

MUKAMBI SAFARI LODGE MUKAMBI PLAINS CAMP

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An Introduction to Mukambi Safaris

Mukambi Safaris, the Kafue specialists operate three unique properties situated in Africa's largest unspoilt wilderness, The Kafue National Park. These are Mukambi Safari Lodge, Mukambi Plains Camp and Fig Tree Bush Camp. Below is important information on each of our properties.

Mukambi Safari Lodge

Commonly known as "The Gateway to The Kafue National Park". Mukambi is located centrally in the Kafue National Park, right on the banks of the Kafue River.

Getting there:

GPS coordinates S14 58.663, E25 59.577.

- Mukambi is situated on the Lusaka-Mongu road, 270km from Lusaka on a tarmac road. After 190km you will reach the entrance of Kafue National Park at Nalusanga Gate, after which you will find the park on your right hand side and the Game Management Area on your left hand side. From the gate to the turn off to the lodge is another 80km. From the turn off it is only 2.4km on a good gravel road to the lodge.
- Nearest town east (and also nearest fuel station) is Mumbwa (120km), nearest town west is Kaoma (140km).
- Transfers: Mukambi runs a transfer service using luxury mini buses each seating 5 people comfortably. We can collect anywhere within Lusaka City including Lusaka International Airport and transfer to the lodge and back. For more information please contact the lodge.
- For fly in guests, the nearest airstrip from Mukambi is Chunga airstrip that is a 35-minute game drive to Mukambi Safari Lodge. All guests are transferred free of charge from the airstrip. Wild Dog Air will be flying into Kafue National Park as of 2016 and offers links from many areas in Zambia into the park. Bookings can be made through directly through Mukambi.

Accessibility:

- Mukambi Safari Lodge is open all year round. During the green season Mukambi is the only lodge open to guests in the northern and central part of Kafue National Park.
- Access with saloon cars is no problem, even in the green season.

The Main Lodge:

The main lodge area consists of:

- A large brick building with a huge thatch roof in which the reception, management office, souvenir shop, kitchen, bathrooms, a spacious lounge and the bar can be found.
- Four large wooden viewing decks right on the riverfront from which guests can observe the animals in the area while drinks are served. One deck serves as restaurant and a smaller dining deck with a pizza oven.
- Two swimming pools in a green lush garden of which one is a splash pool for the children.
- A big campfire on the riverside and a fireplace in the lounge.

Accommodation:

All accommodation is positioned along the Kafue River at walking distance from the main lodge area. Types of accommodation:

- 8 chalets of which one a family unit with en suite bathroom (rondavel type), 24hrs electricity and hot water. Each chalet sleeps 2 persons. Chalets come with either one queen size double bed or 2 single beds with

cotton sheets, duvet (extra blankets available) and mosquito nets. The family chalet has 2 bedrooms, one with a double bed and one with 2 single beds plus a lounge for relaxation. Bathroom comes with shower, toilet, basin and mirror. Outside terrace with chairs and side table.

- 1 luxury family Villa with 2 bedrooms both en suite (1 with a queen sized bed and the other with 2 singles), a fully furnished living room, an extensive wooden deck overlooking the Kafue River. This unit is right on the banks of the river.
- 4 Luxury tents that have a private deck with comfy seating overlooking the Kafue River. This is our most luxurious accommodation with each unit situated privately surrounded by natural riverine bush. A freestanding ball and claw bathtub is found on each deck. Further enhancing the African theme, the furniture is made out of recycled wood from Dhows that used to sail the Indian Ocean off Tanzania. Romantic mosquito nets surround luxurious box spring beds and the entrance to the private deck is made of wall to wall wooden sliding glass doors that provide spectacular views and light into the tents. The tents have an open bathroom set up with shower, toilet and washbasin.

Laundry:

Laundry service is provided complimentary.

Driver Accommodation:

Mukambi Safari Lodge offers full board drivers accommodation. Drivers are **NOT** permitted to sleep in their car on the premises.

Meals:

All accommodation offered at the lodge is on a full board basis (self catering not permitted). Our meals are fixed but we do meet dietary requirements.

- Breakfast: full English breakfast with cereal and fresh fruit buffet, coffee, tea, hot chocolate or juice
- Lunch: Mukambi serves a full lunch with a hot dish and salads.
- Dinner: fine 3-course dinner or extensive buffet is on offer each evening.
- Drinks are included in the Mukambi Safaris all-inclusive packages. They are extra in the full board rates.

Activities:

- Available are game drives; sunset/boat cruises, fishing trips, walking safaris or any combination of these. Activities are seasonal and/or weather permitting. All activities include beer, soft drinks and water. Any special requests for drinks will be charged to your own account.
- Kindly note National Park fees are not included unless pre paid by an agent.

Power:

- Power (220 volts, English plugs) at the lodge is provided by solar with generator as back up.

Wildlife in Camp:

Although Mukambi Safari Lodge is not situated in the park like it's sister camps, all the animals found in the park are also found in the Game Management Area. Only a river separates Mukambi from the central Kafue National Park. Mukambi is unfenced and attracts a variety of animals! Most people have heard of our resident hippo, Basil and there are warthog, antelope, hyena, elephant, lion and leopard that visit the camp, particularly during the dry winter months. Your sightings don't just happen while on a game drive!

Security officers accompany all clients to their chalets at night but guests are welcome to walk on their own within the lodge grounds during the day.

Communications:

We have recently received mobile cell signal at Mukambi Lodge. Guests are advised if they wish to make use of this cell signal to purchase an AIRTEL sim-card (available from Lusaka Airport). Talk time will be subject to availability at the lodge. Please note that all phones must be switched off whilst on activities. Wifi is available at Mukambi free of charge so those clients with their own devices can easily stay in touch with their folk back home. A guest computer is also available. Contact numbers for the lodge are located in the letterhead of this document.

Weather:

SUMMER: Hot Summer months are approximately from October to April with day time temperatures average around mid 30 degrees Celsius and nighttime temperatures around early 20's. Rainfall varies but mostly in the afternoon and at night. January/ February receives the heaviest falls but game viewing is still excellent at this

time of year. The bushveld is lush and abounds with birdlife and chubby antelope! Everything is clean and fresh. Good rain gear is advised for this time of year.

WINTER: Cooler Winter months are May to September. Winter daytime temperatures averaging mid 25 degrees Celsius with nights cooling to between 10 and 14 degrees Celsius. The best game viewing is at this time of year when the park is dry and the grass is low. Heavy jackets are recommended despite the seemingly high temperatures, as the wind chill factor on the open game drive vehicles can be severe.

Medicines/malaria:

All our properties keep fully stocked trauma kits but only offer simple medication such as headache tablets and antihistamines so it is advisable to bring any specific medication you require. Malaria is not prevalent in this region as it is not very populated however it is advisable to take a prophylaxis while travelling anywhere in Africa. Malaria Test kits are kept on site, as well as at a nearby clinic (30 mins away).

Mukambi Community School:

With the help of generous donors we were able to establish The Mukambi Community School. Daily visits can be arranged to visit the school. All donations are well received!

Payments:

Guests can pay at the lodge in cash ZMW & USD, credit card (VISA, Mastercard and American Express) and Bank Cheques from any bank in Zambia.

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Mukambi Plains Camp – Busanga Plains

Mukambi Plains Camp is a personal and intimate camp, set on a small palm tree island in the middle of the vast Busanga Plains. The most northerly and remote camp in the Kafue, it is open from mid July until the 1st week in November due to annual flooding. Four well appointed luxury safari tents are nestled into the palm trees on the island and all face out onto the floodplain where Red Lechwe antelope can be seen from your tent.

Getting there:

GPS Coordinates S14 10.830 E25 49.165

- Transfers from Mukambi Safari Lodge to Mukambi Plains Camp through the park take 6 hours and are operated by Mukambi Safaris.
- Flights can be arranged with Wild Dog Air from 1st April 2016.

The Main Lodge:

There is a main dining area that is on a raised wooden deck with an expansive thatch roof. This looks out to the East, allowing for beautiful sun rises to be seen in the morning. A small fireplace on the end of a wooden deck is where the nights are spent warming up and telling stories. Power is limited but solar lights and paraffin lamps are provided in tents.

Accommodation:

- 4 en-suite luxury tents (2 twin and 2 double). Open-air bathrooms/showers.
- 1 guides tent

Activities:

- Game drives and fabulous walking safaris are available or any combination of these.

Fig Tree Bush Camp

In June 2015 Mukambi Safaris opened a new bush camp in an undiscovered part of Kafue National Park. The beautiful location in combination with spectacular accommodation and the variety of wildlife will be the main attractions (not to mention the remoteness of the Camp).

Getting there:

The coordinates for Fig Tree Bush Camp 15° 0'2.14"S and 25°49'1.77"E.

- Fig Tree is just 1hr 30 minutes away from the lodge and is appropriately named after the giant fig tree in the middle of the camp.
- Flights can be arranged with Wild Dog Air from 1st April 2016.

The Main Lodge:

Our raised main area is under the Fig tree overlooking our unique sandy beach, and giving a lovely view of the lagoon where a variety of animals come for a drink and memorable moments are made. This area consists of a restaurant, bar, campfire and lounge.

Accommodation:

- 4 en-suite luxury tents on stilts (2 twin and 2 double). The camp will have tented accommodation on 3-meter platforms above the ground, giving a spectacular view over the lagoon and the plains towards the entrance of the camp.

Activities:

- Available are game drives, fishing trips, walking safaris or any combination of these. Activities are seasonal and/or weather permitting. All activities include beer, soft drinks and water. Any special requests for drinks will be charged to your own account.
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