

## 4 NIGHT ITINERARY

2 night at Masuwe Lodge and 2 nights at Chundu Island

### INTRODUCTION

This 4 night safari comprises of two nights at Masuwe Lodge and two nights at Chundu Island. The final itinerary sequence will depend on the availability at the time of booking the safari.

### ABOUT MASUWE LODGE

Masuwe Lodge is only a 10 minute drive from the bustling town of Victoria Falls where one can tour the falls, participate in a variety of extreme sports, enjoy the thrill of helicopter trips above the falls as well as discover the cultural delights and even unearth local treasures in the curio stores. With so much to do, it is always a pleasure to escape back to the natural setting of the bush in the evenings, which is further enhanced with game drives in the Chamabonda National Park. With complimentary transfers in and out of town, it is the perfect base from which to experience the excitement and wonders of Victoria Falls, while enjoying the tranquillity of safari life.

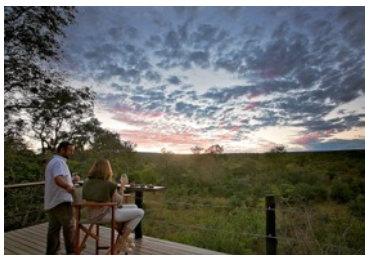
### ABOUT CHUNDU ISLAND

After the hustle and bustle of Victoria Falls, the serenity of Chundu Island offers the perfect foil. A private island concession on the Zambezi River, Chundu provides a blend of the serenity and the quiet thrill of nature. Think 'Seychelles meets Zambezi', spacious palm thatched suites sheltered by huge riverine trees along the edge of the island overlook the mighty Zambezi River, and the Zambezi National Park. The best of both worlds are on offer here, with a combination of water activities and wildlife. Enjoy the privilege of barefoot island living, game drives and walks, canoeing on the river, fishing, birding, watching hippos and elephants come down to drink on the opposite bank, and stunning sunsets.

### DAY ONE: MASUWE LODGE

Arrive at the Victoria Falls/Livingstone Airport where, once you have cleared customs, you will be met by a professional transfer company who will drive you to Masuwe. The driver will display your name on a board in the arrivals hall.

Masuwe Lodge is set back from the road in a private nature reserve bordering on the Chamabonda National Park. 9 Wilderness tents built from wood and canvas are raised on stilts overlooking the Masuwe Wildlife Sanctuary – a peaceful place to enjoy the solitude of the bush while looking out for buffalo and general game. For the romantic a 'hide-away' suite with a double shower and outdoor bath is set a discreet distance from the other rooms, and a spacious family unit with a private braai and swimming pool area is available away from the main lodge.



After you have checked in you will enjoy a light afternoon tea by the pool. Chat to our guide about your afternoon activities. You can choose between a guided walk on our private reserve, a drive in the Chamabonda Reserve, or multiple activities in town. Our 1000-hectare property is home to a variety of birdlife and wildlife including sable, eland, bushbuck, impala, kudu, warthogs and more. Return on time to enjoy a sunset drink in the bush.

Dinners are novel and varied on different days, for example you can look forward to looking on as the chef prepares a bush dinner using innovative recipes and local ingredients, or watching the sun set from the deck of the lodge while a 3 course meal is prepared in the kitchen, or an intimate table for two at the swimming pool. Either way, enjoy the African dusk, the stars appearing one by one and the attentive service of our Masuwe team.

## **DAY TWO: MASUWE LODGE**

You'll be woken up in the early morning for tea & coffee delivered to your room, with a freshly baked muffin and then climb aboard the open safari vehicles for a guide game drive into the adjacent Chamabonda National Park. The drive begins in thick bush which soon clears to reveal the picturesque open vlei (a grassy water course) for which this park is renowned. The Chamabonda is home to elephant, lion, kudu, zebra and over 400 species of bird. The vlei has several waterholes that attract wildlife all year round, these are overlooked by hides- the perfect place to stop and enjoy a light brunch. You will then return to Masuwe Lodge for lunch. In the afternoon your guide will take you to visit the Victoria Falls. Based on the falls combined width (1,7kms, approx. 1 mile) and height (100mtrs, 330 feet), Victoria Falls is classified as the world's largest waterfall. After the breath-taking sighting of the falls, you will then return to the lodge for sundowner drinks on the west facing deck, followed by dinner. Back in your cosy tent, listen to the magical sounds of the African bush as you fall asleep... this is life on safari!

By today you should have a fair idea of what is on offer in town, and how you would like to spend your day. Wake up to the sight of a shy bushbuck browsing below your room, or sable coming to drink at the waterhole. After a leisurely breakfast let our guide take you into town, to follow your own adventure, be it extreme sports, scenic flights or curio shopping, there's something for everyone.

## **DAY THREE: TRANSFER FROM MASUWE LODGE TO CHUNDU ISLAND**

Depending on what you've managed to cram into your stay so far, you can choose between a leisurely breakfast or an early breakfast and tour of the Victoria Falls before departing to Zambezi House for your transfer to the stunning Chundu Island.

Take a 1 hour 30 minute road transfer from Zambezi House where you will enjoy a game drive through the Zambezi National Park to the banks of the Zambezi River. Here you will board a barge and be ferried about 5 minutes across the river to one of the world's most beautiful island, home to magnificent riverine trees, an incredible variety of birdlife, bushbuck and vervet monkeys.

For the more adventurous, take a 40 minute boat transfer up the mighty Zambezi River and twist and turn your way over the water and some light rapids until you reach Chundu Island.

## **DAY THREE: CHUNDU ISLAND**

Enjoy a welcome drink while the staff explain the variety of activities on offer and how to book them. Two activities per day are included in the rate. Game drives are conducted in the Zambezi National Park in specially adapted open 4x4 Land cruisers with qualified guides. Safari walks in the park are accompanied by a professional armed guide. Our professional river guide leads groups of up to 8 in canoes along the currents of the Zambezi, keeping an eye out for hippos and game along the riverbanks. Fun fishing and fishing charters (charters must be pre-booked) challenge the fishermen, and island walks provide a fascinating insight into the flora and fauna of the island – keep an eye out for the abundance of birds that call the island home, including the Schalow's Turaco. Sunset

Cruises take place daily, getting onto the water on time to watch the changing skies reflected in the river, with delicious snacks and drinks on board, it is the ultimate sunset experience.



Dine on the restaurant deck on the island's edge with a panoramic view of the river, and let your guides know what your pleasure is for the afternoon. After lunch enjoy a well-earned break or head out into the reserve or onto the water.

As evening draws near, consider a sunset cruise on the river, or the amazing vista of the sunset from the island bar. And, once the sun has disappeared beyond the horizon, enjoy the bounties of our kitchen, dinner is served from 19h30 until 21h00. Enjoy coffee or liqueurs after dinner before being escorted to your room by our security guard – he is there to ensure your safety in the event of hippos or elephants having crossed over to the island, which they do from time to time. Let the lapping of the water lull you to sleep.

#### DAY FOUR: CHUNDU ISLAND

Chundu Island is about enjoying the remote island lifestyle your own way. Choose between waking early and heading into the Zambezi National Park for a game drive or walk, or having a relaxed lie-in before moseying on down to the dining room for a generous breakfast spread.

After breakfast the decision making really gets tough. You need to choose between lolling at the pool, watching the hippos cavort, or paddling down the river in comfortable and steady inflatable canoes. Or maybe an island walk – or a gentle bumble down the river by boat, casting a line in the water in the hopes of snagging a tiger fish or nembwe bream. Or maybe just a massage and then a rest on the daybed of your private deck while you watch the river go by.

Lunch will be served from 12h30 until 14h00, leaving enough time for either an afternoon siesta, or your choice of activity (maybe even both). If you want to do nothing then choose to do it at the swimming pool, on your deck, at the lounge, bar or bar deck. Whatever you choose you can be sure that while it may be peaceful, but it will never be boring. The water and birdlife is the best kind of bush tv there is – it's mesmerising.

After the afternoon activities enjoy a soak in the freestanding bath in your room, or an outdoor shower before making your way down to the bar for sundowners or a sunset cruise, and another magnificent star-studded African night sky.

#### DAY FIVE: CHUNDU ISLAND

Wake to the sound of birdsong and take those last few photographs to cherish forever. Breakfast will be served between 07h30 and 08h30 before we bid you farewell (if you have an early flight the chef will pack you something to enjoy on the drive out, and we will plan an early transfer), you will then depart for your last game drive from Chundu Island through the Zambezi National Park, with final glimpses of the river tumbling over rapids, to Zambezi House at 08h45. Here you will be collected for a transfer from Zambezi House to Victoria Falls or Livingstone Airport.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The order of accommodation may change from that described above as it is dependent upon availability and the day of arrival. All activities are weather and access dependent.



## MASUWE LODGE:

*Rates Include:* Accommodation, return airport transfers from Victoria Falls Airport or town transfers, return transfers to town for touring, all meals, local brand drinks from the bar, WIFI (in arrival area), an informal tour of the town, a tour of Victoria Falls as well as a daily wildlife activity which may include guided walk, game drive in the neighbouring Chamabonda National Park or on Masuwe Lodge property. Two tours will be operated each day and your itinerary will be planned around your interests and the season.

*Rates Exclude:* National Park Entrance fees\*; laundry service; premium brand drinks, transfers from Livingstone Airport and optional gratuities.

## CHUNDU ISLAND:

*Rates Include:* Accommodation, all meals, teas & coffees, soft drinks, local brand drinks from the bar, 2 Activities per day and basic “bush laundry” (hand wash, dry and fold). Transfers from Zambezi National Park Gate to Chundu Island (midday transfers).

*Rates Exclude:* Park fees, early, late or unspecified transfers, premium spirits, liqueurs, imported bees and cellar wines.

*Included Activities:* (Dependent on availability): Morning Game Drives (Max 8), Evening Game Drives (Max 8), Canoeing (Max 6), Sundowner Cruise, River Cruise, Bushwalks (Max 6) and Fun Fishing.

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