

ZAMBIA

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Muli Bwanji! (MOO-lee BWAN-jee)

It's a friendly way to say "hello" in Nyanja, one of Zambia's many languages and the one you're most likely to hear when you touch down in Lusaka.

We're excited and grateful you've entrusted us to guide and support you on your journey. This guidebook contains essential instructions for your upcoming adventure. Refer to it for everything from passport and visa details to tipping etiquette, as well as important health, safety, and conservation information.

At Rewild Safaris, our "what" is providing sustainable luxury for travelers and continuing our growth as a leader in conservation-centered premium travel. Our "why" is to inspire traveler commitment to wildlife protection, preservation, and the rehabilitation of the wild.

We hope to help "rewild" your soul and spirit through life-changing escapes from an overdeveloped world, creating profound connections to the wild and inspiring support for vital conservation efforts.

By joining us on this adventure, you're helping to protect Zambia's incredible wildlife and support sustainable tourism. Together, we can ensure these wild spaces thrive for generations to come. So let the rewilding begin!



Tom LaRock
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER



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CHIEF EXPLORATIONS OFFICER



DESTINATION ZAMBIA

DISCOVER A WORLD—AND A PART OF YOURSELF—YOU DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED.

Whether it's the thriving leopards and majestic elephant herds of Luangwa, the striking antelope, cheetahs and zebras of Kafue, or the 858 species of birds you might spot along your journey, Zambia is a safari destination unlike any other. From the thunderous roar of Victoria Falls to the soothing embrace of the Zambezi River, this often-overlooked country blends heart-stopping adventure with untamed stillness. Get ready to rewild your soul at one of the most spectacular wildlife destinations on the planet. What you'll find here will never leave you.



Zambia Wild Facts



TIME ZONE

Zambia operates on Central Africa Time (CAT), which is GMT +2. The country stays on the same time all year — there's no Daylight-Saving Time to worry about.



LANGUAGES

There are 73 indigenous languages spoken in Zambia. However, English is considered the official tongue. In Lusaka, you might greet locals by cupping your hands together and clapping a couple of times while saying “**Muli Bwanji**” in Nyanja. In the Copperbelt, Luapula, and Muchinga, try greeting people with “**Muli shani**” in Bemba. And in the Southern Province, you can say “**Mwapona**” in Tonga to ask, “How are you?”



CLIMATE

Zambia is a year-round destination, with each season offering its own magic.

May to October: The dry season, when wildlife is more concentrated around water sources, making it peak time for game viewing.

November to April: The wet season, a bird watcher's paradise.

NOTE: Kasanka's only-of-its-kind bat migration happens during October and December.



GEOGRAPHY

Located right in the center of Southern Africa, Zambia is bordered by Namibia, Angola, Tanzania, Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. The breathtaking Victoria Falls, known by the locals as Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”), is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World and a sight not to be missed—come prepared to get wet, particularly in April.



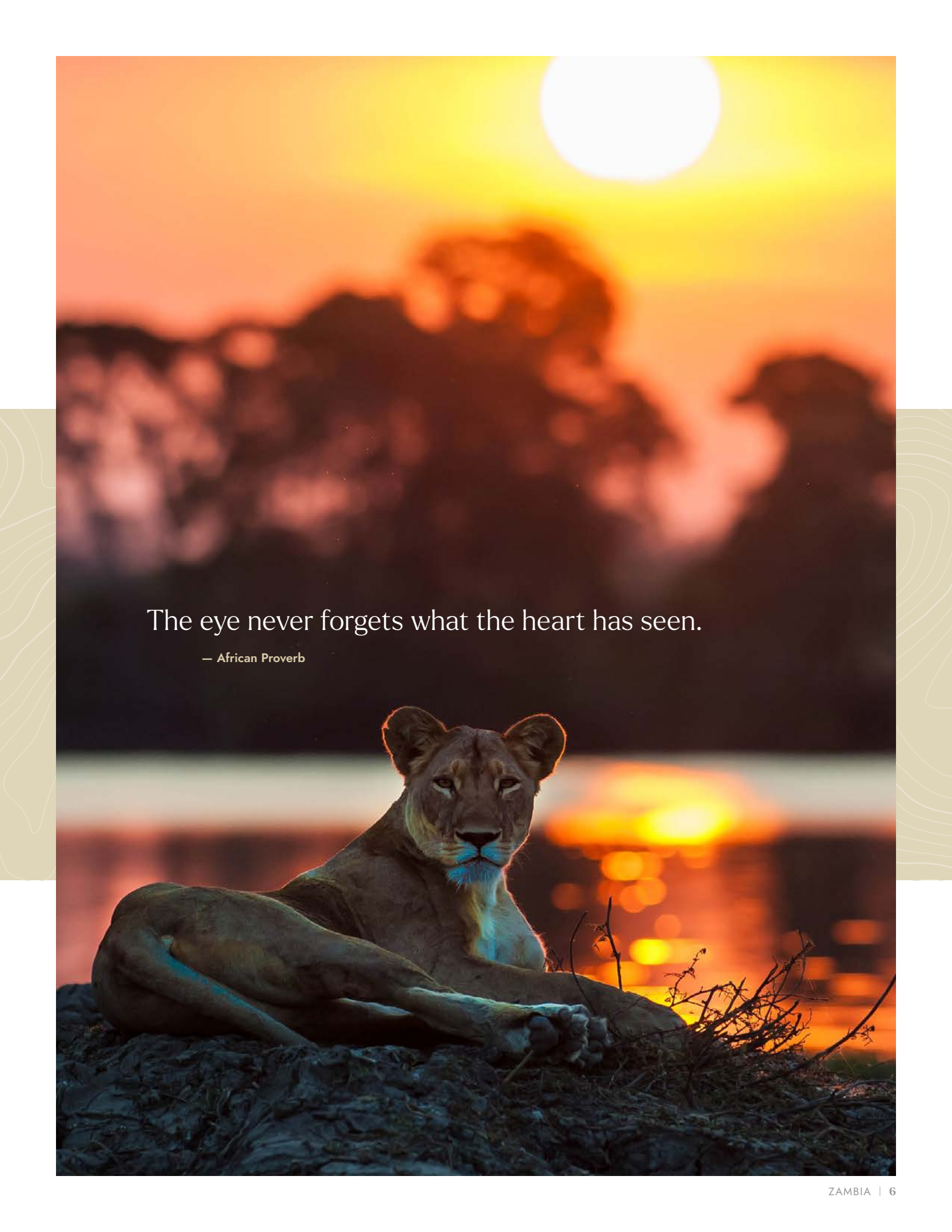
CURRENCY

The Zambian Kwacha (ZMW) is the official currency in Zambia, with K1 being made up of 100 ngwee. Credit cards are accepted at most tourist destinations. Visa and MasterCard are accepted more widely. Always have some cash on hand for use in more remote areas. ATMs are available in Lusaka, Livingstone, and other major towns. **NOTE:** By law, payments in Zambia can only be made in kwachas. However, US dollars are still accepted at most tourism destinations.



FINDS

Traditional African jewelry, handmade by local artisans; **Batik** clothing and tablecloths with their vibrant colors and unique designs; **African musical instruments** such as djembes, mbiras, and kalimbas; **handmade soap** and skin care products. **NOTE:** Do not buy any items made from leather unless they include a guarantee that the skin comes from animals that have been legitimately farmed for this purpose. Also, most ivory objects are illegal.

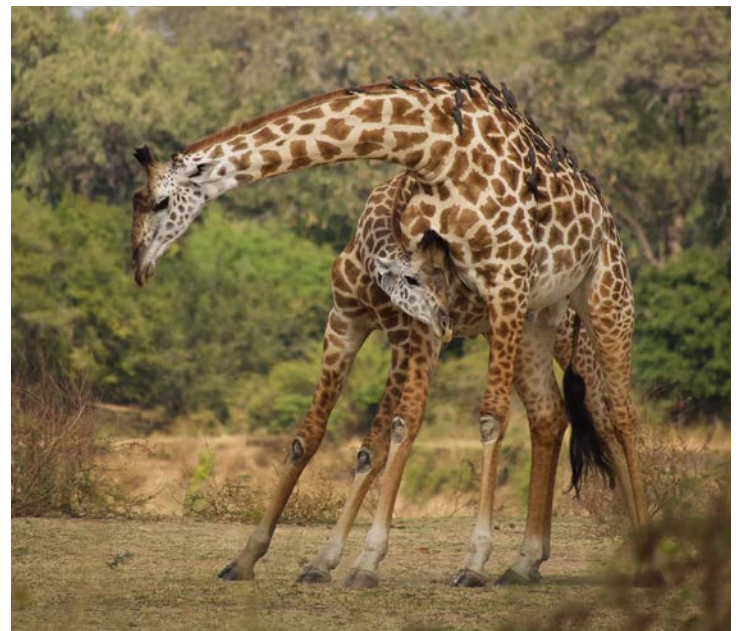
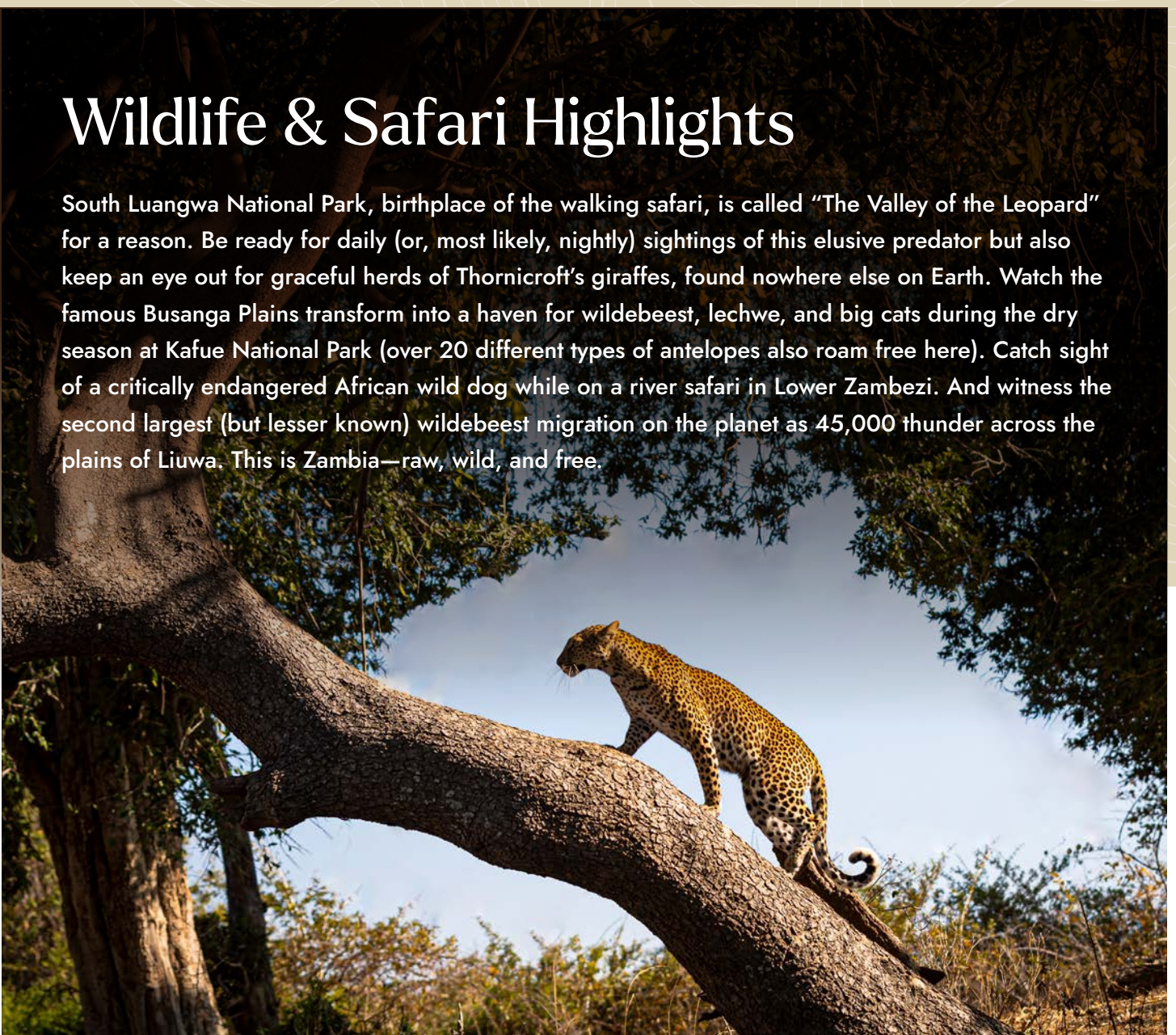
A lioness is lying on a dark, textured rock in the foreground, looking directly at the camera. The background is a vibrant sunset with a large, bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. Dark, silhouetted clouds are scattered across the sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

The eye never forgets what the heart has seen.

— African Proverb

Wildlife & Safari Highlights

South Luangwa National Park, birthplace of the walking safari, is called “The Valley of the Leopard” for a reason. Be ready for daily (or, most likely, nightly) sightings of this elusive predator but also keep an eye out for graceful herds of Thornicroft’s giraffes, found nowhere else on Earth. Watch the famous Busanga Plains transform into a haven for wildebeest, lechwe, and big cats during the dry season at Kafue National Park (over 20 different types of antelopes also roam free here). Catch sight of a critically endangered African wild dog while on a river safari in Lower Zambezi. And witness the second largest (but lesser known) wildebeest migration on the planet as 45,000 thunder across the plains of Liuwa. This is Zambia—raw, wild, and free.





Conservation: Literally, A Way of Life

Zambia is committed to protecting and sustainably managing its environment, natural resources, and biodiversity for the benefit of both people and nature. About 30% of the country's total land area is reserved for wildlife (the second largest proportion of land under protected status in Southern Africa). There are 20 National Parks, 36 Game Management Areas (GMAs), two Wildlife Sanctuaries and one Bird Sanctuary in the country. The Zambia Wildlife Authority was established in 1998 to promote the sustainable use of Zambia's wildlife by recognizing its economic value and facilitating the active participation of local communities in its management. Rewild Safaris partners with conservation initiatives that promote sustainability and community empowerment.

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Wildlife Sanctuaries

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National Parks

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Bird Sanctuary





Getting the Shots

James Ward, our Chief Explorations Officer, is also a professional wildlife and conservation photographer. Here are a few tips he'd like you to consider.

The Early Bird Catches the Shot: Wildlife is generally more active when it's early. (Early morning light can also create stunning effects.) Don't sleep in on your safari!

When choosing the exposure settings, consider the lighting conditions and the movement of the object.

In bright light, a fast shutter speed and low ISO (measures the sensitivity of camera sensors to light) can freeze motion.

In low light, a slower shutter speed and higher ISO may be needed to get a good exposure.

Equipment matters: a long lens can help you get close to a wild target without disturbing it; a tripod can keep the camera steady for a sharp, clear shot.

Shoot from downwind: Don't let your scent scare the models away!

Silence the camera: Always use your equipment's silent mode. And make sure you also stay as quiet as possible.

Don't miss the background: Yes, the animal can take your breath away, but make sure you capture the setting as well. The wild in the wild is why you traveled all this way.

Stay safe: Remember these amazing animals are wild and unpredictable. Always follow your guide's directions.





Local Flavors

Zambia's many culinary delights will surprise you. While seasonal and local availability will influence their carefully crafted menus, here are some of the Zambian dishes you might savor while on safari:

Nshima: the cornerstone of Zambian cuisine. Made by stirring ground maize flour into boiling salted water, it is often served with rich stews or grilled fish. To enjoy it like a native, shape it into a ball and use it to scoop the dishes or relish it comes with.

Ifisashi: A tasty vegetable stew made of leafy greens, such as spinach or cabbage, and groundnut sauce.

Kapenta: A lake-fish resembling sardines, fried, roasted or used as an ingredient in stews

Ifishimu, Ifinkubala, or Vinkubala: Nutrient-rich caterpillars or mopane worms (cleaned and gutted, then boiled and dried in the sun).

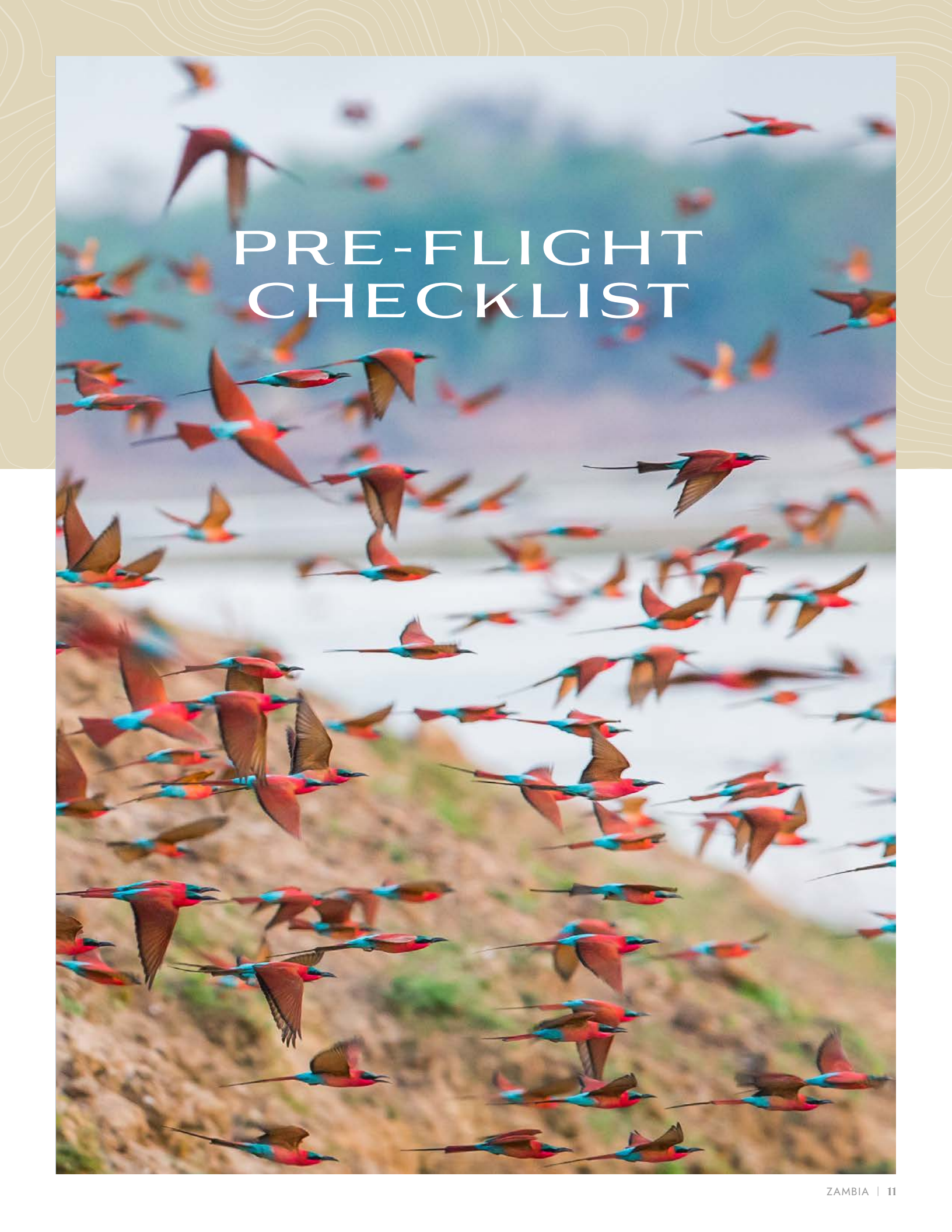
Sweet potatoes and Yams: Introduced to reduce the country's reliance on maize, they can be served in many ways and are always delicious.



When not to be adventurous:

- Avoid food from street vendors (unless recommended by your guide)
- Stick to peeled or washed fruits and vegetables
- Opt for pasteurized dairy products
- Only drink bottled or purified water

If you have any dietary restrictions, make sure to include them on your safari registration

A large flock of colorful birds, likely bee-eaters, is captured in mid-flight over a body of water. The birds have vibrant red, orange, and blue plumage. They are flying in various directions, creating a sense of dynamic movement. The background shows a calm body of water and a hazy, distant shoreline. The overall scene is bright and lively.

PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST

Entry Requirements

- A valid, signed passport
- Passport is valid for at least six months after your arrival
- At least three blank pages in passport
- Passport name matches your booking exactly
- Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate if you have traveled through a country where the disease is endemic
- Proof of Tourist Travel: Travelers may be asked to present their itinerary and/or to demonstrate sufficient funds for their stay

Share with us: provide Rewild Safaris with a copy of your passport during your safari registration or, send via encrypted link:

<https://rewildsafaris.com/passport-upload/>



PASSPORT TIPS



- ✓ Carry your passport securely and keep it with you at all times
- ✓ Expedited Services: Use professional passport services if you need a fast renewal
- ✓ Carry color photocopies of your passport's photo page at all times
- ✓ Report a lost passport immediately to the nearest embassy or consulate.

Booking Flights

Please book and purchase your international flights to and from the airports listed for the beginning and end of your safari itinerary. Once you arrive, we'll handle all local travel between smaller airports and remote reserves.

IMPORTANT: Send us a copy of your flight confirmation as soon as you book it so our Zambia Team can coordinate a seamless safari.

Email to: support@rewildsafaris.com

Visas

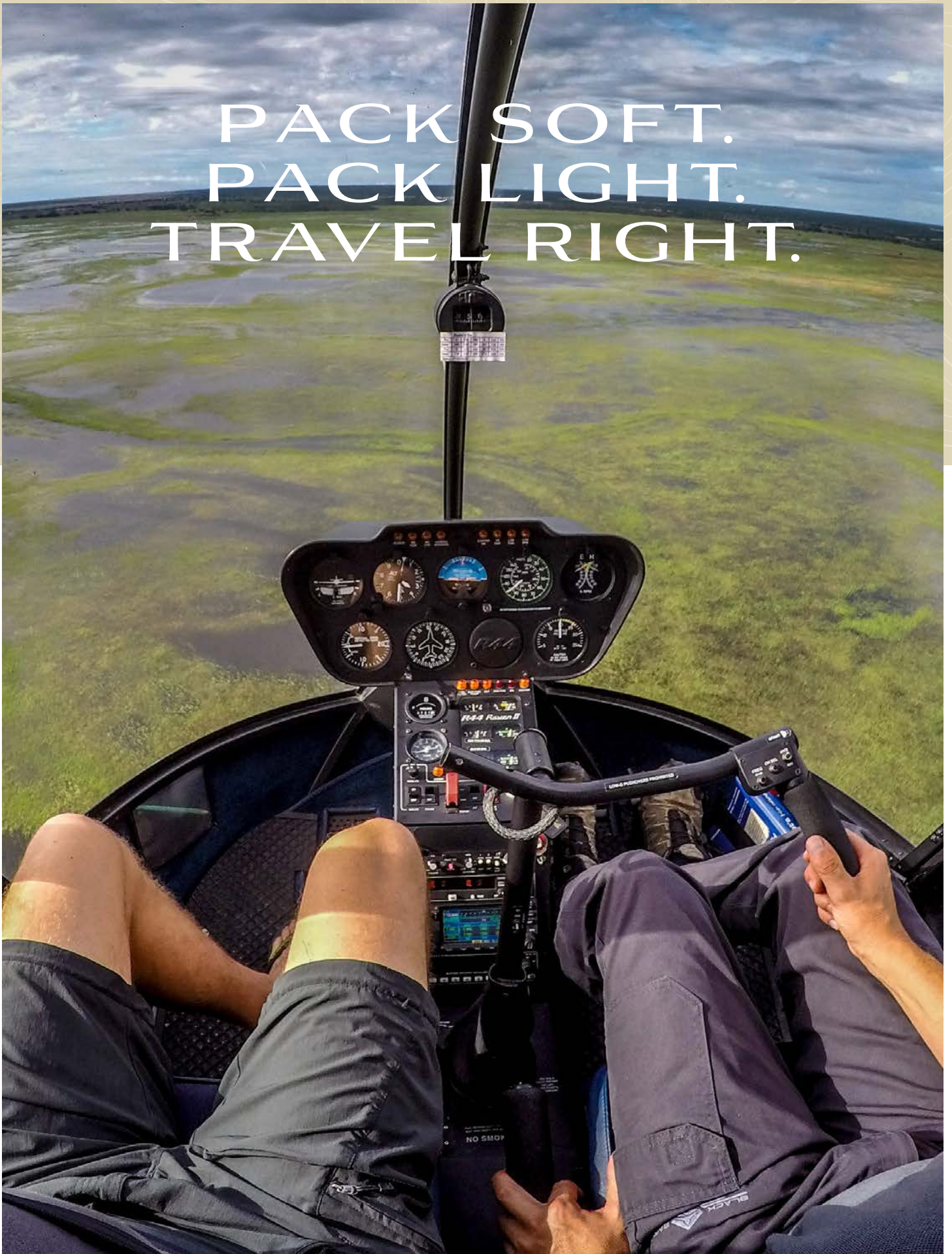
US, Canada, UK and most EU passport holders do not require a visa to enter Zambia.

FLIGHT TIPS



- ✓ Book early: Reserve flights ahead of time for the best prices and seat options
- ✓ Allow extra time: We recommend allowing 2 - 3 hours before your international departures and for connections
- ✓ Early arrival: Consider arriving a day early in case of delays and to acclimate to your destination

PACK SOFT.
PACK LIGHT.
TRAVEL RIGHT.



Your Carry On

THE ESSENTIALS

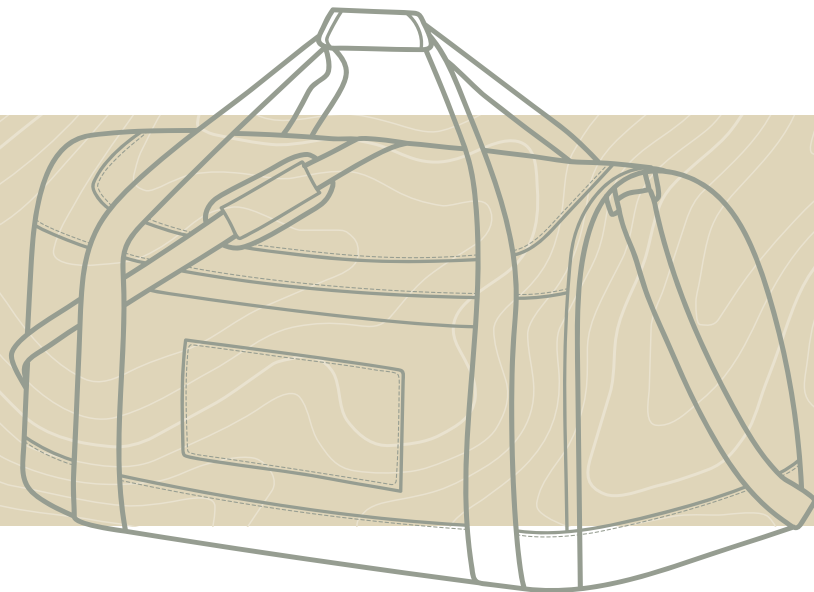
- Passport
- Photocopies of your passport's photo page in a separate compartment
- Medications
- Cameras and devices (plus extra memory cards, chargers, extra batteries, lens cleaning supplies)
- Change of clothes (in case of luggage delay)
- Spare eyeglasses or contacts (with a copy of your prescription)
- Credit Cards and Cash

Luggage Limits

OVERSIZED LUGGAGE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON REGIONAL FLIGHTS. THINK SMALL.

- Passengers are entitled to one piece of checked luggage and one small carry-on item
- Maximum checked luggage weight is 15kg (33lbs) and the dimensions should not exceed 30cm (12in) wide X 35cm (14in) high X 70cm (28in) long
- Maximum hand luggage weight is 5kg (11lbs)
- Only soft-sided bags are accepted - no wheels, frames, or rigid sides
- If you need to bring additional weight allowances, you may purchase additional seats prior to departure. This additional seat allows an extra 30kgs of luggage.
- Passengers weighing over 115kg (254lbs) may have to purchase an additional seat for their comfort and safety. Please inform us prior to travel.

Note: In 2019, many African governments, including Zambia, banned single-use plastic bags to protect the country's rich environmental resources. All travelers arriving at a Zambian airport could face heavy fines for using plastic bags. If you purchase any items at your departure airport, be sure to take them out of their plastic bags.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS



What to Wear Here

CLOTHING

Zambians are conservative. Dress modestly, especially in rural areas.

- Light, breathable layers in neutral colors to stay comfortable and blend in with the environment
- Do not wear camouflage (reserved for military), dark blue or black (attracts insects)
- Lightweight long and short sleeve shirts and shorts/pants in moisture wicking fabric
- Comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots
- Comfortable socks
- Comfortable shoes for around the lodge or camp
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings (fleece or sweater)
- Wide-brimmed, hat for sun protection
- UV protective, polarized sunglasses
- Bandana or Buff for dust and sun protection
- Light rain jacket



OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Travel adapters: Electrical sockets are typically **Type G, C or D**. A universal adapter might be helpful. Voltage is 230V and 50Hz. If your device does not support 230V, you will need a voltage converter.
- Good binoculars for wildlife viewing
- High-SPF sunscreen and lip balm
- Daypack
- Insect repellent
- Headlamp or small flashlight
- Medications, including a small first-aid kit
- Device chargers
- Extra batteries for your camera and devices

CLOTHING TIPS

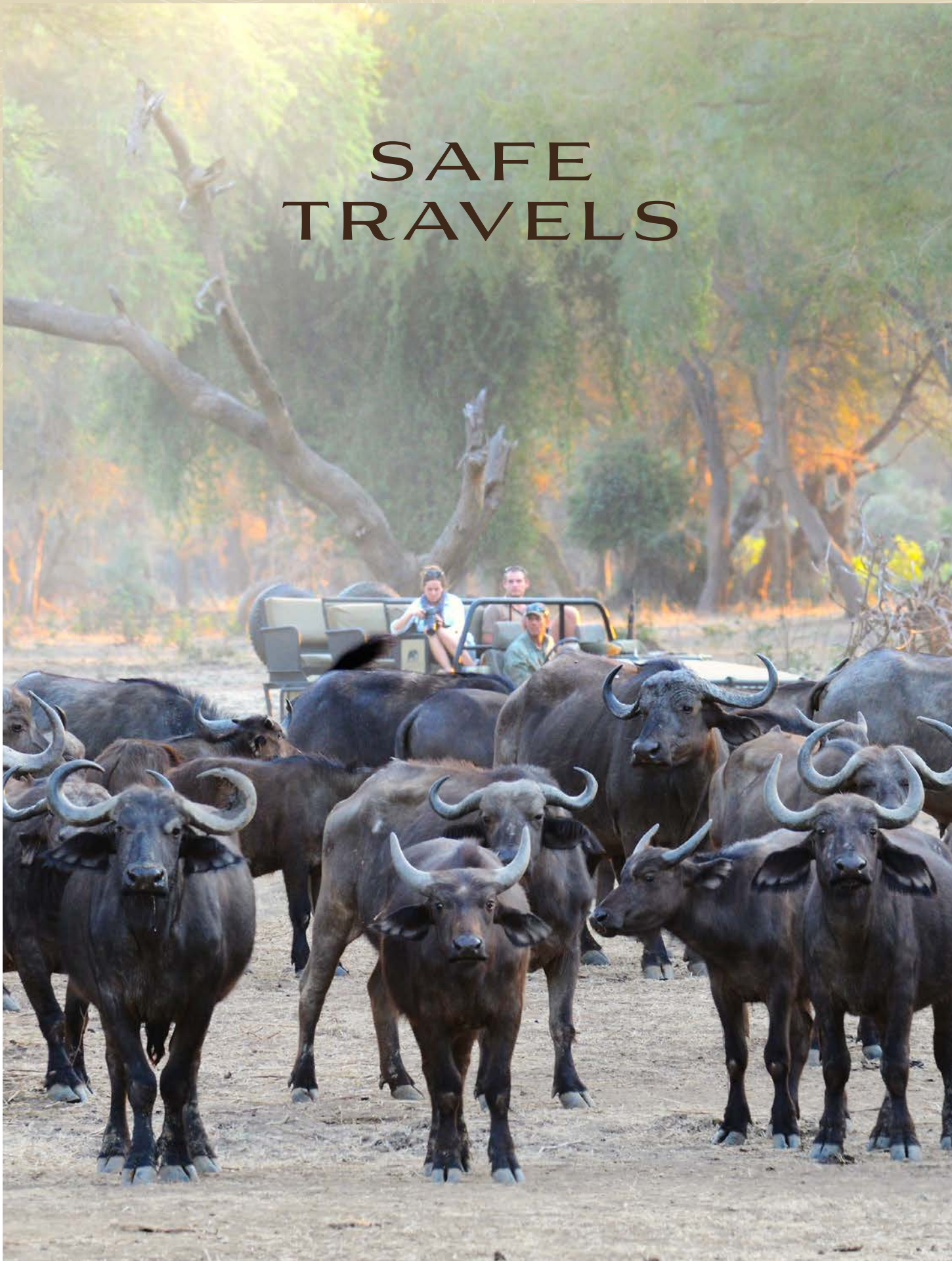


Some suggestions for upscale performance (and fashionable) safari gear:

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| ✓ Patagonia | ✓ Arc'teryx |
| ✓ Orvis | ✓ LL Bean |
| ✓ Fjallraven | ✓ Tilley Endurables |



SAFE TRAVELS



Health & Safety

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS

Consult your doctor or travel clinic at least six months before departure. Inform them of everywhere you're visiting. Bring enough of your prescription medicines so you don't run out. It's also a good idea to pack medications for digestive discomfort, itching, and rashes—just in case.

ASK ABOUT

- **Malaria prevention medication:** You might have to start taking it before you travel
- **Vaccinations:** Share your itinerary with your doctor or travel clinic for accurate vaccination requirements or recommendations.

Check the CDC website for up-to-date information on your destination/s. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/zambia#vaccines-and-medicines>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Carry a letter from your physician with personal information on any existing needs or conditions.
- Carry extra prescription medications and written prescriptions.
- Inform Rewild Safaris in advance of any conditions that may require special care.
- Review the details of your travel insurance coverage to be sure you're adequately covered on your journey and purchase additional insurance if needed.

HEALTH TIPS



- ✓ Stay hydrated—carry a reusable bottle and consider hydration tablets
- ✓ Use only bottled or treated water, even for brushing teeth
- ✓ Avoid overindulging in rich food or alcohol
- ✓ Protect against the sun with hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen



ON YOUR SAFARI



Good to Know

TRAVEL SMART

It's always wise to take basic precautions when traveling internationally: Be aware of your surroundings, especially in areas frequented by tourists. Do not leave your food or drink unattended. Being alert is a good way to help ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

Check for travel advisory updates on your local government website. For the US: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/zambia-travel-advisory.html>

HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA

Chances are you'll be traveling across areas where medical care is not highly developed or will be hours from a medical facility or doctors. While there may be some basic medical facilities in parks and reserves, your guides, drivers and others cannot be relied on for anything but the most basic first aid. We highly recommend medical evacuation insurance and always carrying emergency numbers with you.

VALUABLES AND PACKING

Keep valuables with you or in safes when available. Travel light for easier mobility and smoother transfers.

CPAP MACHINES

Be aware that some lodges may not provide 24-hour electricity. If you need one, consider purchasing a portable, battery-powered one to take with you. If you can only use a CPAP that requires overnight electricity, contact us at support@rewildsafaris.com to ensure that the lodges and camps on your itinerary can accommodate your needs.

STAYING CONNECTED

Mobile service may be limited, but WhatsApp is often a reliable communication tool via Wi-Fi. Many lodges offer limited Wi-Fi—perfect for staying connected while connecting with nature.

ETIQUETTE

Respect Zambia's stunning wildlife and landscapes by following these guidelines:

- Follow local law and customs
- Stay quiet and avoid sudden movements to reduce stress on wildlife
- Keep a distance from all wildlife
- Do not feed, touch or interact with wildlife
- Do not litter
- Do not touch or remove anything from the environment e.g. rocks, plants, flowers
- Rewild Safaris have a strict no smoking/no vaping policy
- Follow your guide's instructions to minimize your impact on the environment
- Conserve resources like water and electricity, especially in lodges using solar power
- Do not store food in your sleeping area
- Follow the "Leave No Trace" principle

TIPS ON TIPPING



You may tip with USD or local currency.

- ✓ Guide: \$20 per day per person
- ✓ Lodge Staff: \$10 per night per person
- ✓ City Hotel porters: \$1 per bag

Please ask the Camp/Lodge Manager for an envelope to place the staff tip into and return to the Lodge Manager or place in the Tip Box in the reception area to be shared among the lodge staff.

It's Rewild Time!

Thank you for choosing Rewild Safaris. This journey not only offers incredible wildlife and landscapes but also supports conservation efforts in Zambia. Your trip makes a difference by helping preserve these ecosystems and uplift local communities.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience—Zambia awaits.



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