



## **CHONGWE SAFARIS**

### **CLOTHING/WHAT TO BRING**

The atmosphere at Chongwe Safaris is informal, so casual neutral coloured clothing is both practical and acceptable. During the summer months of September to November cool clothing is essential, with long loose clothing for the evenings. From May to August it can be cool at nights and early morning so warmer clothes are advised.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, brown, green and beige or neutral colours
- Light cotton tops and cotton trousers
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, they will protect you from the sun and from mosquitoes)
- T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days
- Sweater or fleece for game activities (especially during the winter months, when we also recommend a beanie hat, scarf and gloves)
- Socks
- A good pair of lightweight shoes is essential for walking safaris, sandals for walking around your accommodation.
- Light, compact raincoat during the rainy months (April and November)
- Hat(essential)

Layers are most practical for the fluctuating day/night temperatures of the Lower Zambezi Valley. Dull and/or neutral colours are more suitable for safari; white is definitely not practical, and black and dark blues can attract tsetse flies. Don't bring too much - laundry is available in the camp - and there is a strict 15kg limit for baggage on light planes. It is best to pack hardy, durable clothing in a soft bag rather than a suitcase. Soft bags are also essential on light planes.

It is also advised to bring:

- High factor sunscreen, Sunglasses and Insect Repellent
- Torch (compact Maglite for example)
- Photocopy of your passport (in case of loss) and copy of medical insurance
- Personal medication and small first aid kit
- Binoculars
- Spare glasses if used (in case of breakage) contact lens users may also wish to bring glasses as the game drives can be very dusty
- Cigarettes/Tobacco if you are a smoker as these are not sold at our properties

### **Don't forget...**

- Cameras and binoculars
- Plenty of digital memory, spare camera batteries and recharger. The camp has an inverter, so recharging in the evening from the generator is possible.

### **Air Travel**

There are a number of airlines serving Zambia through Lusaka International Airport. International visitors can make use of the British Airways service from London or the Zambezi Airlines and

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South African Airways services from Johannesburg. Flight time from Johannesburg is 1 hour 50 minutes.

From Lusaka travel to the Valley can be arranged with a Zambian charter company. Flights can be booked by your agent or through Chongwe Safaris. The flight between Lusaka and Royal Zambezi airstrip is approximately 35 minutes. Guests will be met by an open safari vehicle and transferred to your accommodation (between 10 and 20 minutes depending on your destination).

### **Currency**

The official currency of Zambia is the Kwacha. It is fully tradable and there are no currency restrictions. Because the exchange rate varies so much, the US \$ is used extensively in trade and most Government levies are also quoted in US \$. Do not expect to be able to use credit cards extensively, and furthermore we are unable to accept credit cards in our camp or office.

### **Health Requirements**

Visitors should carry an adequate supply of personal medicines and first aid accessories with them, as chemists/pharmacies are few and far between.

The Lower Zambezi Valley is a malaria area and visitors are strongly advised to bring prophylactic medicine, but please seek advice from your doctor first.

Please bring copies of prescriptions for sleeping pills or other controlled substances.

### **Communications**

There is minimal communication in the Lower Zambezi Valley. There is no cell phone coverage, and no fax, but there is access to e-mail.

Chongwe Safaris properties have both internet access and VHF radios for communication with the outside world in case of emergency.

### **General Accommodation Information**

Filtered drinking water is provided at all properties

Electricity is provided via generator and inverter using a UK standard 3-pin/13amp square plug.

Please bring a suitable adaptor if needed.

A free laundry service is provided at all accommodation.

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