounds (GBP). Some will need to be exchanged in some instances at local rates.
- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Credit card payments can be processed at the camps.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted. Also, high denomination notes may not be accepted.

HEALTH

- Lower Zambezi is a Malaria area.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunisations required for travel to Zambia

LANGUAGES

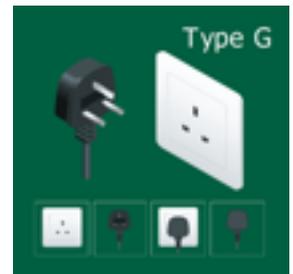
- English is the official language of Zambia, used in government, education, and business. However, the country has over 70 distinct languages, with Bemba being the most widely spoken (about 35% of the population)

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

Zambia primarily uses Type G (British 3-pin), Type D (Indian 3-round pin), and Type C (Europlug) sockets, operating on a 230V supply voltage at 50Hz. The British Type G plug is the most common, but Type C and D are also widely found, necessitating a versatile travel adapter.



CLIMATE

Zambia experiences a warm to hot climate throughout the year. The country's temperatures range from a mean monthly maximum of 29.5°C to 40°C in summer, and 19.8°C to 28.9°C in winter.

Rainfall patterns in Zambia exhibit significant regional variation. The majority of the rainfall occurs between November and April, which corresponds to the summer months. Rainfall is typically in the form of localised showers or thunderstorms.

In summary, Zambia climate is characterised by warm to hot temperatures and a distinct rainy season. The country experiences higher temperatures and greater rainfall in the summer months, whereas winter brings relatively cooler temperatures.



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colours. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colours.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturiser, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- Ranger / Guide USD 25 per person per day
- Camp staff USD 15 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

There is limited to no Cellular and Data connectivity in the Lower Zambezi National Park.

Tusk Photo Safaris PTA Office
Tel: +27 12 761 3737 (Office Hours)



Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritise your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.

We Are Excited To Host You on Your Dream Photographic Safari!

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