

LOWVELD TRAILS CO.

KAFUE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

On the **Kafue Wilderness Experience**, you will journey through mixed Mopane and Miombo woodland, interspersed with a network of Dambos - seasonally flooded areas adjacent to ephemeral riverbeds.

Kafue National Park is **Zambia**'s largest and oldest Park and is classic Big-Game country. A Wilderness Trail in this wild, virgin environment, filled with animals that have scarcely, if ever, seen humans before, will expose you to Nature's fine detail, the grandeur of the landscape and the thrill of moving among iconic large mammals. Well beyond an activity, this is a fully immersive experience that permits participation in Nature as opposed to traditional spectatorship.

It creates the space for personal, social and Wilderness regeneration.

What to Expect

Kafue National Park, one of Africa's largest and most remote protected areas, is a vast mosaic of untouched Wilderness. Its sweeping Mopane and Miombo woodlands, interspersed with seasonally flooded dambos, support an exceptional diversity of wildlife, from large elephant and buffalo herds to elusive species such as cheetah, wild dog, and sable antelope. With its low visitor density and immense ecological variety, Kafue offers one of the continent's most authentic safari experiences.

The focal point of the 7-day Experience is the 3-night Wilderness Trail that takes place in the remote Malala Wilderness Area West of Lake Itezhi-tezhi, along the seasonal Musa and Luangandu Rivers.

Led by a Professional Wilderness Trails Guide and a Wildlife Police Officer (WPO) from the Zambian Department of National Parks and Wildlife, with years of Trail experience each, groups will spend three self-sufficient nights in the wild.

Each guest will carry all their equipment on their back and enter a world only accessible to a privileged few. The group will set their own pace and explore according to their interests and capabilities. There are no demarcated campsites or routes. Each night is spent under the stars (no tents) at a pristine location with participants sharing the responsibility of 'night-watch duty'.

The Wilderness Trail is paired with a 3-night stay at Nanzhila Lake Camp (1-night pre and 2-nights post Trail), situated on the tranquil shores of Lake Ithezi-thezi. From this beautiful lakeside setting, guests can settle into the rhythms of the landscape before and after their Trail immersion.



While on the 3-night Wilderness Trail, **guests carry all of their own gear in their backpacks** (+-15kg) for up to 10km per day. Therefore, a good level of physical fitness and stamina is required.



The Kafue region has a hot climate with a distinct wet and dry season. The Trail season is therefore limited to months in the dry season, June, July, August and September when conditions are most favorable.

Expect daytime temperatures in the mid-20 degrees Celsius, with night-times sometimes dropping as low as 5 degrees Celsius.

Seven Day Package Itinerary

Day One

- Meeting Point - Nanzhila Lake Camp in the early afternoon
- The Guide will meet the group on arrival
- Introduction and orientation
- Afternoon activity - game drive, followed by dinner in camp

Day Two

- Morning activity - early game drive, followed by breakfast at camp
- Trail briefing (Trail equipment and food will be distributed)
- Midday - the group will be transported to the Trail departure point
- 3-night Wilderness Trail begins

Day Three and Four

- Full days spent exploring the Malala Wilderness Area while on Trail

Day Five

- 3-Night Wilderness Trail ends - after breakfast the group will walk to the pre-arranged collection point for pick-up at 10h00am, from where the group will be transported back to Nanzhila Lake Camp
- Afternoon - free time to be spent relaxing in camp, followed by an afternoon activity and a well-deserved sundowner
- Dinner in camp

Day Six

- Morning activity - early game drive, followed by breakfast
- Free time to relax in camp during the middle of the day
- Afternoon activity - game drive, followed by dinner

Day Seven

- Morning activity - final early game drive followed by breakfast
- Experience concludes - group departs Nanzhila Lake Camp mid-morning

Package Includes:

- 3-Night Wilderness Trail
- 3 nights full board shared accommodation at Nanzhila Lake Camp
- Game drives and boat excursion (lake-level dependent) while based at Nanzhila Lake Camp
- Lowveld Trails Co. Professional Wilderness Trails Guide for the duration
- Kafue National Park WPO for the Wilderness Trail component
- Transfers between Nanzhila Lake Camp and the Trail start/end points
- All Kafue Park fees and Trail fees
- Emergency Evacuation Cover
- All meals and selected drinks
- Selected Trail equipment: backpack, ground sheet, camping mattress and pillow, bivvy bag (breathable waterproof bag to protect against rain/dew), light-weight Trail chair, gas cooker, pot, mug and cutlery, 1l water bottle, drybag, ziplock bag, toilet paper and matches

Package Excludes:

- International flights to/from Zambia
- Transfers to and from Nanzhila Lake Camp (group can either self-drive to the Camp or book a road transfer or chartered flight from Lusaka - see details in Pre-Travel Information)
- Gratuities






Nanzhila Lake Camp overlooks the Musa Riverbed and Lake Itezhi-tezhi shoreline. The chalets situated along the tree line offer a quiet and welcoming base before and after the Wilderness Trail.

What to Pack

Everything required for the duration of the Wilderness Trail must be carried in a backpack.
Below is a 'Packing Checklist' to assist guests when packing.

Trail Equipment

- Sleeping bag (winter weight)
- Sharp knife - you can use a pocket knife/ Leatherman
- Water bottles - should have capacity of at least 2.5 litres
- Lighter
- Head torch and extra batteries
- Binoculars
- Gaiters

Trail Kit

- Comfortable, worn-in, walking shoes
- Neutral coloured clothing
- Hat and sunglasses
- Flip-flops
- Sarong – can be used as blanket, sun protection and towel
- Waterproof poncho or rain jacket
- Nights can get chilly so be prepared with a jacket, scarf, gloves, beanie and layers.

Personal Essentials

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Small towel and face cloth
- Biodegradable soap
- Journal and pen



Selected Trail Equipment provided - see the 'Package Includes' section above for the full list of items that each guest will be provided with.

Trail Catering provided - each guest will be provided with 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, tea, coffee and juice, as well as the odd snack.
Trail catering is made up of dehydrated meals and typical, packable hiking trail food - remember all cooking will be done on a gas cooker.

Water Provision while on Trail - Guests will have access to water every morning and afternoon. Water will be found in the seasonal riverbeds in the area. This could be in the form of pools, or in wells that we dig in the river sand.

Book the Kafue Wilderness Experience

The 7-day Kafue Wilderness Experience is open to individual or private group bookings. A minimum of 4 guests ensures departure, with a maximum group size of 8 guests.

2027 Departures for Individual Bookings:
09–15 July and 16–22 August

2027 Departures for Private Group Bookings:
Throughout the dry season - June to September

Kafue Wilderness Experience Rack Rate: US$ 5 300 /person

Contact **reservations@lowveldtrails.co.za** to check availability and secure your preferred departure date.

SADC Rate available on request - only applicable to private group bookings.

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