



Kasabushi Camp coordinates: 15.26 ° S , 25.97° E.
Off Spinal road
On the western bank of the Kafue River

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Enjoy the journey, travel well and we look forward to welcoming you!

Transfer

Transfers by car from Lusaka to the lodge can be organized by Kasabushi Camp.

Pick up from any location in Lusaka to our camp in the Kafue National Park, (inquire for rates).
Transfer time car from Lusaka to Kasabushi Camp 5 ½ hours.

By Bus

Intercity-bus departure from Lusaka Intercity bus terminus, Dedan Kimathi Rd, Kamwala; Daily service: Lusaka to Mongu at 13:30.

Direction Mongu; exit at Hook Bridge; pick up and transfer by Kasabushi Camp via the Spinal road through the Kafue National Park. Transfer time coach from Lusaka to Hook Bridge: 4-5 hours, then transfer from Hook Bridge to Kasabushi carpark: 1½ hours. Total travelling time about 5 ½ hours.

Self-Drive

These are dry season instructions (May-November), please ask us for current information if driving at any other time of year.

Kindly note that in the interim you will not find the Spinal Road on most maps and only on the latest version of 'Tracks 4 Africa'. For this reason, it is not advisable to use Google Maps instructions to get to us. Please ensure you drive via Hook Bridge and enter at the Chunga gate, about 5km west of Hook Bridge and on the western side of the Kafue River.

From Lusaka (5-6 hours)

Drive west on the Mongu Road (M9) for 250 km. Once you cross Hook Bridge it is another 5km until you turn left to enter the National park at the Chunga gate. The turn off to Kasabushi camp will be signed from the M9. This is a good condition all season tar road. From the gate it will be another 1,5 drive and you will find two signs on the way which will be guiding you to Kasabushi Camp. See more detailed directions below when entering via Chunga gate.

From Mongu/Kaoma (6-8 hours)

From west of Kaoma to the Tateyoyo Gate is slow due to a degraded M9. Follow the M9 in direction of Mumbwa until 5kms before Hook Bridge and turn right at our sign on the M9 to enter the park at Chunga gate.

From the Great North Road (7-8)

Turn towards Mumbwa at Landless Corner. The middle section of the road is now graded so the drive is much easier. From Mumbwa follow the information above. The drive from Landless Corner takes 4.5 hours. From Mumbwa it will be another 3 hour drive.

Entering via Chunga gate

When entering the park at the Chunga gate it is only a 1,5 hours drive to camp on a graded dirt road. After a 15km drive, turn right onto the spinal road. Follow the spinal road for 31 kilometers and you will find the first sign leading you to the Campsite entrance. Entrance for campsite only.

For the lodge you will drive another 2km further and enter at the second sign directing you to the Entrance of the lodge, follow the road until you reach the car park. Entrance for lodge guest only.

The entrances are a 2 km distance separated from each other.

Driving from Chunga direction you will pass two bridges crossing the Shishamba river and the Lwansanza river.

Please note: the speed limit in the National Park is 40km/hr, the road is not well signposted and there are sudden bends and drifts (and animals) that can catch the unwary or those travelling too fast. There have already been a few minor accidents on the road. For a few days in the raining season, the Shishamba and Lwansanza bridges that you have to cross when on the Spinal road could suddenly be flooded. Do NOT cross any bridges when the small bollards on the sides of the bridges are not visible!

From Livingstone (9 hours)

Depending on current road conditions there are different options to get to Kasabushi Camp from Livingstone; for both directions it is advisable to overnight in Itezhi-tezhi or have a break at Nanzhila, Choma or in Itezhi tezhi. Do not attempt without lots of fuel, a high clearance 4x4 with low range, reasonable 4x4driving skills and a sense of adventure and humor! Be aware that before June the route through the park might be impassable or very challenging.

LIVINGSTONE - KNP VIA DUNDUMWEZI GATE

From Livingstone, take the T1 towards Lusaka. At Kalomo town (124km (GPS: S17°01'45.6" E026°29'24.7")) turn northwards towards the Dundumwezi entrance gate of the Kafue National Park. This is ±70km from Kalomo. Note!! Re-fuel at Kalomo as this is the last reliable fuel stop! From Dundumwezi, take the road to Ngoma, the southern HQ of the Kafue National Park. You will travel through the Nanzhila Plains along the "Cordon Road" (further west) or the Kalenje Road (eastern track) depending on the season and road conditions. Ask for information on specific directions and conditions at the entrance gate to the Park. From Ngoma, proceed North towards Lake Itezhi-tezhi. Follow the road heading West around the lake, you will find our signpost on the corner of the sharp bend to the Spinal Road, directing you to Kasabushi Camp. Follow the Spinal Road, heading North all the way around the western side of the lake and then following the river until you have reached our turn off on your right; there is a sign for Kasabushi

Camp. Turn right and follow the bushtrack for about 1 km to our camp (GPS Coordinates: 15.26 ° S, 25.97° E) where you will meet our Team to welcome you!

LIVINGSTONE – KNP VIA MUSA GATE

From Livingstone take the T1 until you reach Choma. Follow the road signs from Choma to Namwala; this road is tarred and in good condition after this you have to cover a heavily washed out track to the pontoon (±10km; about 1 hour drive); from the pontoon use the most used track heading West to Itezhi-tezhi town. Drive through Itezhi-tezhi town, crossing the dam bridge and follow the road until you reach the junction towards Ngoma, here you will find our signpost directing you onto Spinal Road. Continue to Kasabushi via the Spinal Road, entering the park through Musa gate.

Attention: For 4x4s with high clearance only and only in the dry season (June-October); do not attempt this route without 'Tracks 4 Africa' (GPS map); involves a pontoon crossing;

Park opening hours

The gates are open between 06:00 - 18:00 hours, self driving within the park is only allowed between these operating hours, please make sure you arrive in camp before sunset. The closest entrance is Chunga gate, the drive to Kasabushi Camp will take about 1,5 hours.

Please be informed that a transfer fee will be charged for a transfer vehicle to guide you to our camp when you arrive outside the above mentioned operating hours.

Road Conditions

The roads inside the park are good condition gravel roads. During the dry season the camp can be accessed with a 2WD but the vehicle must have a high ground clearance. The use of sedan cars is not recommended but can be done with care.

For Self-Drives on the game loops a 4x4 vehicle is highly recommended throughout the whole year. Self-Drive loops are seasonal and only accessible between May - November.

Fuel stations

There are several fuel stations on the M9 just outside of Lusaka, Oryx is one of the last fuel stops between Lusaka and Mumbwa and has a small shop and a public toilet.

Mumbwa is the first large town after Lusaka (and last opportunity to get fuel before getting to camp) It is 150 kms from Lusaka and 160 kms from camp. Most fuel stations accept card payment when there is a network available. It is advisable to always bring some cash in case the network is not available to make card payments. There is an ABSA ATM at the car park of Choppies Supermarket.

There are three more filling stations in Mumbwa town (3kms from the M9 turn-off and just off the first roundabout you come to). Mumbwa town also has a market, several chemists, a butcher and many other small shops.

Coming from Mongu there is a Meru fuel station on the M9 about 60 km before reaching Hook Bridge. The drive from the fuel station to the entrance of the park at Chunga gate will take about 50 minutes.

Fuel occasionally runs out at filling stations and sometimes there is fuel but no power. Bear in mind you'll need enough fuel when planning to go on self-drives in the park. Distances add up quickly before reaching your next fuel station. Plan ahead and don't leave yourself short.

By Air

Fly to Chunga Airstrip in the Kafue National Park.

Flight time from Lusaka/Livingstone: 50-70 minutes Transfer time: 45 minutes from Chunga Airstrip: S15°03'15.1" E025°59'08.1" (Chunga airstrip is the preferred option as it is an all-weather strip and the transfer to the lodge is through the National Park. Please inquire for rates and availability.

MAPS



