

Fact Sheet: Nsefu Camp

On the banks of the Luangwa River, in the remote Nsefu sector on the north side of South Luangwa National Park, you will find the historic Nsefu camp. It was the very first photographic safari camp in Zambia, which dates to the fifties. We took it over in 1999, and now welcome just 12 guests in the six refurbished brick-and-thatch en-suite rondavels, each with open views across the river. Robin Pope Safaris are the only company operating in this sector of the park making for an exclusive holiday experience.

GPS Way Points: S 12 59. 700' E 031 53. 194'

The camp

Accommodation

- Six rondavels.
- One double and five twin rooms.
- maximum 12 guests.

Facilities

- En-suite bathrooms with basin and shower.
- There is no WIFI or telephone reception.

Activities

- Walking Safaris led by trained Robin Pope Safaris guide and an armed National Parks scout.
- Game drives (day and night) operated in open game viewing vehicles. Blankets are supplied during chilly periods. Ponchos are supplied also during the wet months.
- Private activities this can be arranged in advance at an additional fee (subject to availability).
- Cultural/village tour this can be arranged whilst in camp and a school visit is also possible seasonally.
- Visit local market arranged during stay in camp.
- <u>Tribal Textiles</u> locally made home décor company, giving an opportunity to see how everything is designed and made; plus, opportunity to purchase souvenirs.

Meals & Drinks

- Rate is fully inclusive of all meals and drinks.
- <u>Nut Allergies</u>: While our kitchen is fully capable of catering for most dietary requests, we regrettably are unable to cater for people with severe nut allergies as we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment.

Electricity & Water

- The camp is run on solar power with a backup generator for cloudy days.
- Tap water is from a borehole and is safe for drinking; bottled water is also provided at the camp free of charge.

'Evening breeze' air conditioning

Evening Breeze air conditioning units have been installed in all rooms. It is designed to cool the air within your mosquito net and not the entire room.

Children's Policy

- Minimum age for children is 12 years.
- Younger children may be taken on an exclusive use of camp basis, by prior arrangement.

Payment for extras

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

US dollar bills – we only accept the new notes with large heads as any with small heads are not accepted in Zambia.

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 kindly tip your guide individually.

Open

Open 22 January – 31 March; 22 May – 20 November.

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 1 hour 15-minute road transfer to camp through some colourful village life then game viewing opportunity through the park.

Getting into the Park

The camp is perfectly located within the heart of the game rich Nsefu Sector of the National Park.

Meet and greet

In Lusaka, Lilongwe and Mfuwe you will be met by an RPS representative who will assist you. If you have any problem, please call Robin Pope Safaris on +260 (0) 95 709 0441 (Zambia) for further assistance.

Visas

Most nationals can obtain their visa at the point of entry into Zambia.

- Current charges are \$25 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 for full and most up to date information.

Airport Tax

Most airlines now include airport taxes in the tickets. But for charter flights these may still be payable, these will be communicated at the time of booking by our reservations team.

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 ask that full insurance is put in place at point of confirmation. We highly recommend that every guest has insurance that covers the following as a minimum:

- Cancellation and curtailment
- Medical costs (including full hospital costs should it be needed)
- Personal accident or death

• Emergency evacuation from the point of evacuation to the nearest best hospital and then back to the guest's hometown. Family or traveling partner should also be covered for accompanying an evacuation.

We cannot emphasize how important it is to be fully covered. Private hospitals in Africa will not accept a patient until full medical insurance has been established.

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).

Important items to bring along: Sunscreen, hat, good closed walking shoes, natural-coloured, safari-style clothing that can be layered - nothing bright, all charging cables and adaptors, binoculars, camera, medication you may have been prescribed including prophylactics. Depending on which time of the year you visit, a warm jacket and some gloves.

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.

