

# Fig Tree Bush Camp Fact Sheet

In June 2015 Mukambi Safaris opened this new luxury bush camp in an undiscovered part of Kafue National Park. It is named after the giant fig tree next to the boma (central area) overlooking a unique sandy lagoon. This lagoon maintains its alluring water throughout the season attracting an array of wildlife, including elephant, puku, impala, warthog, zebra, and hartebeest. Predators like lion, cheetah, leopard and hyena are regular visitors and the wild dog have been known to prey on the concentration of game.

The camp has tented accommodation on 3 meter high platforms above the ground, giving a spectacular view of the plains and the lagoon where various animals come to drink.

The beautiful location in combination with spectacular accommodation and the variety of wildlife are the main attractions — not to mention the remoteness of the Camp and as always the good food.

### **Camp Facilities**

- Central dining boma and lounge area
- Central campfire allows for the perfect nightly star-gazing
- Infinity swimming pool overlooking a watering hole with sunloungers and kikoyi towels
- Complimentary laundry service
- Relaxing double hammock on the lagoon beach

#### Accommodation

Fig Tree Bush Camp has tented accommodation on 3-meter high platforms above the ground, giving a spectacular view over the lagoon and the surrounding bush. We have 4 en-suite luxury safari tents on stilts (2 twin and 2 double).



## Getting Here

GPS coordinates; 15° 0'2.14"S and 25°49'1.77"E

Air Charters to/from our local airstrip at Chunga;

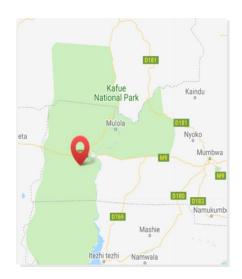
- Lusaka Chunga 1 h 15min
- Livingstone Chunga 1 h
  15mins
- Chunga Busanga 30 minutes

Our road transfers;

• Lusaka - 3 – 4 hrs (270kms)

Self-drive from Livingstone and Lusaka;

- Tar roads from Livingstone and Lusaka
- Well graded roads in Kafue National Park
- 4x4 not required to reach camp, even in the green season



The camp is open from May until November each year.

Each safari tent has an en-suite bathroom and veranda presenting a unique view from the tree canopy. Guests will then come together underneath the Fig Tree, from which the camp is named, to savour the serenity of the lagoon as well as delicious food and wine.

- En-suite open air bathrooms with hot running showers, wash basins and flushing toilets
- The tents are light, airy and spacious with large beds draped with mosquito nets
- Experience the total peace of nature from your private veranda
- Enjoy the glow of lantern lights on canvas walls and drift off to sleep to the sounds of the African night
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner & skin moisturiser)
- Bug spray, insect repellent and mosquito coils
- In-tent power, with a 3-pin (UK) plug socket for charging electricals
- Hot water bottles in winter time provided with turndown service

#### Food & drinks

Fig Tree Bush Camp offers superb food and after a three-course supper guests will sit around a campfire, feet in the sand, gazing at the stars and listening to the sounds of the African Bush. Mukambi is famous for its excellent cuisine and friendly staff.



### What to Bring?

Early mornings in winter (Jul-Aug) can get a little chilly whilst out on an open game-viewer, and whilst Mukambi provide fleece-lined ponchos on the vehicles for our guests, it is advisable to bring along some suitably warm clothing for these activities. A warm fleece hat and gloves is also recommended.

Mukambi provide towels in the tents and around the pool, so feel free to bring along your swimming costume to enjoy the view from our infinity pool.

### Park Fees

Park fees and bed levies are payable in Kwacha cash or USD to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Park on departure unless included in your rate. The combined per day rate is;

Citizen: K334 pppdResident: \$45 pppdInternational: \$50 pppd

## **Special Occasions**

If your visit to us includes a special occasion, birthday or anniversary, do let us know in advance so that we can make preparations accordingly.

### Communications

There is no phone signal at the camp, and no wifi, making it the perfect place for a "digital detox".

## Child Policy

Fig Tree bush camp welcomes young adults above the age of 12 years, but parents take their children on activities at their own risk.

Guests with young adults will be either grouped together or given a separate vehicle.

The birdlife in the park is one of the major reasons people visit, so it is advisable to bring along your binoculars to maximise your viewing.

Standard safari clothing (neutral coloured, not white or black) is recommended for all activities as well as sturdy, closed-toe shoes should you wish to join a nature walk.

Please bring any medication you may need as well as spares; we are a long way from the nearest pharmacy or doctor.

#### **Game Drives**

Fig Tree offers two activities, the first of which is Game Drives. These are available twice daily, one in the morning departing at sunrise, and one in the evening, which turns into a night safari. The guides take you from camp on a tour of the several surrounding loops, where you can see a mix of vegetation, from the open plains and tall grass, to the areas of thick bush. You can see the animals parading in the open, or camouflaged with the African bush. Then following sundowners over the hippo pools, the night safari and search for nocturnal animals begins. The guides will return you to camp with the fire ready and time enough to enjoy all the stars the night sky has to offer.

#### **Nature Walks**

Walking safaris depart in the early morning after the sun rises to avoid the heat of the day. The walk will begin with a short briefing from a guide, before you head off into the African bush and have the chance to get closer to nature than ever before. Our guides have a wealth of knowledge about Kafue National Park, and will share their knowledge with you, from the insects on the ground, to the birds in the sky. Walks last approximately 3 hours and you will return to camp ready for our deliciously prepared brunch.



### Kafue National Park

Kafue National Park is a unique area. The enormous size (one of the biggest National Parks in Africa), the many different habitats and the huge variety of mammals and birds make it an area waiting to be explored. It is Zambia's biggest and oldest National Park and is easily accessed from both Lusaka and Livingstone. But the best of all is the untouched wilderness that the park has to offer as mass tourism does not exist; leaving the park pure and unexplored. This is what a real safari should be like, excellent game viewing with a rich diversity of wildlife, stunning landscapes and unspoiled by mass tourism. Although the park has a lot to offer, relatively few people visit this Zambian treasure.

### **Activities**

- Morning or afternoon game drive
- Walking safari (from July-Oct) subject to DNPW scout availability

### Social Media

To get up to speed with local sightings and happenings on the plains, feel free to follow us on any of these platforms;







## Sustainable Tourism

Responsible tourism must come from a real desire to make a difference; a desire to go further than simply "green" washing.

Mukambi runs 100% on renewable solar energy and we were the first in Zambia to install the most environmental friendly battery technology "LiFePO4", as opposed to lead-acid batteries.



### Kafue Birdlife

The diversity of habitat makes Kafue National Park also one of the best locations in Africa for birding. The Kafue River, wetlands, savannah and woodland boast an impressive number of Zambia's 733-recorded bird species. Among them African wattled and crowned crane, fish eagle, woolly-necked stork, saddle-billed stork, wattled crane, goliath heron, ground hornbill, African finfoot, Pel's fishing owl, Schalow's and purple-crested turaco and Chaplin's barbet amongst others.

