

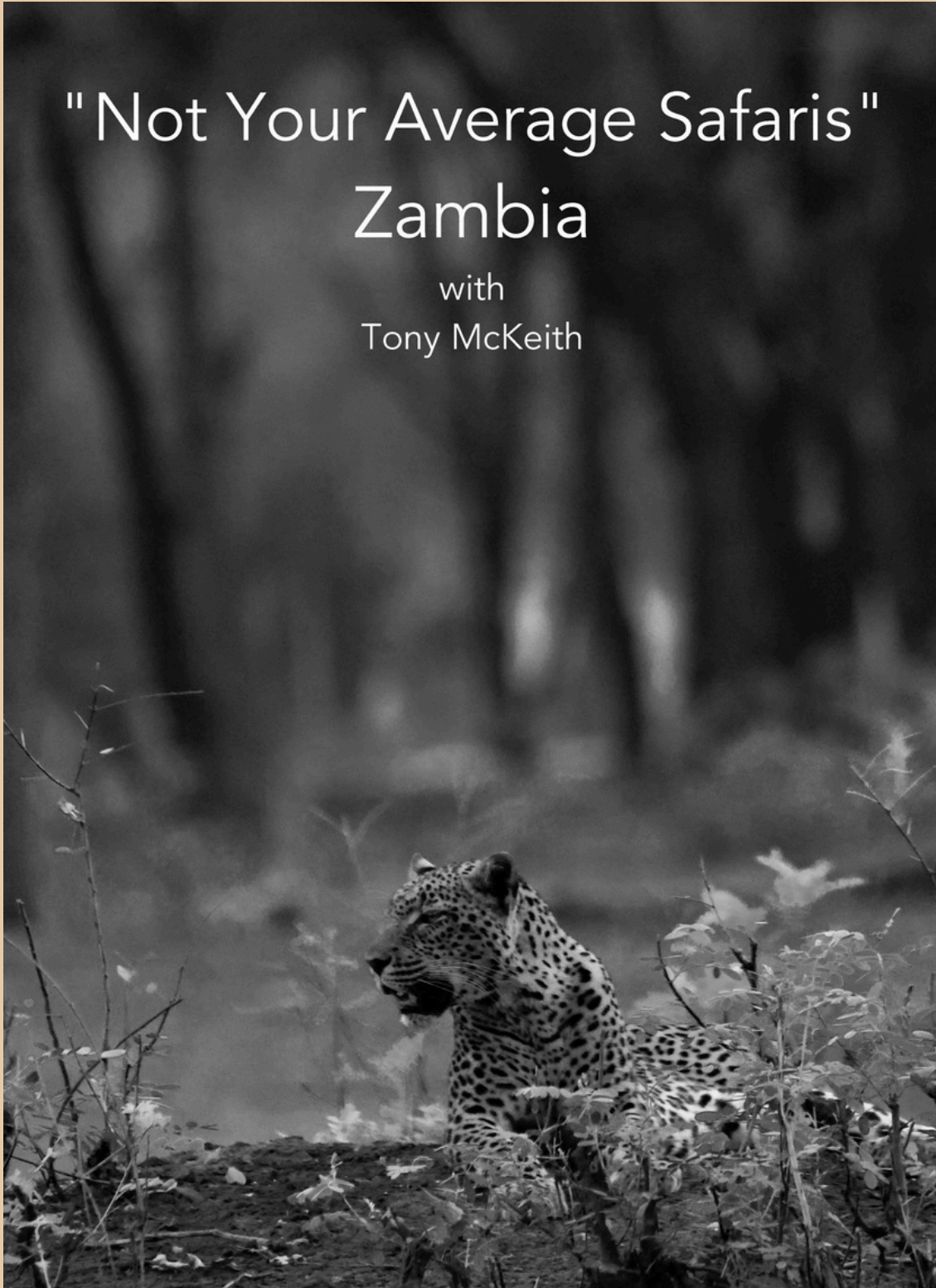
# Konkamoya

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"Not Your Average Safaris"

Zambia

with  
Tony McKeith



# Kafue In Depth: South to North Safari with Tony McKeith

11 Days / 10 Nights

Southern Kafue • Busanga Plains • Musekese Concession



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## Starting in Lusaka on 27th June 2026

This safari is no ordinary trip. It's a journey through **the wild heart of Zambia**, guided by someone who knows it better than most—**Tony McKeith**, whose long-standing relationship with the Kafue stretches back decades. Light-hearted when it suits, serious when it counts, Tony brings a deep understanding of the landscape, the wildlife, and the people working to protect it. This is not about rushing between sightings or ticking off a list—it's about immersion, storytelling, and letting the bush speak for itself.

Across nine nights, we'll explore three distinct regions of Kafue National Park—each offering a different window into this vast and varied ecosystem. From the remote woodlands near **Lake Itezhi-Tezhi**, to the open plains of **Busanga**, and finally into the private riverfront of the **Musekese Concession**, this safari has been designed to offer both breadth and depth. It's also a chance to witness conservation in action—through behind-the-scenes access to **Musekese Conservation's** research and protection work.

We'll travel by light aircraft, game drive, boat, —moving through wetlands, woodlands, and river systems with expert local guides and a relaxed pace. The accommodation is intimate and comfortable. Campfire evenings, fresh and imaginative meals, and the luxury of time make this a proper safari experience—a little polished perfection, but very much the real thing.

Whether you're a seasoned safari-goer or new to this kind of travel, this journey promises moments of wonder, surprise, and quiet connection. You'll leave not only with great memories but

with a clearer sense of the challenges and successes shaping Zambia’s conservation story. And most likely, a few good laughs along the way—Tony has a habit of making sure of that.

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Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duratio
Day 1	<a href="#">Konkamoya Lodge</a>	Southern Kafue	FI FI	<b>4 Nights</b>
Day 5	<a href="#">Ntemwa-Busanga Camp</a>	Busanga Plains	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>
Day 8	Lwenge Retreat	Musekese Concession		<b>3 Nights</b>

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#### Key FI:

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

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## Price

If we have four guests, the cost will be **\$11,550 per person**—still excellent value for a **privately guided 10-night safari**.

If we reach five guests, the cost drops to **\$9,624 per person**, and if we reach our maximum of six guests (still keeping things small and personal), the price comes down further to just **\$8,340 per person**. You’re welcome to pay in GBP £ or Euro—just let us know what works best for you. **Solo travellers are very welcome**, and even better, there’s **no single supplement** for the first two solo guests to book—so it’s worth getting in early!

## Included

The safari includes **flights from Lusaka to Ngoma** (in South Kafue), between **Ngoma and the Busanga Plains**, and back to Lusaka from **Lufupa Airstrip** (near Musekese).

**All meals and drinks are included**, excluding just a few premium brands.

**Park fees and bed taxes** are covered, as well as all safari activities—including day and night game drives, **boat safaris at Musekese**, and **guided walking safaris**.

Tony will also be arranging a visit to the **Game Rangers International Elephant Orphanage** as part of the time in South Kafue, and during your stay at Musekese there’ll be the option to visit the **Musekese Conservation research base**—or at the very least enjoy a **fascinating talk** from one of the lead researchers working in the area.

## Excluded

**International flights** are not included, but we’re happy to help you plan those.

**Tips** for the camp teams—your guides, chef, and housekeeping—aren’t included either. As a guide, around **\$20 per guest per day** covers everyone and is very much appreciated.

If you’re arriving late into Lusaka and need **extra accommodation** , we can easily help arrange that.

And just to be clear— **Tony won’t expect a tip** Having you on the safari is more than enough!

## Transport

### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Charter Flight		Kenneth Kaunda InternaFonal		Ngoma Airstrip			
	Charter Flight		Konkamoya Lodge		Ntemwa-Busanga Camp			
	Charter Flight		Lufupa Airstrip		Kenneth Kaunda InternaFonal			

### Day 1-5: Konkamoya Lodge, Southern Kafue



The southern section of the vast Kafue National Park is composed of a slender strip that stretches for almost 200 kilometres, bordered by the Kafue River and Itezhi-Tezhi Dam to the east. Though game is not quite as prolific as in the northern section of the park, southern Kafue takes in some strikingly beautiful places, such as the mystical Ngoma Forest, one of the few places where Zambezi teak trees still grow to maturity undisturbed by loggers. The forest is at its most magnificent between December and March, when the trees burst into a profusion of pink flowers.

### Day Itinerary

#### Chapter One: South Kafue – Arrival at Lake Itezhi-Tezhi

Your safari begins in Lusaka, Zambia’s capital, where you’ll meet your host Tony McKeith. After a warm welcome and briefing, you’ll board a private charter flight heading west—across miombo woodlands and winding rivers—to the southern edge of Lake Itezhi-Tezhi. Landing at the airstrip

near Ngoma, you'll be met for a short and scenic road transfer to **Konkamoya Lodge**, your base for the next four nights.

Set just back from the lakeshore, depending on the season's water levels, Konkamoya enjoys a wonderfully remote and peaceful setting overlooking the floodplains and vast open skies. The lodge is owner-run and small in scale, offering an authentic and personal experience. It's a superb base for exploring the less-visited southern reaches of Kafue National Park.

Accommodation at Konkamoya is in spacious, open-fronted safari tents set on raised decks, each with a private verandah and uninterrupted views. The tents are simple but very comfortable, with en-suite bathrooms and hot showers, providing everything you need for a relaxed stay immersed in nature.

The wildlife here is diverse and often surprising. Big herds of puku and impala graze the plains, while elephant and buffalo pass through the surrounding woodlands. Lions are regular visitors to the area, and leopards are present too—though, as always, sightings take patience and luck. The birding is excellent, especially around the lake margins.

Days here are flexible by design. There's no rigid schedule—you'll have the chance to explore at your own pace. Game drives, bush walks, and even the occasional boat outing (depending on water levels) are all on offer, with Tony and the local team tailoring each activity around what's happening in the bush.

One of the highlights of this stay will be a special visit to **Game Rangers International's Elephant Orphanage**, a remarkable conservation project nearby that works to rehabilitate young elephants for eventual return to the wild. It's a moving and inspiring experience that offers insight into the realities of conservation in action.

Evenings at Konkamoya are relaxed and sociable, often spent under the vast, starlit skies of June and July, around a campfire or at the communal table. The food is another pleasure—Italian-influenced and home-cooked, with fresh ingredients and thoughtful flavours, reflecting the lodge's roots and the owner's heritage.



This part of the journey offers a gentle but enriching start to the safari—combining wildlife, conservation, great food, and a real sense of place.

### Overnight:KonkamoyaLodge

With no fences or barriers, **Konkamoya Lodge** blends naturally into its surroundings, tucked away in the southern reaches of **Kafue National Park**. The camp's four spacious tents are each raised on wooden decks to keep a respectful distance between you and the local wildlife. Inside, they're designed for comfort—more like a small bush apartment than a typical tent—with a bedroom, sitting area, and en-suite bathroom with hot and cold running water.

All tents face east, offering open views across the edge of **Lake Itzhi-Tezhi**—a breezy, shifting horizon where sunrise is always worth waking up for. Surrounded by fig, ebony and baobab trees, Konkamoya feels remote in the best possible way. Power is solar, used to light the tents, charge cameras, and provide a little Wi-Fi—enough to check in, but not so much that it distracts from the wild.

The soundtrack here is the real thing: the deep cough of a lion, hippos shifting in the shallows, or perhaps the haunting call of a **Pel's fishing owl**. In the evening, after a night drive, there's often time to gather around the fire, swap stories, and listen to the bush settle down for the night.

Days are spent exploring with Konkamoya's expert guiding team—relaxed, informative and always in tune with what the bush is doing. Back in camp, the food is another highlight. Expect dishes like **al dente fire-cooked spaghetti with fresh tomato and basil**, followed by banana cake baked in the earth oven—simple, thoughtful, and delicious.

For families or small private groups, Konkamoya can **be exclusively booked**, offering a peaceful, flexible base from which to explore one of Africa's most underrated wilderness areas.

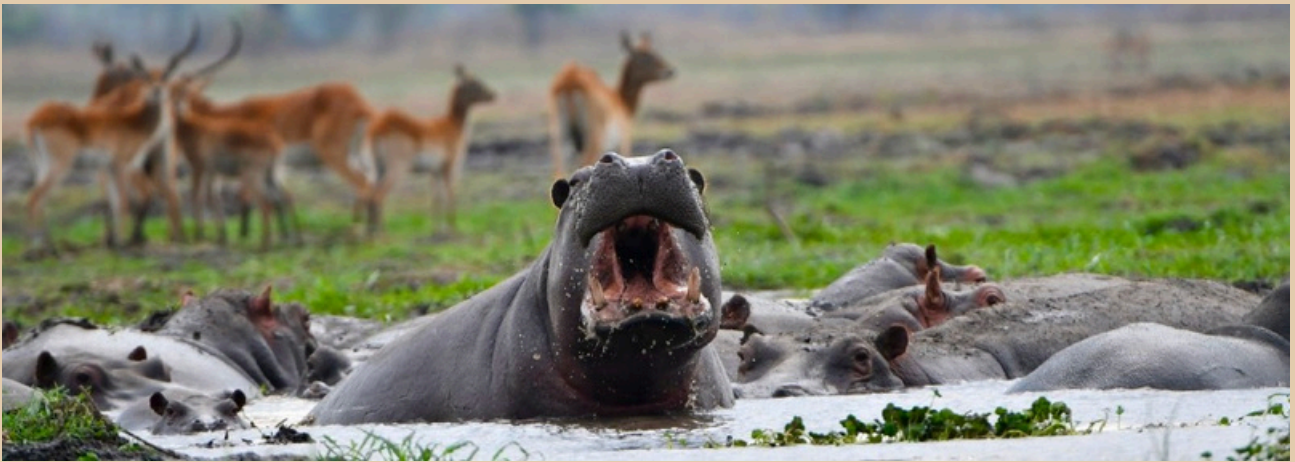
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## Day 5-8: Ntemwa-Busanga Camp, Busanga Plains

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The Busanga Plains, located in the north of the Kafue National Park, is a remarkable grassland that seems to curve with the horizon. The atmosphere, rawness, and drama of Busanga are unmatched, and no Kafue safari is complete without taking in the panoramic views of the plains. It is a mix of grass plains formed from a seasonal wetland habitat with a unique ecosystem that cannot be found anywhere else in Zambia. The swampy area is home to many niches and nuances, and it is fascinating to explore the edges where Sitatunga, a rare antelope species, can be seen amongst the towering reeds. Seasonal floodwaters fed by numerous streams flow through and under these swamps, transforming most of the Busanga Plains' 750 square kilometers into a wetland similar to the Okavango Delta. This flooding supports a vast population of water-adapted Red Lechwe, hippos, and a plethora of fish that attract fish eagles, storks, and pelicans. The sky fills with swirling towers of black open-billed storks, here to harvest the freshwater snails that are a key species to the Busanga ecosystem. The plains are also home to Acacia thorn trees, palms, and mighty fig trees, providing a potential shady spot for the iconic Busanga Lions. Cheetahs are sometimes seen preying on the numerous Oribi population, while the treeline of the plains and some of the larger islands are perfect habitats for leopards. Other predators and smaller omnivores include Serval, Civet, several Moongoose species, and African Wild Cat. The Busanga Plains are also home to a variety of large mammals such as Blue Wildebeest, magnificent Sable, Puku, Kudu, Reed Buck, Bush Buck, sharps grysbok, Duiker, Zebra, and approachable Roan Antelope. The staggering number and variety of birdlife alone makes Busanga an incredibly interesting place to visit, even for those who aren't bird enthusiasts.

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## Day Itinerary

### Chapter Two: To the Busanga Plains – A Legacy of Wilderness

From Konkamoya, your chartered flight lifts you northward across Kafue's vast landscapes—woodland giving way to open floodplains—as you head towards one of Africa's great wildernesses: **the Busanga Plains**.

At the airstrip, you'll be met by a **Classic Zambia** guide and begin the journey into the heart of Busanga. This region has long been a part of Tony McKeith's life. His deep connection to Kafue—and especially Busanga—has helped pave the way for the next generation. Today, both **Classic Zambia** and **Musekese Conservation** stand as part of the legacy created by his son, **Tyrone McKeith**, whose commitment to conservation and wild places is at the core of both ventures.

Your home for the next three nights is the newly rebuilt **Ntemwa-Busanga Camp**. Thoughtfully reimagined, it now features **open-fronted thatched chalets**, positioned at the treeline with sweeping views across the floodplain. Each chalet has an en-suite bathroom with a flush toilet and plumbed sink, and an open-air bucket shower under the stars. The aim is simple: to make you feel entirely part of the landscape while enjoying understated comfort.

The camp's main lounge and dining area is raised for better views, but your evenings will usually be spent **around the fire**, under the vast open sky, sharing stories of the day and soaking up the stillness of the plains.

Days at Ntemwa are flexible, unhurried, and full of potential. You'll explore by vehicle in the early morning and late afternoon, guided by experts who know these plains inside out. The wildlife is rich and diverse—**red lechwe, sable, roan, buffalo, elephant**, and a strong presence of predators including **lion, cheetah, and leopard**. Birding is exceptional too, with large flocks of crowned cranes and secretive swamp specials to keep an eye out for.

After dark, you'll have the option to continue exploring. **Night drives** are part of the experience here and can offer a chance to see some of Busanga's more elusive residents—**porcupines, servals, genets**, and if luck is on your side, a predator on the move.

Between activities, you'll be well looked after back at camp. The **kitchen team consistently surprises guests with fresh, imaginative meals**—delicious food that reflects a real passion for



cooking, using local ingredients with flair and creativity. Mealtimes are relaxed and sociable, often a highlight in their own right.

This three-night stay in Busanga allows for a deep immersion into a landscape that is unlike any other—wild, seasonal, and full of character. And with Tony helping steer the experience, it's not just about what you see, but how you see it.

### **Overnight:Ntemwa-BusangaCamp**

Welcome to Ntemwa Camp, the latest iteration of 'Classic Zambia' (Jeffery & McKeith Safaris)' iconic bush camp. Located a three-hour game drive northwest of Musekese Camp, Ntemwa offers an unforgettable blend of authenticity and practicality for the discerning adventurer. The refreshed camp design has been thoughtfully reimagined to provide guests with enhanced comfort while preserving its very authentic charm. Nestled on the southern edge of the breathtaking Busanga Plains, this enchanting thatched bush camp serves as your gateway to a diverse ecosystem teeming with life. Embark on a journey through a kaleidoscope of habitats, from the lush riverine thickets in the south to the vibrant flooded grasslands at the heart of Busanga. Witness the captivating wildlife that calls these mesmerizing landscapes home.

Indulge in the intimate luxury of our four newly-constructed thatched chalets, complete with open-air en-suite bathrooms. Revel in the rustic elegance of warm bucket showers and flushing toilets, all while staying in touch with nature.

Unwind and recharge in camp between activities. Gaze out over the sweeping Busanga Plains from the shade of the raised deck, with plush furniture perfect for relaxing midday and cosy for aperitifs before dinner under the stars.

The open-air dining area, complete with the essential campfire, serves as a meeting place for early breakfasts and, in the evening, becomes a classically styled dining room where highly experienced bush chefs create some extraordinarily good meals.

Solar power in your chalets for lighting is complimented with paraffin lanterns that mark the paths at night, but you can power up your cameras and gadgets at the main deck, ensuring you're always ready to capture unforgettable experiences.

Join us at Ntemwa Camp and immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of Busanga Plains.

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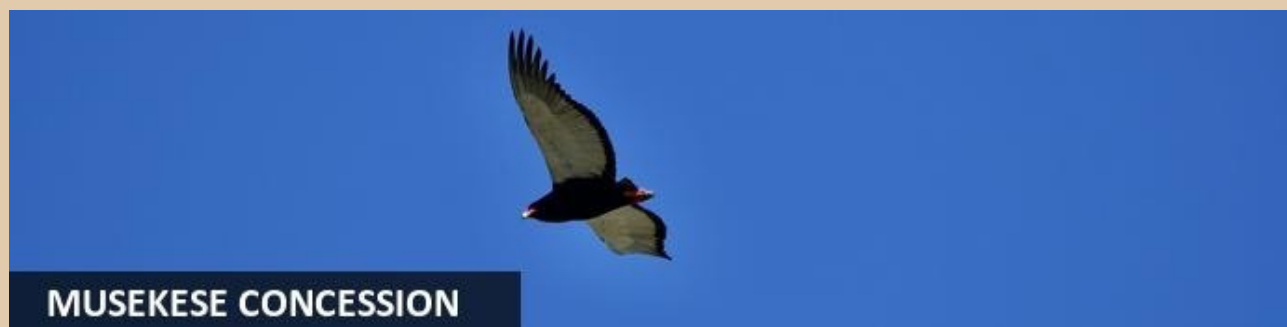
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## Day 8-11: Lwenge Retreat, Musekese Concession

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Set in the remote northern sector of Zambia's Kafue National Park, the Musekese Concession is a prime example of what happens when conservation, expert guiding, and low-impact tourism come together. Privately operated and accessed only through two Classic Zambia camps, the concession offers an exclusive safari experience that feels both wild and deeply personal.

The landscape is as varied as it is beautiful. Rolling miombo woodlands open into wide floodplains, and shallow ridgelines give way to seasonal wetlands known locally as dambos. At the centre of it all is Eden Lagoon—perhaps the best known of these wetlands. In the early season, Eden is a shimmering marshland reminiscent of the Okavango, teeming with birds and grazers wading through shallow water. As the dry season progresses, it transforms into a broad, sun-baked pan cut through by a winding stream—still productive, still alive with wildlife, but entirely changed in character. Wildlife moves freely across the concession, taking advantage of the different

habitats. Elephant

herds are often seen, and a wide range of antelope species—from puku and kudu to roan, reedbuck, bushbuck, and the occasional eland—can be encountered almost anywhere. The open expanses of the Kamasot Plain are particularly striking, with large concentrations of zebra, sable, and reedbuck, but this is just one part of a much broader, well-functioning ecosystem. Predators are

an important part of the story here. Musekese Conservation's research has shown that leopard densities in this concession rival those of Zambia's better-known parks, and many individuals are recognised by name. Lions are frequently encountered, and wild dogs range across the area. The guiding team, many of whom are involved in conservation efforts, brings a level of insight and familiarity that transforms wildlife viewing into something far deeper. Guests explore the

concession via day and night game drives, as well as guided walking safaris—a highlight for many. The river system adds further variety: the nearby confluence of the Kafue and Lufupa Rivers creates backwaters and channels perfect for boat-based wildlife viewing and birding.

With a carefully planned network of game drive routes, no crowding, and a commitment to science-led conservation, the Musekese Concession is one of Zambia's most rewarding safari destinations. A new photography and wildlife-viewing blind is currently being developed at one of

the area's most productive waterholes—adding another layer to the experience for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

This is a place where wildlife thrives, not by chance, but because it's been allowed to. For those seeking a truly immersive and meaningful safari, the Musekese Concession delivers.

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## Day Itinerary

### Chapter Three: Into the Heart of the Kafue – Lwenge Retreat and the Musekese Concession

Leaving the wide-open floodplains of Busanga behind, your journey continues south into another extraordinary part of the Kafue. Travelling by **game drive and boat**, you'll gradually transition from treeline islands and grasslands to riverine woodland and lush lagoons, entering the **private Musekese Concession**—a protected area managed with deep care by **Classic Zambia** and their conservation partner, **Musekese Conservation**.

Your destination is **Lwenge Retreat**, a brand-new private camp built specifically for small groups like ours. Perched on a quiet stretch of the riverbank, Lwenge combines complete privacy with access to one of the most ecologically rich and beautifully varied areas in all of Kafue. We'll be among the **very first guests to stay here**.

The addition of Lwenge has allowed Classic Zambia to expand the footprint of their stewardship even further—creating a contiguous, protected block of habitat that is carefully managed, expertly guided, and alive with wildlife. This part of the concession includes **hidden waterholes, open lagoons, shady miombo woodland, and access to both the Kafue and Lufupa Rivers**, which we'll explore by custom-built, ultra-stable boats designed for quiet, comfortable wildlife viewing.

This area is known not just for its species diversity, but also for the quality of the wildlife experience. The **guiding team here is among the best in Zambia**, offering deep knowledge, sharp instincts, and a calm, immersive approach to each activity. Whether by vehicle, on foot, or by boat, the focus is always on understanding the bush—reading signs, tracking movement, and allowing time for meaningful encounters.

As with the rest of this journey, **education and conservation are key themes**. During your stay, Tony will arrange a visit to the **Musekese Conservation Research Base**, where you'll meet the team working year-round to protect this landscape.

You'll hear about the challenges of anti-poaching, habitat monitoring, and species protection—and learn how detailed research is shaping decisions on everything from lion movements to waterbird nesting sites.

If timing becomes tight, the researchers may instead visit us at camp to give an evening talk—an equally insightful experience that adds a rare layer of depth to the safari.

Accommodation at Lwenge will reflect the style and quality of the other camps in this itinerary, with **rooms positioned on the river's edge** for maximum connection to the surroundings. Though photography of the camp itself isn't yet available, images throughout this itinerary give a feel for the environment and design ethos. Expect clean, contemporary bush comfort with an **elevated sense of exclusivity**, including a **private swimming pool and even Wi-Fi**, discreetly available to suit the private nature of the lodge.

This is a part of Kafue few visitors get to explore in such depth—and the chance to do so with exclusive access, expert guiding, and Tony's personal involvement makes this a particularly special final chapter in the wild.

### **Overnight: Lwenge Retreat**

Lwenge Retreat takes its name from an old local word for this serene stretch of the Kafue River—an unhurried place where wildlife and wilderness remain at the forefront. Elephants often cross directly in front of camp, and the riverbank teems with life, setting the tone for a deeply immersive safari experience.

Although newly built, Lwenge is closely tied to Classic Zambia's roots. Located close to the site of Old Musekese, Lwenge is a natural extension of the same vast and private wilderness that returning guests already know well. Together, these two camps give guests access to an expansive, lightly explored area of the Kafue, with a level of exclusivity hard to match.

Lwenge is designed for private use, with just four spacious tents accommodating up to eight guests. It's an ideal retreat for families and friends wanting complete privacy. The camp offers sweeping river views, a quiet setting, and the same attention to detail and quality guiding that defines the Musekese experience. Private activities, a pool and wifi—this is a home-in-the-bush vibe.

With decades of conservation work behind it, this part of the Kafue is now one of Zambia's most rewarding safari areas—full of character and perfect for deeper wilderness connection.

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## Day 11: End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

#### Final Chapter: Farewell from the Kafue

All too soon, the final morning of your Kafue safari arrives. After breakfast overlooking the river, with the early light glinting off the water and the sounds of the bush slowly rising around you, it's time to say goodbye to **Lwenge Retreat** and this extraordinary corner of Zambia.

There's time for one last slow walk around camp, a final coffee with your guides, or a quiet moment watching the river slide past. Then, as always in the bush, it's a warm but understated farewell—a wave, a handshake, and a promise to return.

You'll travel back by boat and vehicle to the **Lufupa airstrip**, retracing part of your journey through the Musekese Concession, perhaps catching a few last glimpses of wildlife along the way. From here, your charter flight lifts off and carries you eastward over the Kafue's varied landscapes—floodplains, forests, and rivers—back to **Lusaka**.

From Lusaka, you'll either connect to your onward international flight or continue with the next chapter of your travels elsewhere in Africa. But wherever you head next, you leave with more than just photographs—you carry the memory of days spent immersed in wild places, guided by passionate people, and part of a story that is still unfolding in one of Africa's greatest national parks.



