

African Encounter

Digital Photographic Workshop with David Rogers - 7 Nights
22 – 29 May 2009



SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK.

Nkwali Camp 3 Nights and
Nsefu Camp 4 Nights

The **LUANGWA VALLEY**, which marks the end of the Great Rift Valley, is one of the last unspoilt wilderness areas and possibly the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa. It covers an area of over 9000 sq. km. through which the meandering Luangwa River runs. The ox bow lagoons, woodland and plains of the valley host huge concentrations of game - including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, hippo - and over 400 species of birds.

Join **David Rogers**, the well know wildlife photographer, for a photographic workshop you will never forget. David is the author of several books, including the new Zambia Safari in Style. David will accompany you on all game drives, give advice, analyze results, and also look at how best to use Photoshop. In addition to wildlife, you will also look at landscapes, macro work, birds, insects, and people. This is a unique opportunity to benefit from the knowledge of a leading wildlife photographer and see the South Luangwa at its most colourful. Bring your own digital camera!!!!!!

Day 1 On arrival at Mfuwe International Airport a guide from Robin Pope Safaris will meet you. The drive to Nkwali Camp is 1 hour through colourful local scenes of villages, agriculture as well as bush. Nkwali Camp has a wide view of the Luangwa River. On Robin's private land, and overlooking the South Luangwa National Park, Nkwali is ideally situated for the start of your safari. The six rooms all look out over the river and have open air bathrooms. Depending on your arrival time, in the day you will enjoy a lunch looking out over the lagoon to the back of Nkwali or if in the afternoon for tea and the afternoon and night game drive. Overnight Nkwali Camp.

Nkwali Camp is the home of Robin and Jo Pope and is located on the Luangwa river on Robin's private land, overlooking the National Park. The land is superb game viewing country, with a beautiful area of ebony woodland and open grasslands. Elephants regularly cross the Luangwa, seen from the bar, or come to the waterhole near the thatched dining room.



The chalets are cool and spacious, overlooking the river. Access to the park is by boat or nearby pontoon. The area is famous for leopard and giraffe sightings. Nkwali is open all year round.

Days 2 & 3 At dawn breakfast is served around the campfire. The porridge heated on the fire and toast cooked by the coals. The morning walk or drive will leave soon after, entering the park by boat from the camp or by road via the main gate.

The game in the area is excellent - and includes many family herds of elephants and the endemic species of giraffe, the Thornicroft Giraffe. A mid morning break of tea, coffee and cake will be taken at a scenic point on a lagoon or the Luangwa River. Return to camp for lunch around mid day. After lunch you can cool off in the swimming pool or siesta. Following tea you will go out on an afternoon game drive that continues into the early night giving the chance to see the nocturnal world, returning to camp about 20.00 hrs with dinner generally at 20.30. Overnight Nkwali Camp.

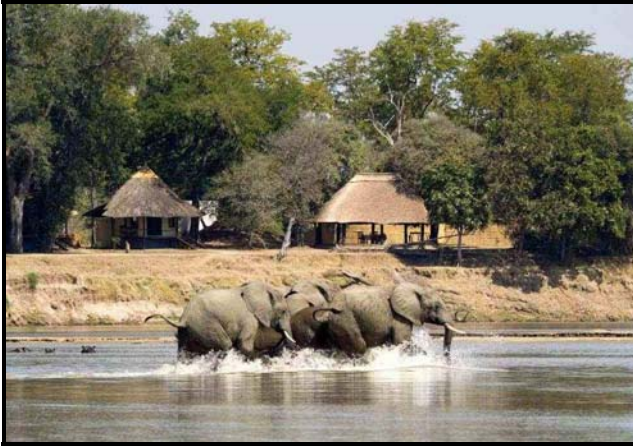
Day 4 After an early breakfast, a transfer game drive through the park takes you to a crossing point on the Luangwa River. The Nsefu staff will meet you and accompany you as you cross the river by boat. From here is then a 45 minute drive to your camp with game viewing on route. The Nsefu Sector was recognised then as a phenomenal area and it still is. Robin Pope Safaris owns the only two camps in this sector of the Park. Nsefu was the first game camp in Zambia and dates back to the early fifties. The camp is on a sweeping bend of the Luangwa River. There are six round rondavals with luxurious en suite facilities and each room has a clear view of the river through large windows and from the new wooden verandahs. On arrival at your camp you will be shown to your accommodation and then lunch will be served followed by a well deserved siesta before you set off to continue the workshop. Overnight Nsefu Camp.



On a sweeping bend of the Luangwa river lies **Nsefu Camp**. Nsefu was the first photographic safari camp in Zambia and dates back to the early fifties. The Nsefu Sector was recognised then as a phenomenal area and it still is. We re-opened the camp in 1999, in keeping with the original style, and so operate the only two camps in the Nsefu Sector of the park.

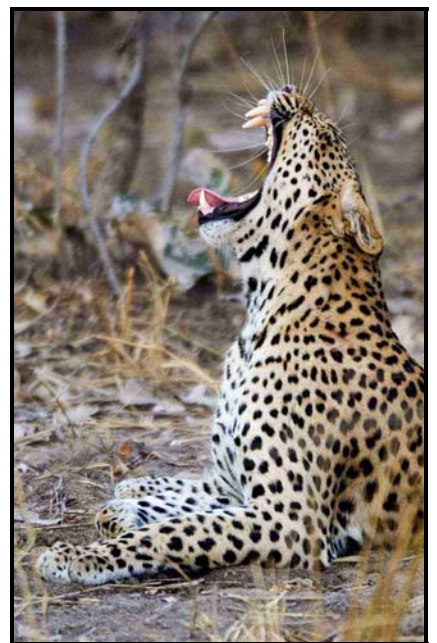
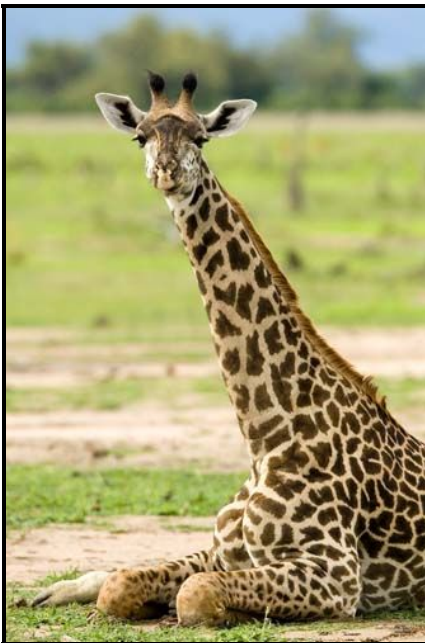
The view of the river is superb and includes a terraced area where game grazes during the day.

The bar, tucked in beside a huge extinct termite mound, overlooks a waterhole that is very productive for game, especially leopard at night. The original rondavels have been extended, with a spacious bathroom added. Each room has a clear view of the river, through large windows and from the new wooden verandah. The camp lies in the heart of the undeveloped Nsefu sector and so offers charm and total comfort in remoteness and seclusion.



Days 5 & 6 Today is a chance to drive or walk through the ebony groves. Or you may decide this is an ideal day depending on the heat and time of year to explore the Nsefu Sector of the National Park possibly with an all day picnic drive to the salt pans that will cover different habitats and is an exceptional day's safari. Overnight Nsefu Camp.

Day 7 Another relaxing day with morning and evening game activities. Being the last whole day you resume game activities in the morning and evening with the possibility of visiting Kawaza village as an option to meet local people and experience life in a real Zambian village. If you wish to visit then it is best to mention this when booking your holiday or with Robin Pope Safaris on arrival. This is the final day of the workshop, you will spend the day out exploring the Nsefu sector and at night you will come back to camp for relaxation and some fun. There will be a presentation of everyone's best photos from the trip and one lucky person will be declared to have the best photo of the workshop. Overnight Nsefu Camp.



Day 8 Depending on the time of your flight you may do a morning activity before being transferred to Mfuwe Airport for your flight back to Lusaka.

End of arrangements.

Price

USD4,350 per person ex Lusaka, Zambia

Maximum: 6 people

Dates: 22nd to 29th May 2009

Included

Accommodation, park fees, game drives and guided walks, transfers, all food and snacks, laundry, local drinks & house wine and flights Mfuwe/Lusaka return & guiding of David Rogers plus tuition and course notes.

Excluded

International flights and road transfers from further than Mfuwe airport, imported drinks & bottled wine, gratuities and items of a personal nature.

Flight information

You will need to arrange your own international flights arriving in Lusaka in time to connect with

the expedition. If you would like us to arrange these flights for you, we can do so with pleasure. The cost of this flight is not included in the expedition rate.



There are daily international flights from Johannesburg to Lusaka. The best is to liaise with us regarding your specific itinerary before booking your flights, to ensure that you make the connecting flights/arrangements once you have landed in Lusaka.

We will automatically book your flight from Lusaka/Mfuwe/Lusaka. Please note however, that luggage restrictions are 12 kg per person including hand luggage.

Booking and Payment Details

Once you have decided to join one of our safaris, you will need to contact us for a booking form. On receipt of your completed booking form, we will invoice you for the **50% non refundable deposit**, which once received confirms your place on this wonderful wildlife safari. The balance of the payment is only due eight weeks prior to departure. Bookings made in the same month of the expedition must be settled in full at the time of booking. As our groups are small, consisting of only eight people, they fill up quickly.

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