Location:
Chikunto Safari Lodge is located in South Luangwa National Park, (9 050 km²) Zambia's premier National Park. The unfenced park is approximately 700 km north east of Lusaka. The lodge is situated on the banks of the Luangwa River (Big Bend Site) only 20 minutes from Mfwe airport and roughly forty-five minutes game drive from the Mfuwe main gate.

Accommodation:
4 Luxury Safari Tents - (two king-size/twin and two king-size), open plan en-suite bathroom with private shower, twin washbasins and flushing toilet.

1 Luxury Family Tent with two bedrooms (one king-size, one twin). Communal living area with bedrooms on either side, screened off en-suite bathroom with shower, twin washbasins and flushing toilet.

All tents are fitted with:
- Mosquito net and fan over bed
- Floor to ceiling net windows
- Open wardrobe
- Writing desk
- Sofa, occasional chair and coffee table
- Private covered wooden deck with relaxing seating

All the tents are raised on 1.5 - 2m high off the ground.
Maximum 12 guests and 4 additional children.

MAIN LODGE:

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The raised wooden deck incorporates reception, dining area, bar and lounge areas are under thatch. A large fire pit can be enjoyed during the cooler evenings. The salt-water heated swimming pool includes a counter-current system for the energetic.

RATES INCLUDE:

- Accommodation (no single supplement applicable)
- All meals and snacks (breakfast, lunch, afternoon cake, 3-course dinner)
- Teas and coffees
- All soft drinks, wine, beers, water
- Two game viewing activities per day (game drives (dry season), walking safaris, Boat cruises (Emerald season) 15th Feb – 31 Match subject to water levels.
- Transfer from and to Mfuwe airport,
- Laundry
- Value Added Tax,
- cultural/village tour- on request instead to the game drive
- visit local market and Tribal Textiles on request instead to the game drive

EXCLUDES:

- Premium Brands
- Gratuities
- Spa treatments- pre booked prior to arrival in tent
- Park fees DNPW National Park Fees*, Tourism Levy, Service charge (* DNPW National Park Fees are $ 65 pppn and **non-commissionable.** These fees are subject to change depending on DNPW policy)
- Private vehicle – 500 USD per night

PAYMENT FOR EXTRAS:

All extras can be paid in cash and credit card. We accept Kwacha (local currency), USD, EURO and British Pounds.

Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

ELECTRICITY & WATER

The whole lodge runs on eco-friendly solar power. You need to have a supply of international Adaptors on offer, please. Limited WIFI is available in the main lodge area.

Tap water is safe to drink. The borehole water runs through a German-certified double filtration system which includes two different filters and UV radiation that kills 99.9 % of all bacteria that the water may contain. The quality is regularly checked. Bottled water is also available on special request.

CHILD POLICY:

Minimum age for children is 8 years. Nevertheless, if you wish to bring your younger children, please contact us for special arrangement prior to your booking. The minimum age for children on game drive is 7 years.

MONTHS THAT THE LODGE OPERATES:

Mid-February – April
Emerald Season with boat, walking and driving safaris (subject to weather conditions)
May – Mid November

GETTING THERE:

South African Airways, Kenya Airways and Emirates to Lusaka

Proflight Zambia from Lusaka to Mfuwe (1h 10min)
Proflight Zambia from Durban via Lusaka (2h 30min) to Mfuwe (1h 10min)
Charter planes from outside Zambia can fly direct to Mfuwe and clear customs and immigration there.
Meet & Greet Service at Lusaka International Airport can be arranged at extra costs.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:
Nationals from Australia, Canada, UK, USA, New Zealand and most European countries including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland can obtain their visa at the point of entry into Zambia. The current tourist visa fee for single entry is USD 50. Please visit the Zambian Immigration website http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm for more information.

WILDLIFE:
South Luangwa offers fantastic wildlife viewing. There are 60 different animal species in South Luangwa National Park. Hippos and crocodile is very common in the Luangwa River.
One of the most known endemic species in the Luangwa Valley is the Thornicroft's Giraffe.

BIRDS
More than 400 species have been recorded here. Migratory colonies of carmine bee-eaters nesting on the banks of the river are a must-see in August and September.
The African Fish Eagle is the national bird of Zambia.

CLIMATE:
Seasonal changes are very pronounced in Luangwa. The dry season begins in April - October, the hottest month. Warm sunny days and chilly nights typify the dry winter months of May to August. The wet season begins in November .The rainy season lasts up until the end of March. This is Zambia's 'Emerald Season'.

TRAVEL TIPS & WHAT TO BRING
Comfortable walking shoes and neutral coloured clothing, warm clothing for cool winter evenings (June / July), hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, swimming costume, bird book, insect repellent, binoculars and camera.
You should travel with soft sided bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles). Proflight baggage allowance (for most routes) – limit of 15 kg for hold luggage and 5 kg for hand luggage. Additional 30kg for hold luggage can be booked for 300 ZMW (30 USD) via Proflight website or at Lusaka airport.

With USD, please make sure you bring new notes – the ones with "big heads" dated from 2012. In Zambia they don't accept the old notes with small heads.

Please visit http://proflight-zambia.com for full information.

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