



SANCTUARY
PUKU RIDGE CAMP

SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK



ZAMBIA 7 LUXURY TENTS

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LUXURY, NATURALLY

Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and one of our tented safari camps, Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp.

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The panoramic views are astounding from both the communal areas and guest tents are astounding and the area is known for its abundance of game.

USPS

- Location, location, location! The camp is located on the edge of an escarpment overlooking a game-rich floodplain
- Incredible game viewing from the main areas and guest tents
- Oversized safari tents, all with indoor and outdoor showers
- Endemic species: Thornicroft's Giraffe and Crawshay's Zebra
- Night game drives
- South Luangwa is rated as one of Africa's best places to see leopard
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in the main area

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp has embraced a very natural African chic style in its decoration, blending in completely with its local environment.

This is a classic, traditional tented bush camp, intimate and friendly with just seven tents, offering the authentic safari experience that many people long for. Overlooking the beautiful floodplains below, the tents are spacious and comfortable, with private decked balconies and secluded outdoor showers stocked with luscious and environmentally friendly products. Each of the comfortably furnished tents boasts ensuite facilities which include a bathtub and indoor and outdoor showers. All tents feature mosquito nets, private deck, in room safe, hairdryer and ceiling fan.

The camp has been constructed to blend into the local surroundings and designed to leave the lowest possible carbon footprint. Complimentary wireless internet access is available in the main areas of the camp. Electricity supply is a combination of silent packed generator and battery system.

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

The camp is perched on an escarpment overlooking a floodplain in the South Luangwa National Park. The nearest airport to Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp is Mfuwe. The transfer time from Mfuwe airport to the camp is approximately 2 hours in 4X4 vehicles (45 minute road transfer, followed by 1 hour 15 minute gravel road transfer through the National Park with game viewing possibilities.)

Flying times:

- Lusaka (LUN) to Mfuwe (MFU) - 1 hour
- Livingstone (LVI) to Mfuwe (MFU), via Lusaka (LUN) - 2 hours

PLEASE NOTE:

All inter-camp flights are conducted by Proflight and that the luggage restriction is 20kg / 44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag.



GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

The South Luangwa is home to 60 types of mammals - including elephant, lion, zebra, giraffe, wild dog, buffalo, hippo and antelope and has a reputation of being one of the best places in Africa to spot leopard. The park is a haven for birders with just over 400 bird species; these include 39 birds of prey and 47 migrant species. There are also a variety of endemic species such as Thornicroft's giraffe, Crawshay's zebra, and Cookson's wildebeest. Key wildlife include: Lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, wild dog, giraffe, impala, puku, kudu, zebra, hippo, hyena, and endemic species.

The following activities are included in your stay:

Walking safaris: Walking is the best way to see the bush around Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp. The South Luangwa is home of the walking safari and it remains the best way to experience the sights and sounds of the bush. Sanctuary Retreats' experienced guides love showing guests the indicators of the wild, 'rewinding' the action of the last few hours from just a few small give away signs. Guests are also accompanied by an armed game scout.

Game Drives: Lions and leopards are often seen in the area around the camp, as are buffalo and elephant. For big game like this, guests really need a vehicle to get up close and here in the South Luangwa, travellers have the privilege of going on game drives at night. Guests are always amazed how much can be seen when they go down to the river for sundowner cocktails before leisurely driving back to camp. Guests often see hyena and leopard in the early evenings and are able to get very close in Sanctuary Retreats' specially designed 4 x 4 vehicles. On the open plains below the camp there are always grazing herds of antelope and of course they attract the predators that every guest loves to see.

A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

Summer Schedule: August – April

- 05:30 Wakeup call (in October and November wake up calls may be at 05:00 to maximise game viewing while it is cool)
- 06:00 Breakfast
- 06:30 Depart for morning activity
- 10:00 Return to camp
- 11:30 Lunch
- 16:00 High tea
- 16:30 Depart for afternoon activity
- 19:45 Return to camp
- 20:15 Dinner

Winter Schedule: May – July

- 06:00 Wakeup call
- 06:30 Breakfast
- 07:00 Depart for morning activity
- 10:30 Return to camp
- 11:30 Lunch
- 15:30 High tea
- 16:00 Depart for afternoon activity
- 20:00 Return to camp

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

Our honeymoon services include:

- A private dinner on the main deck with a bottle of sparkling wine
- A surprise private dinner set up on the room deck
- A private sundowner (if possible)
- Special romantic dessert
- Romantic turn downs in room after night drive activities
- Any further Honeymooners' special requests will be considered



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome all children aged 6 and above at Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp.

Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with their parents. Triples are available on request. No children under 12 years are permitted on walking safaris and bush lunches.

We are flexible with meals and meal times for children.

DINING

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Breakfast is served before the morning game activity. During your morning game viewing activity, coffee, tea and a selection of scones and biscuits will be served out in the bush. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the camp. Afternoon tea is served just before the afternoon game activity and offers a selection of cakes, sweet and savoury treats, tea and coffee and fresh fruit juices. Afternoon game drives include classic sundowner cocktails and canapés at specially selected spots before returning to the camp for pre-dinner drinks and dinner. Romantic private dinners can be arranged upon request. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

Meals typically consist of the following:

- **Breakfast:** Continental (cooked breakfast available on request)
- **Lunch:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 choices, one being a vegetarian
- **Dinner:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 to 3 choices, one being a vegetarian

CLIMATE

The "wet" season is normally December to March, and has variable weather conditions. The "dry" season is from May to November. June to August are the coolest months, with cold mornings and evenings. October is the hottest month in Zambia, so be prepared for temperatures of over 40°C.

CLOTHING

Clothing should be cool and comfortable. Jerseys and heavier jackets are required for winter mornings and evenings. Muted colours are the most suitable on safari. Long sleeves and long trousers are advised for mornings and evenings due to mosquitoes. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential.

Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris especially when doing a walking safari. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

Accessories: Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. Eye drops are recommended. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.



HEALTH

We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking with your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure.

MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards. US dollars are also accepted however change will be given in the local currency. Diners Cards are not accepted.

TIPPING GUIDELINE

Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$10 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Sanctuary Puku Ridge Camp prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Uyoba School: Uyoba is a community school in Mfuwe located just outside the GMA for South Luangwa National Park. There are currently over 630 pupils operating out of 4 classrooms and one shaded structure made by the parents and teachers. It is estimated that 35% of the pupils are considered to be OVC's (orphaned or vulnerable children). The school's income solely comes from school fees of which are not mandatory for families to pay. Due to the school being a community school (meaning it was started by the community, not the District Education Board) the local government does not heavily support the school providing it with limited if any resources. The grades covered by the school reach up to grade 7, for higher education the pupils have to go to a high school which is government run with much higher school fees. Sanctuary Retreats has pledged to make a contribution towards the various projects for every night a guest stays at any one of our properties in Zambia.

Sanctuary Retreats' recent support to the school has been in the form of pupils' desks. We had 20 desks made in Lusaka; and shipped them to the school. Prior to this donation, many pupils were using limited desk space or planks of wood on their laps in order to write in class; a much needed donation!

Pack for a purpose: We are proud members of Pack for a Purpose, an initiative that allows travellers to make a lasting impact in the community at your travel destination. If you save a few kilos of space in your suitcase and bring supplies for area schools or medical clinics in need - you'll make a priceless impact in the lives of our local children and families. Please click on this link: <http://www.packforapurpose.org/destinations/africa/zambia/sanctuary-puku-ridge> to see what supplies are needed for our project.



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Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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