



**C4**

23 - 30 AUGUST 2025

**SOUTH LUANGWA**

CLASSIC PHOTO SAFARI



# INTRODUCTION

South Luangwa National Park: A Remarkable Wilderness in Zambia

Spanning an impressive 9,050 square kilometers, South Luangwa is widely regarded as one of the continent's premier wildlife destinations, boasting an extraordinary diversity of flora and fauna. The park's centrepiece is the Luangwa River, a vital waterway that nourishes the ecosystem and supports a rich variety of wildlife along its banks, including elephants, hippos, and the unique Thornicroft's giraffe, found only in this region.

The park offers an extended season for visitors, from February 15 to November 15, providing a broad spectrum of photographic opportunities across both the lush green season and the drier months. During the green season, photographers can capture vibrant, colorful vegetation, dynamic animal interactions during the breeding season, and dramatic cloud formations, all with fewer tourists around. As the seasons shift, the changing landscape offers new perspectives and scenes.

The rich biodiversity of the Luangwa Valley, which includes lions, leopards, wild dogs, hyenas, buffalo, zebra, and giraffe, makes it a favorite among photographers. The scenic Luangwa River, massive forests of African Ebony Trees, and picturesque oxbow lagoons further enhance the allure of South Luangwa as a top African wildlife photography destination.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Classic scenes of the Luangwa River meandering through the wide river banks.
- Hundreds of hippopotamus in the pools and main river.
- Large elephant herds in the woodlands, drinking at the river's edge and in front of the camp.
- One of the only places to see Thornycrofts Giraffe, *Giraffa camelopardalis thornicrofti*.
- Excellent lion population.
- A strong wild dog population.
- 1 C4 Photo Safaris specialist photo guide to accompany and guide you.
- Very high density of leopard, with very relaxed individuals.
- Flocks of storks, herons and egrets feeding in the drying pools for fish.
- Excellent sightings of large water birds in the Luangwa River.
- Buffalo herds drinking at the river's edge numbering into the hundreds.
- The colourful vegetation creates images unlike anything you've ever photographed in the dry season.
- The Lodge is located inside the park, so you can start to photograph the wildlife as soon as you drive out of the lodge, unlike everyone else who has to go through the park entrance gate.
- The green season in Africa is the height of the breeding season where all predators take's advantage of the abundance of prey.
- Long night drives with strong spotlights offers the best chance to see genets, civets, owls and leopards in Africa.
- The Camp is unfenced with free roaming animals, this is an authentic African wilderness experience.

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# PRICING

DETAILS	
Date	23 - 30 August 2025
Service starts	Lusaka International Airport, Zambia
Service ends	Lusaka International Airport, Zambia
Tour	South Luangwa 2025
Sharing cost p/p	\$ 8 950
Single cost p/p	\$ 10 450

**30% deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 week prior to tour start date.  
Minimum of 5 guests maximum 5 guests and Darren Donovan as Guide.**

*A detailed pre-departure document detailing climate, clothing, travel logistics, travel information, camera gear and other safari information will be sent to you 8 weeks prior to your departure date.*

## THE ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE

- All accommodation and meals
- All local beverages
- Local Small plane flights Lusaka - Mfuwe return
- Transfer from/to Mfuwe Airport.
- Two game viewing activities per day.
- Pre-Booked Walking Safaris.
- Cultural/village tour or visit to local market and Tribal Textiles - on request and trips take place instead of a game drive.
- Laundry
- Specialist private guide: Darren Donovan
- Park fees

## COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- All international flights.
- All accommodation, transfers and meals not specified.
- All premium branded beverages.
- Visas and Vaccinations. \* Please note that obtaining a visa for entry into the country of your destination is the sole responsibility of the traveller and C4 Photo Safaris is not liable for any issues related to obtaining a visa.
- Travel Insurance. \*Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- Extra activities.
- Gratuities.
- Purchases of a personal nature.





# ITINERARY LOGISTICS

DATES	TRANSFERS	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrive at Lusaka International Airport and you will be met by a C4 representative.</li><li>• You will then be transferred Chikunto Lodge for your 7 night stay</li></ul>	Chikunto Lodge 7 Nights
Day 2 - 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over the next few days, you can enjoy a variety of activities including two game viewing activities per day, pre-booked walking safaris, and optional cultural or village tours, visits to local markets, or trips to Tribal Textiles in place of a game drive.</li></ul>	
Day 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After breakfast you will depart from Chikunto Lodge and be transferred back to Lusaka International Airport. Unfortunately this is the end of your Safari.</li></ul>	





# YOUR SAFARI

## DAY 1

### ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA

**7 NIGHTS**

Upon arrival at Lusaka International Airport, a C4 representative will greet you and arrange your transfer to Chikunto Lodge, where you will stay for the next six nights.

## DAY 2 - 7

### CHIKUNTO LODGE

During your stay at Chikunto Lodge, you have the opportunity to participate in two game viewing activities each day with Darren. Additionally, you can opt for pre-booked walking safaris. Alternatively, you may choose to engage in cultural or village tours, visit local markets, or explore Tribal Textiles, any of which can replace a scheduled game drive.

## DAY 8

### DEPARTURE

After breakfast at Chikunto Lodge, you will be transferred back to Lusaka International Airport, marking the conclusion of your safari adventure.









# GUIDES



## WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER DARREN DONOVAN

He started his career as a safari guide in South Africa's Sabi Sands, where he specialised in birding and animal behaviour. After witnessing the most amazing sightings on his game drives with guests, he quickly realised that he was missing a camera. His photographic journey began with him being drawn to the unusual and artistic depiction of wildlife through photography. He believes in capturing the mood and emotion of a moment in time, and that keeps fuelling his passion. He constantly pushes the boundaries of what he knows and experiments with the unknown!

With 13 years of guiding in some of the top lodges and reserves in South Africa, Darren not only has the experience of hosting photographers, but also perfected his craft in teaching others to take their own amazing photographs through technical and artistic application. These include teaching guests the camera settings, designing the frame, and anticipating the moment that may be coming by watching the behaviour of the subject. These skills, enthusiasm and a profound professional respect for the bush has made him a sought-after bird and photography guide in the industry.

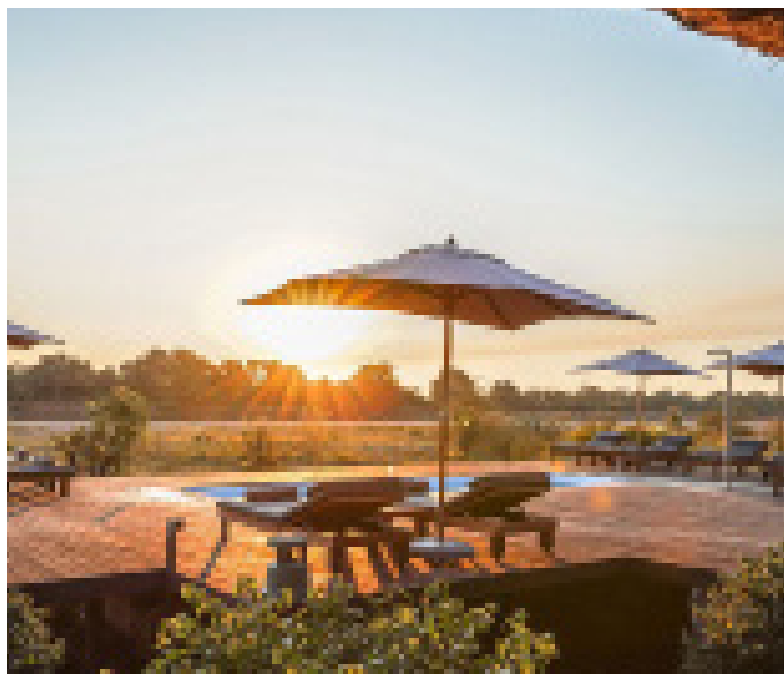


# ACCOMMODATION

## CHIKUNTO SAFARI LODGE

Situated along the banks of the Luangwa River, Chikunto Safari Lodge provides guests with unparalleled access to the park's diverse ecosystem and abundant wildlife.

Designed with a focus on seamless integration with the surrounding environment, Chikunto's elegant, yet rustic accommodations blend effortlessly with the natural landscape. Each of the lodge's six spacious, and well-appointed suites features private decks, offering breathtaking views of the river and the game-rich floodplains beyond.





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## PHOTO SAFARIS

Curating unique photographic encounters and planning rare adventures in the natural world across Africa is our core speciality. Our reputation is built on years of crafting incredible experiences, often with complex logistics across Africa for our guests. We understand these logistics, and our guests' discernment is what sets us apart. As such, we have been listed numerous times as one of the top-ten photo safari companies in the world.

Please feel free to reach out to us on email or by telephone should you have any queries, we are here to help you.

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