

FLATDOGS CAMP & REMOTE AFRICA SAFARIS

6 NIGHT WALKING SPECIAL Flatdogs Camp & Chikoko Trails

**3 nights Flatdogs camp
3 nights Chikoko Trails**

2010 - US\$2680 gross per person sharing

**Single Supp. US\$230 per night – Remote Africa
Single Supp. US\$70 per night - Flatdogs**

Price Includes: Flights Lusaka – Mfuwe – Lusaka, Road transfers in South Luangwa, National Park fees, full board accommodation, activities, bar (at Chikoko Trails) & laundry

Price Excludes: \$5pppn Luangwa Conservation Levy (non commissionable) & bar at Flatdogs, domestic airport departure tax (currently US\$8pp per sector), items of a personal nature.

Flatdogs

- is situated right on the Luangwa River in the southern Mfuwe area of the National Park, an area where the wildlife has been protected for so many years, that they almost entirely ignore safari vehicles, so regularly present incredible photographic opportunities. The Mfuwe area is not a wilderness area and you will come across other vehicles during your safaris, but the resident predators in this area, along with the high number of herbivores species found throughout this part of the park, lead to some exciting sightings to start off your safari.



Accommodation at Flatdogs will be in one of the Luxury ensuite safari tents, right on the river bank, looking out onto the hippo pods, crocodiles and myriad bird life. The tents have that wonderful authentic Africa-under-canvas feel but with a couple of modern touches; all tents are mosquito-proofed, have electric lights, charging points and fans, as well as an open air bathroom with hot shower, WC and basin.



From Flatdogs you will head out each morning at six after a light breakfast for a four hour safari, taking with you some tea & coffee and biscuits for a mid-morning break to stretch your legs. Usually we return to camp just after 10 in time for either a big cooked breakfast or a brunch type lunch, whichever you prefer. Then guests can either relax during the heat of the day, or spend a couple of hours visiting other places in the Mfuwe area - a local school, or rural health clinic, the nearby anti-poaching base or a wildlife education centre which aims to teach local children all about conservation of both habitat and animals. Then we meet for tea in the afternoon at around 15.30 before heading into the Park again, catching the best of the afternoon light, then stopping at a scenic spot on the river or a lagoon, to watch the infamous African sunset and for night to fall, then continue on with a spotlight, looking for some of our local predators - lion, leopard, hyaena, fishing owls, honeybadger and genet being just some of the nocturnal species regularly seen. You will return to camp as the park closes at 20.00, in time for dinner and to show off your photos at the bar!



Chikoko Trails

Chikoko Tree Camp and Crocodile River Camp, two small and exclusive bush camps in the South Luangwa National Park, form the Chikoko Trails and offers the only true walking safari in the Luangwa - no roads, no vehicles, no other people! Out of the entire Valley, Norman Carr chose this area to pioneer Walking Safaris. It was he who first operated walking safaris for photographic guests as opposed to hunters.



Arriving at either of these bushcamps are normally combined as part of a morning or afternoon activity. Porters will carry guest's luggage and all you have to carry is a camera, binoculars and sunscreen.

Remote Africa Safari's guides are some of the most experienced in the Luangwa and our walking camps, though simple, are amongst the best in the Valley. Chikoko Tree Camp and Crocodile River Camp are ideal for those that are keen to get away from the restrictions and inactivity of game drives and to get lost in the idyll of Africa in a unique bush experience. Being on foot in these isolated and natural surroundings cannot be beaten. The minutiae of the bush comes to the fore; the smells, the essence of the macro world; the sense of timelessness.



Each camp offers accommodation for a maximum of six people with en-suite facilities. The en-suites have flush toilets, showers (with hot water provided in the evening) and running (cold) water throughout the day. All luggage and supplies are brought in to both camps by porters. Full support is provided with an experienced walking guide, armed scout and chef as well as general camp staff.

At Chikoko Tree Camp, rooms are built three metres above ground and provide a wonderful vantage point to observe the surrounding area. Game viewing is excellent both from the comfort of the camp and whilst out on your daily walks.

The daily routine is to take a long walk in the morning, starting early to avoid the heat of the day and lasting approximately four hours. The ground is flat though sometimes uneven, but the pace is generally leisurely as the guide will stop and talk about points of interest as you go. We would recommend the wearing of comfortable, lightweight walking shoes/boots. Ample drinking water is provided and there is also a mid-way stop for tea/coffee brewed over an open fire while you sit back and enjoy your surrounds. Guests will return to camp mid-morning with time for relaxing, lunch and a siesta followed by another shorter afternoon walk arriving back at camp by dusk.

From August onwards these walks start out earlier in the morning to avoid the mid-day heat. Ample drinking water is provided for these activities

It is usual to enjoy good sightings of leopard, lion, buffalo, elephant, and zebra, as well as Cookson's wildebeest and Thornicroft Giraffe (both unique to this area). Kudu and roan antelope are frequently sighted and huge herds of buffalo are abundant in these parts. With its undisturbed natural vegetation, as you might expect from Zambia, a huge number of different species and variety of birds add to the game viewing enjoyment for all.

At the end of your stay, leaving the Chikoko Trails with memories to last a life time, your departure will be co-ordinated to meet with the remainder of your itinerary and any onward connections; flights or road transfers required.

