

ZAMBIA'S GREAT MIGRATIONS

November 5 - 19, 2021 | 14 Days | Small Group Adventure



Expedition Highlights

- Join this brand-new itinerary, designed and led by renowned wildlife photographer and guide, Lex Hes.
- Witness Africa's second-largest wildebeest migration in Liuwa National Park.
- View the world's largest mammal migration in Kasanka National Park, where 10 million straw-colored fruit bats gather each year to feed.
- Search for Africa's highest concentration of leopards in South Luangwa National Park—their rasping calls during night safaris create an otherworldly experience.
- Stay at luxurious camps located in prime wildlife-viewing areas.



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Itinerary

Based on the expeditionary nature of our trips, there may be ongoing enhancements to this itinerary.

Friday, November 5, 2021

DEPART USA

Board your independent flight to Zambia.

Saturday, November 6

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Arrive in Lusaka and transfer to *Latitude 15 Lusaka* for overnight.

Sunday, November 7

LUSAKA / LIUWA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, board our charter flight to Liuwa National Park. Largely untouched by tourists and paved roads, Liuwa Plain National Park boasts one of the oldest conservation histories in Africa; it was proclaimed a protected area by King Lewanika of the Lozi tribe in the early 1880s. These vast grasslands host Africa's second-largest wildebeest migration, and your visit is timed to coincide with this breathtaking spectacle. Check in to *King Lewanika Lodge* and settle in to your luxury tented villa which offers sweeping views over the plains. Time permitting, embark on your first game view excursion.

Monday & Tuesday, November 8 & 9

LIUWA NATIONAL PARK

Spend two full days viewing the wildebeest migration on morning and evening safari excursions. Following the early rains of October, tens of thousands of wildebeest arrive in Liuwa to take advantage of the fresh grazing. Attendant predators include lions, cheetahs, and large packs of spotted hyenas. There will also be opportunities for night drives and

guided walks to seek out more elusive creatures such as wild dogs and honey badgers. This region is also home to more than 300 recorded bird species.

Wednesday, November 10

LIUWA NATIONAL PARK / KASANKA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, board our charter flight to Kasanka National Park and check in to your lake-view chalet at *Wasa Lodge*.

Thursday & Friday, November 11 & 12

KASANKA NATIONAL PARK

Every year, from October to December, 10 million straw-colored fruit bats descend on Kasanka in the world's largest mammal migration. The bats begin to gather at the start of the first rains when a variety of fruits and berries ripen. The bats roost in great numbers in a patch of indigenous forest, and a number of ingenious hides offer fantastic sightings of the bats in flight during dawn and dusk. Martial and fish eagles, lesser-spotted and African hawk-eagles, kites, vultures, and hobby falcons are just some of the raptors that prey on the bats, while leopards, pythons, water monitors, and crocodiles patrol the forest floor.





Saturday, November 13

KASANAKA NATIONAL PARK / MFUWE / SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

Board our flight to South Luangwa National Park and check in to *Nkwali Camp*, set along a wide bend in the Luangwa River.

Sunday & Monday, November 14 & 15

SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

South Luangwa National Park is one of Africa’s most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries. Fabled for its incredible wildlife and few human visitors, South Luangwa is also considered the best walking safari destinations in all of Africa. South Luangwa’s leopard population is the densest in Africa, and lions, wild dogs, and spotted hyenas can be seen in this driest time of the year, when waterholes shrink and game is increasingly concentrated. Cookson’s wildebeests and Thornicroft’s giraffes—the world’s tallest animal at nearly 18 feet—are found nowhere else on the planet except in this corner of Africa. Explore the thick vegetation along the Luangwa River and adjacent *dambos*, a series of wetlands, on guided walks. Game viewing drives take you through mopane woodland, open grassland, along river shores lined with giant crocodiles, and to oxbow lakes where herds of elephants gather and hippos jostle for space. Birders watch for yellow-billed storks, tropical boubous, gray-crowned cranes, scarlet-chested sunbirds, and Lilian’s lovebirds.

Tuesday, November 16

SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK / MFUWE / LIVINGSTONE

Board our flight to Livingstone via Mfuwe. Check in to *Sussi & Chuma Lodge*, overlooking the Zambezi River, in time for a late lunch. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy your beautiful surroundings, with dinner and overnight at the camp.

Wednesday, November 17

LIVINGSTONE

Today visit Victoria Falls, the world’s largest sheet of falling water, and keep an eye out for the taita falcons, auguar

buzzards, and fish eagles that nest in the walls of the gorge. Then take a cruise along the Zambezi to search for hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of waterfowl. You will also have a chance to tour the highlights of modern and historic Livingstone and embark a first drive in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to search for zebra, impala, wildebeest, and other plains species.

Thursday & Friday, November 18 & 19

LIVINGSTONE / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA / USA

Depart mid-day for our flight to Johannesburg. Board your independent homeward flight, arriving in the USA the next day.

Flight Information

You will need to purchase airfare from your home city/Lusaka and Livingston/Johannesburg/home city. Air transportation within Zambia is included in the cost of this expedition. Please contact our in-house Air Department for fare quotes, reservations, or other air-related questions.



Meet Your Expedition Leader



LEX HES – A naturalist and wildlife photographer, Lex was born and educated in Johannesburg and has been involved in the world of wildlife for almost 30 years. Previously a guide at the world-famous Londolozi Game Reserve, Lex is now a popular freelance nature guide who imparts his wealth of knowledge of Africa’s ecosystems in an easygoing and friendly manner. He is an author and nature photographer with five books to his credit—the highly acclaimed *Leopards of Londolozi*; a children’s book called *Bushschool*; *Attracting Birds to Your Garden in Southern Africa*; *The Complete Book of Southern African Mammals*; and *Wild South Africa*, about the biomes of his native country. In addition to time spent in the Mpumalanga Lowveld and guiding visitors around Southern Africa, Lex has been involved with biological work on the sub-Antarctic islands of Amsterdam and Marion and leads tours to Kenya, Botswana, Zambia, Madagascar, Namibia, Mozambique, and Tanzania.

Rates

\$18,980 per person, double occupancy

\$23,460 per person, single occupancy

Limited to 11 expedition members.



INCLUDED:

- Air transportation within Zambia
- All excursions in the company of a world-class expedition leader and local guides
- All gratuities
- All accommodations
- All group meals, including selected beverages with lunch and dinner
- All entrance fees
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates
- Gift certificates for recommended expedition gear
- Medical expense coverage and emergency evacuation insurance

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare from your home city/Lusaka and Livingstone/Johannesburg/home city
- Excess baggage charges
- Airport arrival and departure taxes
- Transfers for independent arrivals and departures
- Passport and/or visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, (other than listed above), and other incidentals
- Email/Internet/fax/telephone charges

A 25% per person deposit will secure your space on this expedition. All rates are per person, quoted in US dollars, and must be paid in US dollars. Rates and itineraries are subject to change. Please review our Terms & Conditions online at www.zegrahm.com/terms, or call our office for a printed copy.

Know Before You Go

Travel will be by small aircraft as well as jeeps and game-drive vehicles. Participants should be aware that the game drives are often over bumpy surfaces and can sometimes be long and strenuous. Several of the nights spent on safari will be in tented accommodations. These tents are en suite and are designed to the highest standards and are quite comfortable, with hot and cold water and showers in the adjoining bathroom area. All of our accommodations have separate lounge and bar areas that often overlook waterways, which add to the excitement and ambiance of being on safari. It should be noted, however, that there are no fences around the camps, and animals of all sizes are sometimes encountered within the camp boundaries. Temperatures during November range from the lows in the 70s°F to the high 80s°F.



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