

Nkwali, South Luangwa

Nkwali is located on private land, in the central Mfuwe area, overlooking South Luangwa National Park. If you're looking for understated elegance, seclusion and superb service, then you'll find all that and more at Nkwali.

The camp

Accommodation

Six chalets, one double, four twins and a honeymoon suite/family suite, maximum 14 guests.

Facilities

Open en-suite bathrooms with double basins and showers.

Activities

Walking safaris, game drives (day and night), cultural/village tour, visit to Chimpembele, visit local market and Tribal Textiles.

Meals & Drinks

Rate is fully inclusive of all meals and drinks.

Electricity & Water

The camp runs off mains electricity. Three pin square plugs (adaptors available).

Tap water is from a borehole and is safe for drinking; bottled water is also provided at the house free of charge.

Children's Policy

Children over age of seven years are welcome.

Payment for extras

All extras can be paid in cash (local currency, US\$, Euro or British Pounds) or by Visa Card.

Tipping

Is not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the staff to the management to be shared out and please tip your guide individually.

Open

Open all year.

Travel information

International flights

South African Airways, Kenya Airways and Emirates fly into Lusaka, Zambia.

South African Airways, Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airways fly into Lilongwe, Malawi.

Getting to Mfuwe

1 hour 30 minutes flight with Proflight from Lusaka, Zambia.

From Lilongwe, Malawi it is a 1 hour flight.

Getting to the camp

From Mfuwe Airport it is a 40 minute road transfer to the house through colourful village life and some game viewing area as well.

Getting into the Park

Throughout the year we have direct access from the camp to the park by boat or vehicle. During the dry months we operate a pontoon into the more southern part of the area. When the river is at its lowest we can drive directly across the river from Nkwali.

Meet and greet

In Lusaka, Lilongwe and Mfuwe you will be met by a RPS representative who will assist you with immigration formalities. If you have any problem, please ask them to call Robin Pope Safaris on +265 (0) 1795483 / 4491 for further assistance.

Visas

Most nationalities can obtain their visa at the point of entry into Zambia. Current charges are \$50 for tourists of most nationalities, including US, Canadian, British and most European countries. If you are not one of the above please ask about visas before booking. Please visit the Zambian Immigration website <http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/> for full information.

Airport Tax

Most airlines now include airport taxes in the tickets. But for charter flights these may still be payable, please confirm with us for exact amounts.

International airport taxes: US\$40 per person

Domestic airport taxes: US\$16 person

Please note that all taxes can be paid in US Dollars.

For Lusaka and Mfuwe our meet and greet team will assist you with the above.

Health

All visitors should be medically insured. We recommend that visitors to Zambia take malaria prophylactics. Tetanus, polio, typhoid and the hepatitis vaccinations are recommended. It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of an emergency.

Please do ask for up to date health advice in your home country.

Insurance

We highly recommend full Trip Cancellation Insurance - we do need to charge cancellation fees as stipulated. Robin Pope Safaris bears no responsibility for any delays, cancellation of flights or change of itinerary and retains the right to alter or cancel an activity with just reason.

Cancellation Policy

Confirmation to 91 days 20% of accommodation only, then full invoice (excluding park fees) 90 – 61 days 25%, 60 – 31 days 50%, 30 – 0 days 100%. Cancellation fees will be applied and so we highly recommend that you ensure full "Trip Cancellation Insurance" is bought at time of confirmation.

Additional information

Photography

Please be sensitive when photographing local people and their villages. Ask the guide or the villagers first. Be careful when photographing public buildings and persons in uniform - again, ask first.

What to bring

You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).

Proflight baggage allowance (for most routes) – limit of 15 kg for hold luggage and 5 kg for hand luggage. Please visit <http://proflight-zambia.com/content/beforeyoufly/baggageallowances/> for full information.

Bush & Lake Aviation baggage allowance - limit of 12 kg for hold luggage and 3 kg for hand luggage (so this is 15 kg max per person ONLY if total weight falls within weight and balance graph of aircraft for the specific flight; body weights are taken into consideration).

Important items to bring: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, torch, binoculars and film/photo camera.

Climate

Depending on which time of year you visit, you may need waterproofs, a warm jacket or sunscreen. The dry months are from April till October and the wet months November till March. Temperatures range throughout the year from between 11-40 C.