

ZAMBIA - ZAMBIAN HORSEBACK SAFARIS - 6 NIGHT HORSE SAFARI

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Day 1

Overnight Chundukwa River Lodge. Meet everyone joining the Zambian Horseback Safari. Later you might enjoy a Zambezi Sunset Cruise.

This is a lovely way to relax and enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Zambezi river. There are great photo opportunities against the often spectacular African sunsets. Flocks of birds skim the waterline as the sun sets behind the African skyline. You may see a variety of game including hippo, crocodile and maybe even elephant.

The chalets at Chundukwa were built from local materials and sit on stilts overlooking the banks of the Zambezi river where you can often hear the hippos at night.



The chalets are designed to blend with the surroundings, offering an authentic eco-lodge experience. There is no air conditioning and the chalets have ceiling fans to keep them cool.



Each chalet has an en-suite bathroom and can be made up as separate twin beds or a king size bed.

Day 2

Enjoy breakfast by the Zambezi River before setting off for your Zambian Horseback Safari.

Your journey starts with a 40 minute road transfer to a small African harbour called Mambova. Local villagers and fishermen trade their daily catch here and it is a kaleidoscope of colour, noise, children, goats and chickens.



You continue your journey by river. This magical boat journey takes you upstream on Africa's fourth largest river - the mighty Zambezi. This trip is an adventure itself and a highlight for everyone. Make sure you have your riding gear onboard as you will be jumping straight onto a horse when you get there. Also bring a warm jacket in case it is cold. The boat for the river transfer is an 8-seater with a canopy for shade.

You can expect to see hippos, crocodiles, local fisherman in their traditional dugouts called mokoros, local cattle grazing on the riverbanks and beautiful, remote village scenes.



After two hours on the river, look out for your horses, saddled and waiting on the riverbank. It's time to ride to camp. Your luggage will follow you to camp by vehicle.

Overnight Simalaha Camp. Simalaha Camp has four twin bed en-suite safari tents



The tents are on raised platforms overlooking the plains. Each tent has solar powered lighting and a front deck.

There is a central dining and lounge area (which has WiFi).



Day 3

Each day starts before dawn with your choice of tea or coffee and a light breakfast before setting off in search of wildlife and adventure. Watching the sunrise each morning from horseback is a very special tradition.

The morning ride usually returns around 10:30/11:00. After lunch there is time to rest and relax in camp and later an afternoon/dusk ride sets off at about 15:30.



Every day will be spent exploring the Simalaha Wilderness on horseback. This is an area of epic significance – 180,000 km² of raw wilderness. It is a place to immerse oneself in the vast plains; gently approaching and appreciating huge herds of wildlife, mopane forests, giant and ancient baobab trees, the life-giving Zambezi River.



This is also the home of the Lozi people and you will see them as they go about their day to day lives between the riverbanks and their homesteads, moving their cattle along the riverbeds and fishing for their families on the river.

Overnight Simalaha Camp.

Day 4

For riders, being able to canter into the horizon on land without worrying about predators or holes is an absolute joy.



You are encouraged to enjoy the space and to experience the pure riding freedom of the Simalaha.



Here, time seems to stretch and slow right down. It's an opportunity to disconnect from responsibilities and routines and to connect with nature.

Overnight Simalaha Camp.

Day 5

No two days will be the same.



The route will be determined by Doug with the best interests of the group and where the wildlife concentrations are.



There will also be time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings of camp.

Overnight Simalaha Camp.

Day 6

This morning you have a final opportunity to enjoy a wonderful canter across the plains, and enjoy the sunrise and wildlife before the return journey to Livingstone.



You depart by river to Mambova Harbour and then by road to Chundukwa River Lodge (the reverse of the journey you did just four nights ago).

Back at Chundukwa River Lodge you can relax, perhaps opt for a massage, or laze by the pool. Or take a walk through our indigenous gardens and see where the path leads.

Overnight Chundukwa River Lodge.

Day 7

If you aren't leaving today, then this could be your day to explore Livingstone and Victoria Falls. You are free to spend as much time as you want to experience the world's largest waterfall and surrounding attractions.



Use of the Chundukwa River Lodge vehicle with a driver/guide is included in your safari rate.

There are many additional experiences that you may want to do - the driver/guide will take you there, wait for you and bring you home safely at the end of the day. These outsourced activities are extra and for your own account.

If you've already visited Victoria Falls, then you may wish to complete your safari experience with a Chobe Day Trip (extra payable locally), where land and water-based safaris bring you close to Africa's majestic wildlife in Botswana. As you cruise the Chobe River, witness flocks of vibrant bird species, pods of hippos, and primeval crocodiles lounging along the banks.

Keep an eye out for the world's largest elephant population as they gather in impressive numbers. On land, venture deeper into the park, where lions, leopards, and other elusive big cats roam.

You will be transferred to Livingstone airport. The transfer by vehicle from Chundukwa to the airport takes about half an hour.