



KAINGU

SAFARI LODGE

GAME CHANGER IN THE KAFUE NATIONAL PARK

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EXPERIENCE

Set in an area of pristine wilderness, KaingU Safari Lodge offers a magnificent safari experience in the heart of the African bush. The owner-run lodge, with its comfortable accommodation perfectly in balance with the surroundings, is something unexpected in this remote area. The lodge was built with a lot of patience, good taste and an extraordinary sense for detail.

Our personal attention to each and every guest makes you feel instantly at home. KaingU offers a unique stay for travelers wishing to get closer to the unspoiled wilderness of the 'real' Africa, experience the warm and welcoming people of Zambia and enjoy wildlife and scenery undisturbed.

The Kafue is one of the last true wilderness areas. Covering 22,440km², its unmatched variety of species and being able to enjoy the wildlife almost on your own, makes this park one of the last secrets of Africa.

This is a place to unwind, enjoy our chefs' cuisine and be spoiled with an abundance of activities or, if you prefer, just relax and feel the heartbeat of Africa.



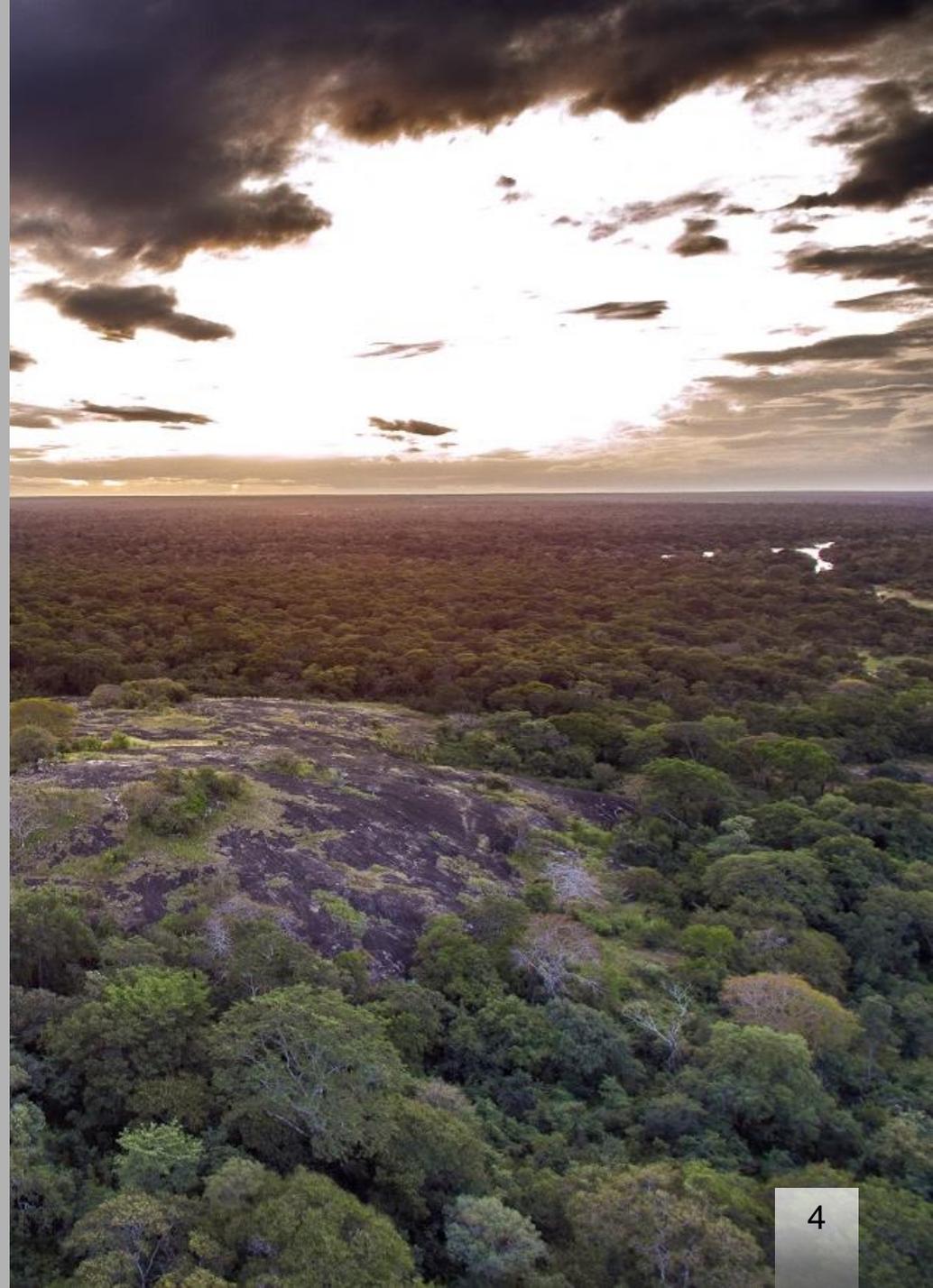
...EXPERIENCE

Our Lodge is situated in the Namwala Game Management Area (GMA) on a spectacular and remote stretch of the Kafue River, approximately 400 kilometers north of the majestic Victoria Falls.

The Kafue National Park, just opposite the lodge and only a 10 minute boat trip away, offers magnificent game that you can enjoy viewing from our comfortable open game drive vehicles. The Kafue River, with all its myriad of channels, rapids and islands lends itself to a range of exciting river based activities which include boat cruises, fishing, birding, canoeing and river trails. From the top of one of the large granite boulders in the Namwala GMA you will get a 360° view over nothing but nature! A visit to the KaingU Trust School can be organised.

Situated on a plateau 1030 meters above sea level, KaingU enjoys a year round moderate climate (coldest in July, hottest in October).

You'll arrive in a small paradise.



...EXPERIENCE

OUR COMMUNITY

Why come to Zambia? Because of its people! Warmth, hospitality and friendliness is innate in all Zambian tribes of which there are 72 in the country. The area around Kaingu Lodge has long been inhabited by the Ila people, good grazing land at the Kafue Flats have also attracted many Tonga people (before the creation of the Itezhi Tezhi dam, the IlaTonga were the richest pastoralists in Africa!). Chief of the area is Chief Kaingu (hence the name of our lodge) and he is a Lozi originally. All no problem, since the motto of the first President Zambia, Kenneth Kaunda, was: "One Zambia, One Nation". And so it is not surprising that hospitality and a warm welcome is integral to Zambian culture.

The first small, very traditional one-family-villages are located about 20km south of the Lodge, our first community school is reachable in about 1 hours drive. The majority of our employees are from the local area and are trained in house. Experience the hospitality of the Ila, Lozi, Kaonde, Luvale and Tonga people with us!

Twalumba (Ila, Tonga)
Twasanta (Kaonde)
Litumezi (Lozi)
Tunasakwila (Luvale)
Thank you!



WHAT'S NEW

Access from Livingstone

Thanks to a new road upgrade from Kalomo to the southern Kafue NP entrance gate Dumdumwenze and up to Itezhi Tezhi Lake, KaingU can now be reached in a 7-8 hours drive by a scheduled transfer or selfdrive from Livingstone. .

With more time to hand, our CLASSIC KAFUE package, with Nanzhila Plains Camp, is the perfect way to visit the Kafue NP from Livingstone. It is priced throughout the season at green season rates.

The company Hemingways, based in Livingstone, offers well serviced and equipped 4x4 vehicles to hire for selfdrivers.

By air:

The Zambian based air charter company Skytrails is now offering their services into the Kafue at seat rates from \$475 per person from Lusaka to Chunga, our closest airstrip. Flight time +/- 1 hour. They also offer scheduled flights to the Lower Zambezi Nationalpark and Livingstone.

 New: Turkish Airlines are now operating direct flights to Lusaka twice a week.



WHAT'S NEW

Lower Zambezi & Kafue NP

Discovering the Kafue & Lower Zambezi National Parks is made easy with our individual travel packages including arrival and departure options by road and air from Lusaka or Livingstone & the mighty Victoria Falls.

Stunning locations, highly experienced guiding teams, great food and caring service will ensure you have an unforgettable safari in owner run and sustainable (eco and socially) establishments.

BACK TO NATURE WILDERNESS ADVENTURE:

- 6 nights: Tusk and Mane & KaingU Safari Lodge

Reconnect with nature and replenish your senses with Tusk & Mane Safaris in the Lower Zambezi National Park, experience the Kafue National Park and its natural diversity at KaingU Safari Lodge. This 6 night tailor-made safari allows you to discover two beautiful, yet vastly different areas of Zambia with itinerary and activities customized to your preferences.

... EXTENDED

- 9 nights: Tusk and Mane, Musekese & KaingU

This tailor-made safari allows you to explore more of the untamed wilderness of the Kafue NP, adding 3 nights at Musekese Camp, where passionate guides give you the best possible wildlife encounters.



WHAT'S NEW

Sleep out in the Tonga-treebasket

Constructed from local Muchinga, our Tonga-treebaskets provide a unique and secure night under the stars close to nature.

Seasonally set in trees at stunning river locations, you fall asleep and wake up to the relaxing sounds of the Kafue.

Enjoy a night out individually or with your guide or with your group up to six.

Alone on a secluded river bank you will feel as cosy in the Tonga-treebasket as a Weaverbird in his nest.

This traditional sustainable building technique (using Muchinga which is rot and termite resistant) has been used by the Tonga and Ila people for grain stores and chicken houses for centuries.

To answer everyone's first question; beside the bucket 'bathroom' there is an ash-pit drum toilet.



WHAT'S NEW

From the Kaingu team

The Kaingu team has proudly grown since 2013 from six to twenty-two employees. 90% of our people come from the close by communities as we find it most important that they see the benefit of the national park and tourism directly.

Opening the lodge for as many months, even unprofitable ones provides a longer income for everyone compared to many other camps.

With our staff coming from very rural communities, Kaingu is proud of the in house and outsourced training it provides to our employees.

This year we would like to

- Congratulate our barman & waiter Benson Kaloza for successfully completing his 3 year diploma in Hotel & Tourism Management.
- Welcome our new trainee chef Patson Kundundwe to our kitchen team.
- Congratulate Oscar Mwanamwaambo on his promotion to the position of trainee guide.

We also like to welcome James Mukasa to our guiding team, already he is proving a real asset to our guiding team, and we also say a warm goodbye to our head guide JohnD who has ventured on in his career as a Kafue expert guide.

And last we congratulate our room attendant Marian Kaingu and husband Joel Mulela (barman) on the birth of baby Emmanuel and wish her a good maternity leave!



WHAT'S NEW from Itumbi School

Is the Itumbi Community School valued by the community? A definite answer to that is the growing number of students. What started in 2007 with 150 children has now grown to 480 attendees. While the school is desperate to receive a large donation to build another classroom, some good news is that the government has assigned another two new teachers. At least a strengthened team can provide better education in shared classrooms.

Thanks to extra generous donations of our guests the 800 meter long leaking water supply pipe could be replaced, watch <https://youtu.be/Oyu6Uq-IFA0>

& Keela School

While the last thing we expected was to take on another school, we just couldn't say no to Kennedy and the desperately poor Keela community school. Over six months involvement we managed to sink a borehole and build a two room classroom block up to the roofing level.

We are also now paying the salary of Vinagie, the community teacher who started the school back in 2008.



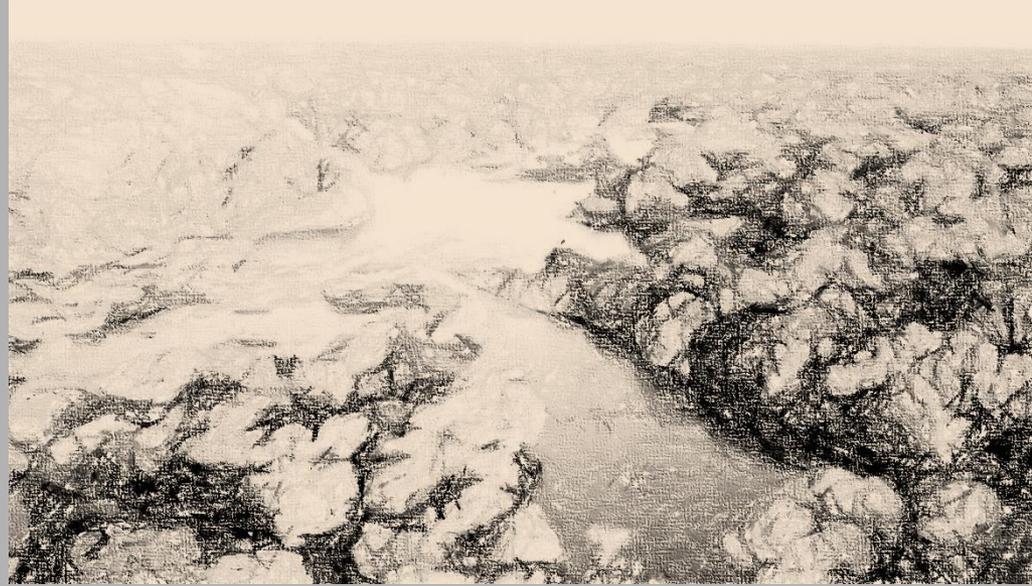
WHAT'S NEW

KaingU Bushcamp

While exploring a very promising location for our new KaingU Bushcamp, Gil and Israel have already been charged by a lioness and witnessed a leopard (twice) where they think the main area should be!

The site is chosen in a promising good game area on the West bank of the river, north of KaingU lodge in a remote and undeveloped part of the park. The bushcamp will open the opportunity of game and night drives in a new area of the Kafue National Park and also add another dimension to canoeing adventures.

Our aim is to keep it basic, close to nature, have a minimal impact and be sustainable. No over the top luxury – just a focus on comfort and a true wilderness experience. But don't worry the KaingU team will spoil you with our caring and culinary service!



ACTIVIES AT KAINGU

Our Lodge is located on a stunningly beautiful and unique section of the Kafue River, providing the perfect backdrop for a range of guided activities to view wild animals, birds, river and landscape as well as to gain an understanding of the broader ecology of our area:

- Driving Safaris
- Nature Walks
- River cruises
- Canoeing
- Sleep outs
- Birding & Photographic hides
- Visit to rural village & school
- Island breakfast & Rapids dinner

This diverse range of activities is unmatched in the Kafue, and our standards of boats, vehicles and all other equipment is top class. This diversity, and of course our highly experienced guiding team, enables the guest to pick and choose and have a tailored experience as far as possible. In short the KaingU activity experience is something we pride ourselves on.

• **GAME DRIVES IN THE VASTNESS OF THE KAFUE**
KaingU Lodge is in the unique position to expand its activities to an area of the Kafue National Park that for many years has been completely inaccessible. The majority of our game drives are now conducted in the National Park, a ten minute boat ride from the lodge. The new vehicles are outfitted to our design to a high standard with individual comfortable bucket seats. With short and longer loops available as well as the entire length of the (all weather) spinal road game drives can be tailored to individual wishes and can be from a couple of hours through to a whole day expedition. Drives on the Game Management Area side of the river are also conducted, but tend to be short night drives back to the lodge after a walk and sundowners.



...ACTIVITIES AT KAINGU

• CANOEING & ISLAND SLEEP OUTS

Be one of the first to go canoeing on the Kafue. KaingU guests can enjoy an unforgettable experience on the Kafue River. Specialist guides will take you through truly magnificent areas that one can only reach by inflatable canoes. Canoe trails can be from an hour or three to a full day or even several days.

The scenery is spectacular and varied and the pace of the trail can be individually set.

Pods of hippos, crocodiles and elephant are regularly encountered as well as a wide variety of bird-life and antelope species. Trails can end at the camp or at a beautiful picnic spot – there are combinations for everyone.



>>> *add a sleep out to your stay*



...ACTIVITIES AT KAINGU

- **BOATING ON A RIVER OF BOULDERS AND ISLANDS**
KaingU Safari Lodge is located on the most stunning section of the Kafue River. At KaingU the wide and steady flowing river stretches out and flows around countless granite boulders, rapids, grassy sandbanks and islands, some so big that even leopards live on them. Enjoy this beautiful river-landscape on a comfortable boat cruise, ideal for birding as well as seeing hippos, crocodiles, bathing elephants or drinking leopards. Our three aluminium boats have comfortable seating and smaller boats can be used for even more adventurous exploration of smaller channels or getting into tight birding spots!

Be pleasantly surprised by a bush breakfast set up on an island or a lantern-lit dinner by the river when coming back from an activity. Interact with the staff while the food is prepared and get a taste of the local cuisine. Traditional songs accompanied by dancing are a highlight of these evenings.

- **EXPERIENCE THE VASTNESS OF ZAMBIA ON FOOT**
Walking at KaingU can be as long or as short as you would like. Large granite boulders which can be found around the lodge add a wonderful feature to our safari nature walks. Here one can experience the vastness of Zambia and the Park. The short afternoon stroll to Mpamba Rock is one of our favourite rocks for watching a glorious African sunset with a mandatory G&T!

Longer walks from the lodge are also conducted to wonderful river locations or other scenic rocks. More conventional walking safaris are conducted in the National Park a ten minute boat ride away.



...ACTIVITIES AT KAINGU

• PARROT & BEE-EATER HIDES

Great photographic opportunities offered in our seasonal hides on islands and special locations.

Our senior guide JohnD was highly excited to discover a huge assembly of Meyer's Parrots at a small waterhole.

This amazing spectacle where by hundreds of Meyer's Parrots (and a few Grey-headed parrots and Green Pigeons) meet to ingest minerals in the mud occurs for only about 30 minutes early morning in late July and August.

Bird lovers can find hours of joy in our little island hide positioned opposite the banks of breeding White-fronted Bee-eaters. Being well hidden, it gives the opportunity to get a great shot of birds like the Goliath Heron that would otherwise shy of human presence.

>>> *explore an island*



...ACTIVITIES AT KAINGU

• VISIT A RURAL VILLAGE & COMMUNITY SCHOOL

About 25 km south of Kaingu Lodge you can witness a life that you might have thought does not exist anymore if you live in the “developed” world.

You will find the homes of families living their lives as subsistence farmers and fishermen the way they have always done for generations. Yes, some wooden bowls have been replaced by plastic containers and some people might have a mobile phone, this does not mean that they have a phone signal, or electricity, let alone have running water in their homes.

Life here is a lot of hard work, but in Zambian culture a visitor is always warmly welcomed and there is always time for stories and laughter.

Visiting a family you will be not coming as a complete stranger, but together with a family member that is also part of the KaingU team. This allows you to experience real life, there is nothing staged, acted or performed. This is not a “cultural village” experience but reality for many thousands of rural Zambians.

During the school terms you are most welcome to stop by one of the community schools that were built by the KaingU Trust and to which every guest contributes by staying at KaingU Lodge.



...ACTIVITIES AT KAINGU

• CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Share the magic of KaingU with your kids!

At KaingU your whole family is welcome and specialized activities guarantee that young adventurers have a great time.

The day's programmes can be custom-tailored to suit all interests and are designed so there is no disturbance to other guests. Many activities can be done with the whole family but we also offer exclusive activities for children and youngsters.

On our nature walks the whole family can explore the untamed wilderness around us. Our specialist guides will explain how to read the spoor of animals, identify insects and birds and explain which plants are useful for survival in the bush. Boat cruises on our magnificent part of the Kafue River are a pleasure for every age with the opportunity for rock climbing and island exploration. In the hotter months we visit our natural swimming pool in the rapids near camp and refreshment can be found safely in the natural pools.

Kids and youngsters will learn how to make a rope of tree-fibre and their own bows and arrows, which can then be used to practice their shooting skills by protecting our straw antelopes from 'poachers'. Our chefs are delighted to have hands on assistance in baking fresh 'hippo-rolls' or making dough for stick bread baked around the fire pit in the evening.

Families find comfortable accommodation in our Finfoot Family House and extra beds can be added to our Tented Chalets.



Be a guest at KaingU Safari Lodge

ACCOMMODATION

KaingU offers guest accommodation both at the Lodge and at three private and individual campsites, both in the Namwala GMA, facing the river and directly opposite the Kafue National Park.

KAINGU LODGE

- 6 Tented Chalets (2x double, 4x twin; all en-suite)
- 1 Family house (1x room double, 1x room twin; all en-suite; extra beds available)

Set on raised individual private wooden decks, each overlooking the Kafue River, KaingU Safari Lodge comprises 6 double Meru-style tents with en-suite bathrooms, indoor showers and an open-air shower. The “Honeymoon-tent” has an additional outside bath. Every tent is additionally roofed with thatch to provide additional cooling and further blend into nature.

Our Finfoot family house consists of 2 bedrooms (one queen, one twin), 2 en-suite bathrooms plus outside shower and a central living area opening onto a private deck overlooking the river. It’s a perfect spot for a couple with children, or a small group of friends.

All accommodation has gauze screen doors and windows and mosquito netting over the beds. The two bedside lights and bathroom light are solar powered as are the other lodge facilities. Plugs can be found in the central area of the lodge for charging of electronic devices.

Water is heated by individual wood boilers / solar geysers. A flask with filtered drinking water is provided and filtered water is always available. Bottled water is also available from the bar, but for ecological reasons we encourage the use of reusable bottles and filtration.



...ACCOMMODATION

The focal point of the Lodge is the thatched central area (or “Boma”) with a lounge, dining area and bar. Attached to it is a redwood deck built over the river and under the forest canopy.

This area provides guests with a beautiful and serene setting for dining, sundowners or just relaxing with a book and has an all-day tea & coffee station. At night a fire is lit in the purpose-built pit on the deck. Solar-lit paths provide easy access between the chalets and the central area.

What's new:

- gauzed entrance doors for easy access at all tented chalets
- additional outside shower at Finfoot house
- two tented chalets with glass bottle design & solar geysers
- remote campsite built with recycled glass bottles & treadle pump
- wireless network via satellite for public use in the main area provides a (slow) internet connection
- curio shop with local and Zambian crafts



...ACCOMMODATION

KAINGU SLEEP OUT

If you would like to add a new dimension to your Zambian adventure why not include an overnight sleep out on one of the islands or in the bush? Sit by the fire and listen to the nocturnal creatures with the stars so close you feel you can almost touch them.

The facilities and menu are kept simple to reflect the experience but are safe, comfortable and the food delicious. Wake up to a spectacular sunrise and the early morning chorus of birdsong.

KAINGU PRIVATE CAMPSITES

- 3 sites at the rapids, for only one group of guests with max. 2 cars and 6 people each
- 1 site in the bush, for groups with max. 4 cars and 8 people.

Separate to the lodge but within walking distance are three beautifully appointed grassy campsites by the rapids. Each site has its own ablution block with cold and hot running water, a kitchen sink, fire pits for cooking and a thatched sheltered area which provides protection against sun and rain.

Groups can also be accommodated in a larger bush camp site with its own separate facilities. Activities and meals and laundry can be organised through the lodge, but lodge facilities are not part of the campsite.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LOCAL

The Lodge hires local labour wherever possible and provides them with the necessary training. All materials such as thatch, poles, road maintenance material are sourced from the local communities, who are paid accordingly in an effort to recognize the value of these resources.



COMMUNITY TRUST

In addition a levy of \$10 per lodging guest plus \$3 per camping guest is paid to our Community Trust (started by the founders of KaingU Lodge). This money is used on projects which benefit the local community and also the Park itself, with anti-poaching activities and further developments of the community school being high on the agenda. The Lodge, together with the Community Trust, decides how best to apply the funds.



ITUMBI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On a visit to the village in 2006 the KaingU Safari Lodge guests saw the poor condition of the traditionally built local school. Back home in the Netherlands they set up the “Kaingu Community Foundation” and started a big donation campaign. This donation and the local support of KaingU Safari Lodge made it possible to build a new school with three class rooms. Currently the Itumbi Community School provides education for over 480 children of the area. Ongoing support from KaingU lodge is also provided by paying three teacher’s salaries and through charitable donations by guests of the lodge, providing books, pens and other necessities.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

KaingU Safari Lodge has been designed and built to minimize the impact on the local environment. Maximum use has been made of existing trees, rocky outcrops and topographical features to blend in with its surroundings and reduce any impact on the unique landscape.

The Lodge is entirely powered by solar energy, with power, lighting and water reticulation all powered by solar panels. The lodge has an installed capacity of over 6,000 watts of solar power generation! Few lodges can in reality claim as low a carbon footprint as KaingU.

As much lighting is low powered LED as is possible, fridges are highly efficient and designed for rural Africa with thicker than normal insulation and highly efficient compressors. Even our main guest boats are quiet and river-friendly modern four stroke engines. As much as possible KaingU purchases food products organically and sustainably grown in Zambia and by the IT'S WILD organisation. While doing so we are supporting small scale conservation-based agriculture in the rural areas of Zambia and contribute directly to the conservation of Zambia's wildlife and ecosystems while reducing poverty and hunger.

All organic waste is composted and used for the Lodge's vegetable garden. Hard waste is collected and recycled wherever possible, and what cannot be otherwise recycled is returned to Lusaka for disposal.

The Lodge works closely with DNPW and private game protection organisations to protect the wildlife and catch-and-release is encouraged with all fishing activities.

KaingU Lodge are proud to contribute, promote and be active in the following organizations:

Game Rangers International
Kafue Park Operators Association
Itumbi Trust



ANTI POACHING

Poaching is still one of the Kafue NP's major challenges. Its enormous size, limited accessibility and limited resources are the major challenges. KaingU over the last years has been a big supporter of the work done by Game Rangers International as well as the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW). Assistance is also given on an ongoing basis to research organisations operating in the Park – Zambia Carnivore Programme and Panthera.

KAINGU TEAM

KaingU is owned and managed by two couples. Lynda and Rick hail from Australia and were looking for a life change – they certainly did! Julia and Gilmour hail originally from Germany and Scotland but have had their entire working lives in Africa.

The guiding team consists of Kaley, Israel, James and Oscar. Consummate professionals and all equally at home on this incredible stretch of river as well of course as on land!

The front of house team is led by Benson Kaloza whose infectious enthusiasm and intelligence has made him a bit of a legend.



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PHONE

Our office is at the lodge and being remote means there is no mobile phone signal. Therefore you can not call us. The best way to contact us is by email.

INTERNET

We do have internet via a satellite at the lodge and a (slow) wireless network for public use in the main area.

STAY IN TOUCH

Befriend us on Facebook, follow KaingU lodge news & sightings. @kaingu.safarilodge

GUEST REVIEWS

See our guest reviews on tripadvisor.



Getting to KaingU in Zambia

ARRIVAL & DIRECTIONS

KAINGU SAFARI LODGE:

15°17'49.8" SOUTH, 025°58'39.8" EAST
(all GPS coordinates in degrees, minutes, seconds)

All guests staying at KaingU Safari Lodge enjoy a spectacular arrival by a short boat cruise through islands and granite boulders to the lodge.

All guests arriving after sunset or staying at KaingU Private Campsites take a route on the eastern side of the river, direct to KaingU.

BY AIR

From Lusaka or Livingstone fly to Chunga Airstrip in the KNP, transfer by vehicle via the Spinal Road to KaingU carpark and boat across the Kafue River to KaingU Safari Lodge.

Flight time from Lusaka / Livingstone: 50-70 minutes

Transfer time: 1 hour and 10 minutes by boat

Chunga Airstrip (preferred option, all weather strip):

S15°03'15.1" E025°59'08.1"

Please contact us about more details about flight options.

BY ROAD – Transfer

Transfers by car can be organized by KaingU. Pick up from any location in Lusaka or Livingstone, transfer via the Spinal Road through the KNP and boat across the Kafue River. Departure time from Lusaka is no later than 12:00 and from Livingstone no later than 09:00.

Transfer time from Lusaka: 4-5 hours.

Transfer time from Livingstone: 7-9 hours.

BY ROAD – Selfdrive

Please find detailed self drive directions and map under 'Contact & Directions' on our webpage:

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Please do not follow Google maps.

