

## ACTIVITIES IN THE KAFUE NATIONAL PARK & AROUND KAINGU SAFARI LODGE

KaingU Safari Lodge is situated in the Namwala Game Management Area (GMA) on the eastern bank of the Kafue River adjacent to the Kafue National Park (KNP), one of Africa's largest National Parks. Please find below some information about the activities you can do with us.

Please note that park fees apply for all activities in the Kafue National Park, of which the whole river is part. Escort fees for guided walks apply in the GMA and the KNP.

Please check availability of activities at reception. Kindly note that not all activities are available all the time as certain variables such as river levels and season can affect activities.

### **Game Drives: max 6 people / groups 9 (KNP):**

See some of Kafue's 158 species of mammals, 515 of birds and 36 amphibians;

- morning / afternoon game drive (3-4 hours)
- long morning game drive (~6 hours)
- full day (~8 hours) including picnic lunch
- set off before sunrise to watch the spectacle of the morning gathering of dozens of Meyer's parrots (seasonal)

### **Boating (KNP):**

Take a cruise on arguably the most stunning stretch of the Kafue river; look out for hippos and mammals coming to the edge of the river; great photographic opportunities for birders.

- morning / afternoon boat cruise (2-3 hours)
- boat to the bee-eater hide (seasonal)

### **Canoeing (KNP):**

Our Specialist guides will take you through truly magnificent areas that can mostly only be reached by inflatable canoes. The scenery is spectacular and varied and the pace of the trail can be set to suit individuals.

- morning / afternoon short trips (~1 hour)
- morning / afternoon ½ day trip (~3 hours)
- canoe trails with island sleep out

### **Guided Walks in the KNP max 6 people:**

Guided nature walks looking for the things you miss on the drive; max 6 people;

- morning / afternoon (2-3 hours)

### **Explore unguided:**

#### **Walk to the Rapids (GMA; 5-15 min walk)**

Starting at the southern side of the Rapids camp-sites, a short foot path marked with white arrows leads you towards the noisy granite rock rapids; good foot wear is required; do not walk alone (follow the African saying: walk alone to be fast, walk together to be safe); be aware of your surroundings – you could come across dangerous animals; keep a distance from the water – there are crocodiles in the river! Take a picnic and book along to stay a while and look out for otters.

#### **Selfdrive / Escorted walk to Puku Hide (GMA)**

Puku hide is a shaded camouflaged hide overlooking a little dambo. Take your time and sit quietly to see what comes by. Wear good foot wear, bring binoculars & books. Drive along the road out of camp and take the first left turn; check the surroundings before leaving your vehicle!

### **Guided Walks in the GMA:**

#### **Mpamba Rock**

Guided nature walk through Miombo forest and along dambos on which our Guide will explain animal tracks and signs you come across, as well as plants and trees and their properties .

The walk up the Mpamba Rock is easy and you will have a great view and experience an African sunset over the Kafue National Park; the walk takes about 1½ hours (one way); if done towards sunset we will pick you up by car; wear good foot wear.

#### **Nature Walks**

Longer nature walks e.g. along the Zhibakamwale rock formations and through Puku Hide, dambos or Island-Explorations;

#### **Rock hopping (good physical condition required)**

Explore the rock formations below the rapids, climb over and on top of giant boulders and discover & refresh in natural pools; Duration of above walks 2-3hours.

### **Visit the KaingU Community School & village (GMA):**

KaingU village is the home of most of our staff members. Expect real African villages, still quite traditional, nothing staged; kindly respect people's homes; The Community School was built by the KaingU Trust to which every guest contributes by staying with us \$10 lodging / \$3camping. The drive to Itumbi School takes about 1 ½ hours, the whole trip will be about 4 hours.

### **Young Adventurers (GMA):**

Children's activities include: tracking, spoor identification, bow & arrow making, archery, stargazing, fishing, entomology, bread making, rope making, seed jewellery making and bush skills

### **Dine out:**

#### **Island Breakfast (KNP):**

Enjoy a full English breakfast on an island, a 30 minute boat cruise away from the lodge.

#### **Rapids Dinner (GMA):**

Enjoy a delicious three course lantern lit dinner prepared on site by our chefs below the rapids.

### **Sleep out:**

Add an overnight sleep out, on an island or on Mpamba Rock, to your stay at KaingU.

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 comfortable and the food delicious. Wake up to a spectacular sunrise and the early morning chorus of birdsong.