

A Guide to Kafue National Park

Kafue National Park is Zambia's largest and one of its most diverse safari regions, famous for vast wilderness and open plains in the North. Wildlife is abundant, with regular sightings of lions, lechwe, elephants, wild dogs, and other classic African species, supported by experienced guides and low visitor numbers that create a true sense of remoteness. For travellers seeking an adventurous and immersive safari, Kafue offers a mix of game drives, walking safaris, and boat trips, particularly in areas like the Busanga Plains and the Lufupa and Kafue river systems, combining extraordinary wildlife encounters with untouched landscapes for a uniquely authentic Zambian safari experience. If clients are looking to see minimal other guests - Kafue is hard to beat.

Access & Getting There

Kafue is accessed either by road or light aircraft, depending on the area of the park and lodge location. Most travellers route via Lusaka, with road transfers ranging from approximately 4–6 hours, or scheduled and charter flights into seasonal bush airstrips for a quicker and more comfortable arrival. Access logistics vary across the park, so itinerary planning is key, but this flexibility also allows agents to balance cost, travel time, and client comfort.

Kafue suits clients who value space, scenery, and a more remote feel, and works particularly well for those comfortable with slightly longer travel in exchange for a less crowded safari experience.



Best Suited For:

- Repeat safari travellers
- Couples & honeymooners
- Those looking for a truly remote safari
- Photographers



Ideal Pairings & Itinerary Combinations:

South Luangwa - for a contrast between expansive wilderness, seasonal wetlands, and diverse safari experiences

Livingstone - to add Victoria Falls, river cruises, and soft adventure

Itself! - Due to its size, Kafue is hugely diverse - 3 different locations can give 3 totally different experiences!



Time of Year & Seasonality:

- Peak game viewing: June to October (dry season, easier wildlife spotting)
- Shoulder/green season: November to April (lush scenery, fewer visitors, excellent birding)
- Many lodges may close during the heaviest rains (typically January–March)

Note: The green season can offer great value and a unique, immersive experience for travellers familiar with safari seasonality.



How To Position Kafue

We often position Kafue National Park as a key highlight within a Zambia itinerary - ideal for expansive, wilderness-focused safaris with a mix of bush and riverfront lodges.

It's especially renowned for the vast wildlife diversity of areas like the Busanga Plains and the Kafue and Lufupa rivers, offering exceptional sightings of elephants, lions, lechwe, and other classic African species.



Want to Know More?

If you'd like to deepen your knowledge of this region or feel more confident selling Zambia, we offer dedicated agent training sessions tailored to your needs.

Training can include destination overviews, regional comparisons, itinerary building support, and practical tips from an on-the-ground operator's perspective.

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