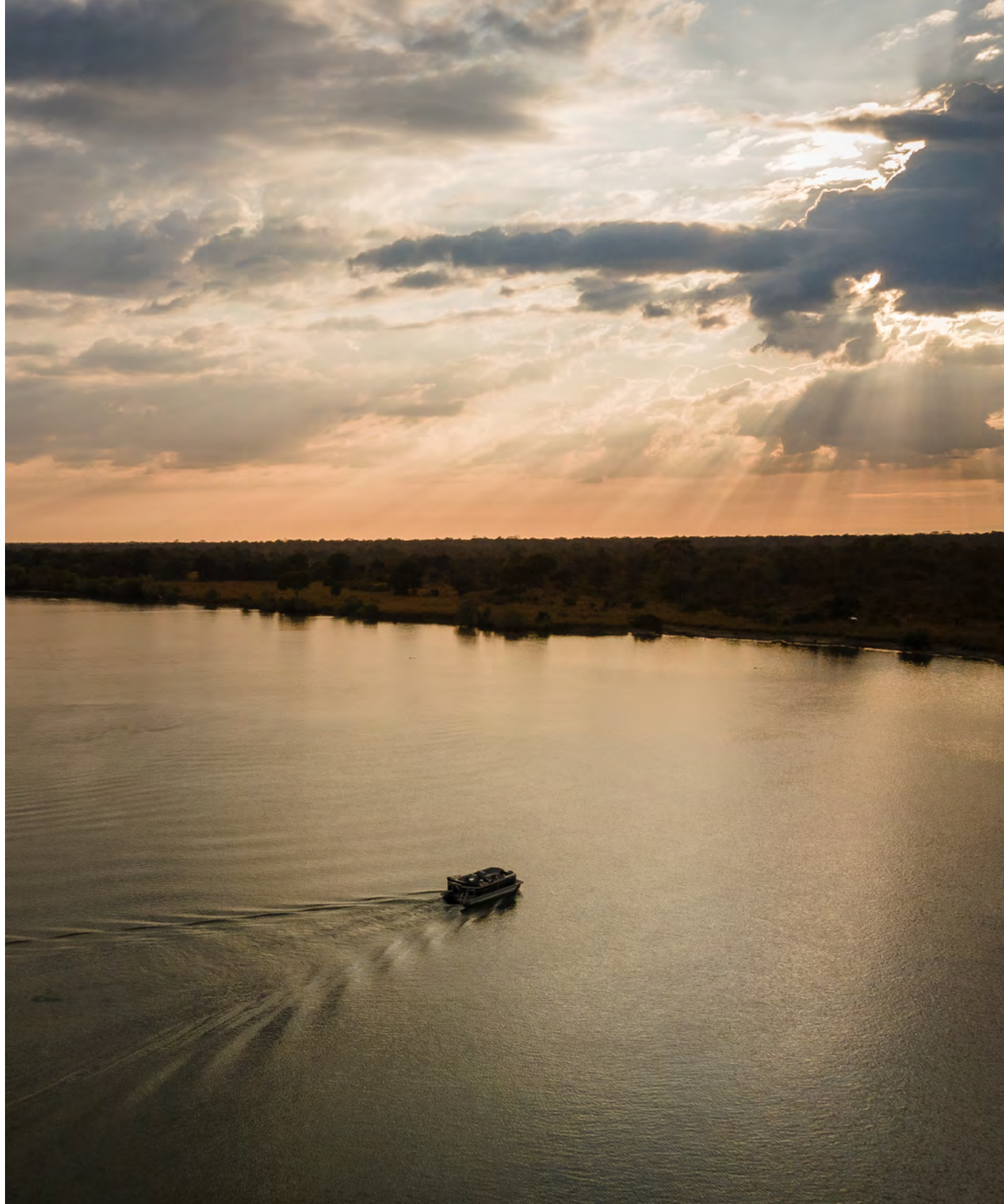




# Activities & Experiences



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KAFUE RIVER

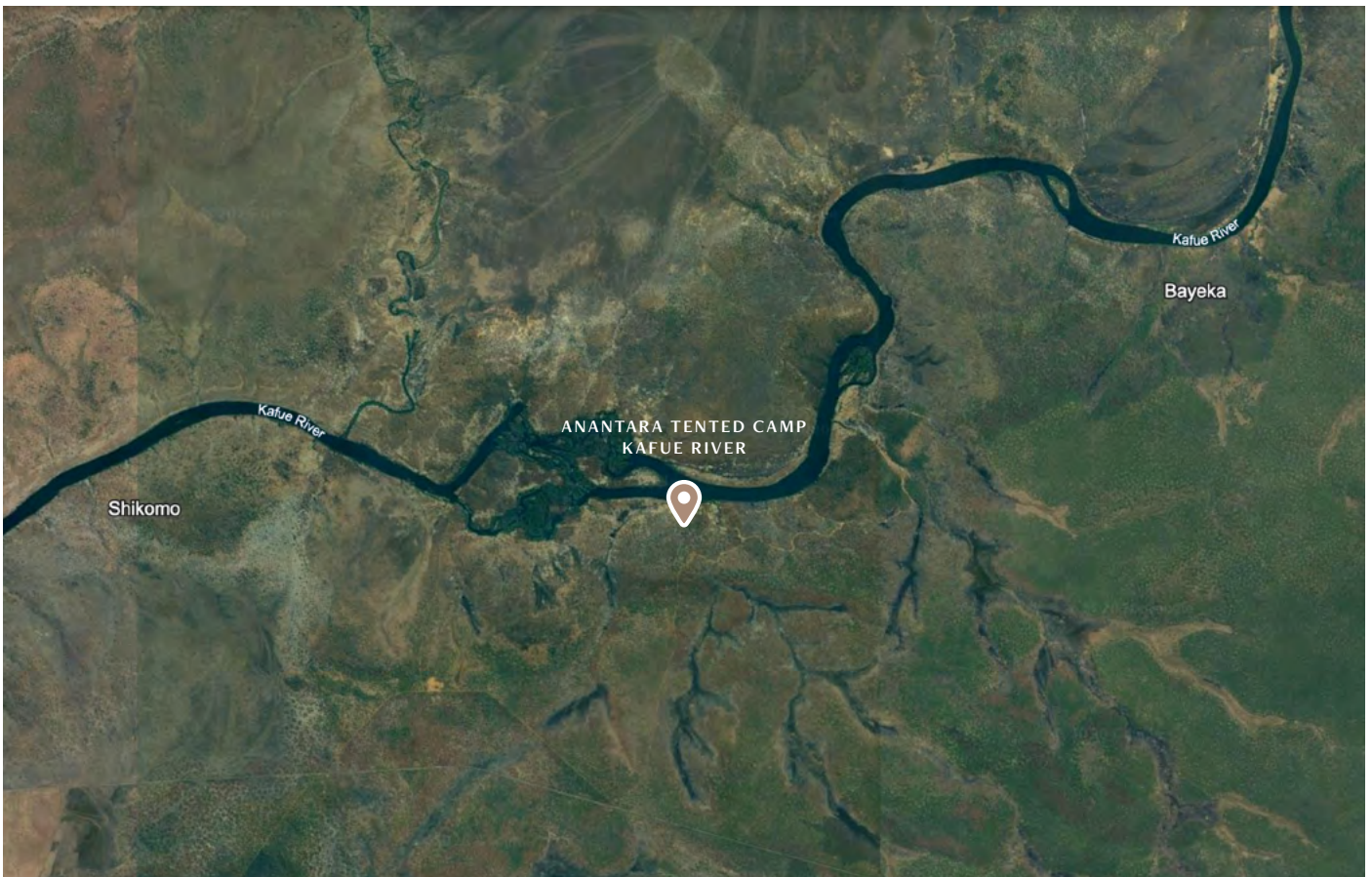
# The National Park

Kafue National Park covers an extensive 22,400 square kilometres area (2.2 million hectares) in western Zambia. It is Zambia's most extensive protected wilderness area, yet it remains undiscovered. It forms part of the largest transboundary conservation expanse in the world: the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA).

As an essential water source for the region, Kafue is also one of the last vast expanses of the iconic Zambezian ecoregion – home to elephants, large predators such as wild dogs, cheetahs and lions, the highest diversity of antelope species in Africa, and over 500 bird species.

In 2022, a 20-year management partnership between African Parks and the Zambian government, was signed with biodiversity recovery, community development and consolidation of tourism comprising the primary focus areas in restoring this national park.

Aerial surveys and collaring a number of species indicate a growing elephant population, along with encouraging numbers of buffalo, puku, sable and hartebeest. In 2024, African Parks introduced 401 Kafue lechwe, endemic to the Kafue Flats, a significant step in restoring the integrity of this ecosystem.





## Resident wildlife

Vast, wild and remote, Kafue's enormous landscapes are home to elephants, predators, over 500 bird species, and 21 antelope species, offering the largest diversity anywhere in Africa. Kafue is also one of the last vast expanses of the Zambezian ecoregion where wild dogs, cheetahs and lions, hippo, and antelope such as sable, roan, eland, puku and Lichtenstein's Hartebeest roam.

Kafue is also home to over 158 different kinds of mammals, 70 species of reptiles, 72 types of fish and a further 36 amphibian creatures.



## Your dedicated team

At Anantara Tented Camp Kafue River the rhythm of the day is yours to set. You are looked after by a dedicated Villa Host and a Private Safari Guide, ensuring every moment is tailored to your curiosity.

Whether you wish to track a pride of lions at first light or enjoy a slow morning in your villa, your team is here to make it happen.

# The safari experience

## GAME DRIVES

Traverse diverse landscapes in our 4x4 vehicles to track lion, leopard, and elephant. Our guides are not bound by a clock, but by the movement of nature and your own pace.





### THE MORNING GAME DRIVE

“Golden hour” as the sun rises over the Kafue is the peak window for predator activity; watch the mist lift off the plains as the bush wakes up. It is the perfect time for high-contrast photography and crisp morning air.

**Recommended timing:** 6:00 am - 10:00 am  
(Subject to seasonal change)

**Duration:** Typically 3 to 4 hours, though entirely flexible to your preference.

### BESPOKE BUSH DINING & REFRESHMENTS

Your Villa Host and Guide work in harmony to ensure your journey is as indulgent as it is adventurous. Chilled beverages and gourmet snacks are provided during your drive to keep you refreshed.

**Designer Dining:** For a truly unforgettable moment, we offer exclusive, private dining setups in the heart of the wilderness, from Sunrise Bush Breakfasts to Riverbank Picnics. These signature experiences are tailored to your request and may incur a supplement charge.

*For more details on our private dining experiences, please refer to the Designer Dining section of this brochure or speak with your Villa Host.*



### THE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE

Watch plains game gather at vital water sources as the afternoon cools and predators emerge from their midday siestas. Enjoy a sundowner drink as the day slips into twilight. Using specialised red-light filters to protect the wildlife’s vision, we search for elusive genets and civets.

**Recommended timing:** 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
(Subject to seasonal change)

**Duration:** Typically 3 to 4 hours, though entirely flexible to your preference.



## THE WALKING SAFARI

Exit the vehicle and connect with the earth. Best experienced in the early morning when the air is crisp and tracks are fresh. Follow our master trackers to decode the prints in the dust. This immersive walk allows you to become part of the wild, rather than simply a spectator. Surrounded by the subtle sounds and scents often missed from a vehicle.

Discover the ancient medicinal secrets of the flora and the intricate, hidden life of the savannah. Tailored entirely to your curiosity, focusing on the micro-wilderness and the ancient art of tracking.

**Duration:** Typically 2 to 3 hours, though entirely flexible to your preference.



## BIRD WATCHING

Explore one of Africa's most diverse avian destinations. From riverine thickets to open floodplains, Kafue is a sanctuary for over 500 species. Thanks to its unique biomes and pristine habitats, it stands as an elite pilgrimage for birding enthusiasts.

Our setting offers an exclusive look at the vibrant schalow's and ross's turaco, trumpeter hornbills, and various kingfishers. For the seasoned birder, we seek out the rare chaplin's barbet (Zambia's only endemic bird), the wattled crane, and the legendary pel's fishing owl a rarity that is a true prize of Kafue.

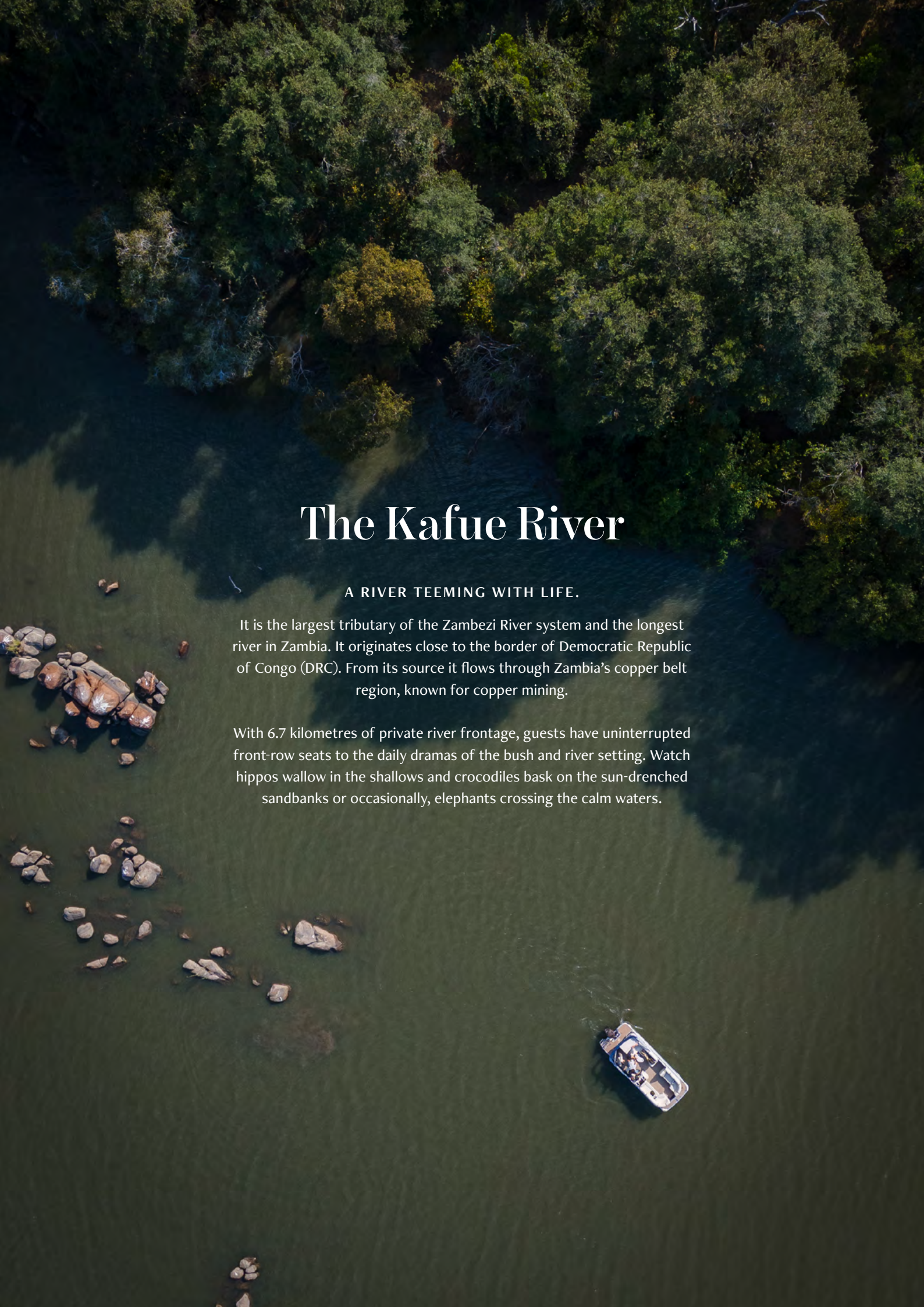
**Peak viewing:** While the birdlife is spectacular year-round, the dry season (July to November) offers the most concentrated activity as species congregate near the permanent waters of the river.

**Personalised photography:** This slow-paced excursion is designed to offer the best angles and natural lighting. We invite you to bring your preferred camera equipment; our guides will ensure you are perfectly positioned for that once-in-a-lifetime shot.

**Safari essentials:** For your convenience, professional binoculars are provided in your villa for use throughout your stay. We recommend bringing them along to witness every detail of Kafue's feathered residents.

**Duration:** Flexible (morning or afternoon) to suit your preference.



An aerial photograph of the Kafue River. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, its water a dark, calm green. The banks are lined with a thick, lush forest of tall trees with dense green foliage. In the lower right quadrant, a small, light-colored motorboat with a canopy is on the water, carrying several people. On the left side, several large, smooth, light-brown rocks are partially submerged in the river. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# The Kafue River

## A RIVER TEEMING WITH LIFE.

It is the largest tributary of the Zambezi River system and the longest river in Zambia. It originates close to the border of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). From its source it flows through Zambia's copper belt region, known for copper mining.

With 6.7 kilometres of private river frontage, guests have uninterrupted front-row seats to the daily dramas of the bush and river setting. Watch hippos wallow in the shallows and crocodiles bask on the sun-drenched sandbanks or occasionally, elephants crossing the calm waters.

# River experiences

Our custom pontoons offer a discreet, silent window into the wild, where the water becomes your trail.



## THE MORNING DISCOVERY

Best for witnessing the mist lift off the water. The soft morning light is perfect for capturing the vibrant plumage of kingfishers and herons as they begin their day.

**Recommended timing:** 6:30 am - 9:30 am

**Duration:** Typically 2 to 3 hours, entirely flexible to your preference.

## THE AFTERNOON & GOURMET JOURNEY

Escape the midday heat with a gentle cruise. This is the perfect opportunity for Designer Dining on the river. Enjoy a gourmet lunch or an elegant High Tea served on board as you drift past bathing giants.

**Recommended timing:** Available throughout the day.

**Duration:** Typically 2 to 3 hours, entirely flexible to your preference.

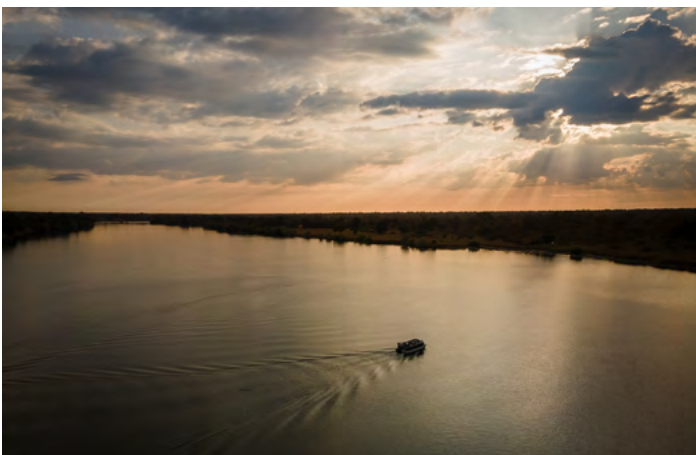


## SUNSET CRUISE

The golden hour is the prime time for game viewing as elephants and buffalo congregate at the water's edge. Elevate the experience with a Curated Wine Tasting led by your Villa Host, or enjoy a signature cocktail as the sky turns to gold.

**Recommended timing:** 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Duration:** Typically 2 to 3 hours, entirely flexible to your preference.





## THE ART OF ANGLING

Our fishing excursions are led by experts who know every hidden channel of the river's 6.7-kilometre private frontage. Whether you are a novice or a seasoned professional, we offer a serene yet technical challenge in one of Africa's most pristine rivers.

To protect the heartbeat of the river, we practice a strict catch-and-release policy. This ensures the long-term conservation of the Kafue's delicate and diverse fish species.

Focus purely on the catch; all professional-grade rods, reels, and specialised tackle are provided for your excursion. While the river is yours to explore at any hour, the most favourable conditions for active feeding and calm waters are typically 7:00 am - 11:00 am or 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

**Duration:** Typically 3 to 4 hours, though entirely adjustable based on the conditions and your enthusiasm.

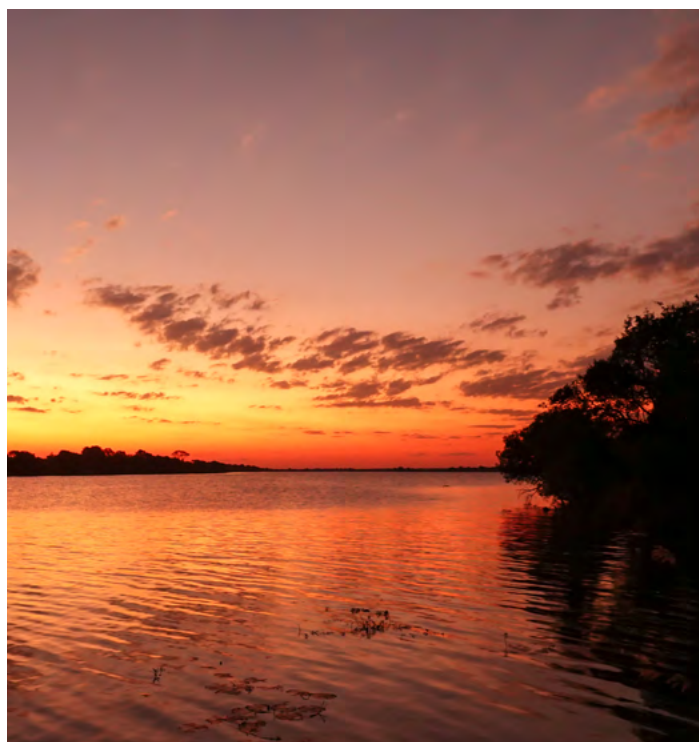
## BESPOKE RIVER DINING

Your Villa Host and Guide work in harmony to ensure your journey is as indulgent as it is adventurous. Chilled beverages and gourmet snacks are provided during your cruise to keep you refreshed.

**Designer Dining:** For a truly unforgettable moment, we offer exclusive, private dining setups on our Floating Pontoons. From a Sunrise Breakfast in the mist to a romantic dinner under the stars, these signature experiences are tailored to your request.

Elevate your sunset journey with a curated wine tasting led by our Wine Sommelier. Please note that Signature Wine Tastings and Designer Dining on the river are bespoke arrangements and may incur a supplement charge.

*For more inspiration, please refer to the Designer Dining section of this brochure or speak with your Villa Host to arrange your private moment.*





## Spa & wellness

### BALANCE MIND AND BODY WITH THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

At Anantara Kafue we bring the spa to you, allowing you to enjoy restorative therapies in your suite while the sounds of the wild enhance your relaxation.

Our treatments draw inspiration from Zambia's natural beauty and ancient botanical wisdom.

Each of our luxury villas features a dedicated private treatment room for a sanctuary of silence, while guests in our Horizon Terrace Suites enjoy massages on their private decks, where the cool river breeze and the melodic songs of the Kafue's birds create a deeply immersive healing journey.

To facilitate your transition into the tranquility of Kafue, your first 90-minute treatment is complimentary upon arrival.

**The Ila Forest Rebalancing Ritual:** Inspired by the Ila people, this grounding ritual begins with a natural body exfoliation to revitalise the skin, followed by a restorative full-body massage.

**Sunset Ember Couple's Ritual:** Celebrate the beauty of the Zambian sky with chilled Champagne in your private space. This romantic journey includes a soothing foot ritual followed by a calming full-body massage.



## RIVERSIDE YOGA & THE FLOATING GYM

**Experience wellness in motion on the water.**

Unique to our camp, we offer a Floating Gym anchored into the Kafue River a truly one-of-a-kind space to maintain your fitness.

Our facility is fully equipped with state-of-the-art Technogym equipment, offering a professional-grade workout with an unbeatable view of the riverbanks and passing wildlife.

**Complimentary group yoga:** Enjoy a daily 60-minute guided session on our expansive wooden decks. These classes focus on breathwork and mindful movement to align your frequency with the rhythm of the bush.

**Flexible timing:** To ensure your wilderness journey remains uninterrupted, yoga sessions are scheduled to complement your safari activities. Whether at sunrise or sunset, our timings flow with your day.

All wellness treatments and guided yoga are subject to therapist availability. Please coordinate with your Villa Host to fit these sessions perfectly into your daily safari schedule.

# Leisure & immersion

Discover the quiet moments that  
define the Kafue experience.





### SOCIAL HUB

Twalumba our lounge and bar, offers a sophisticated retreat for afternoon tea, signature cocktails, or a quiet cigar. As night falls, the experience extends to the traditional fire pit (boma) for storytelling and vibrant Zambian performances by the fire.

### STAR GAZING

Kafue offers some of the darkest skies on Earth. Join our resident guide on our dedicated deck to explore the Southern Cross and the brilliant arc of the Milky Way, entirely unhindered by light pollution.

### PRIVATE PLUNGE POOLS

Retreat to your temperature-controlled plunge pool, on your private deck.

### SWIMMING POOL & FLOATING GYM

Enjoy swimming laps with panoramic views at our main pool. For active leisure, our floating fitness centre is fully equipped with Technogym equipment and glass walls to keep you connected to the landscape while you train.



## LIBRARY & GAMES

Each villa features a handpicked collection of coffee table books focusing on African photography and history. For a quiet afternoon, select from an array of classic board games and leisure activities.

## IN-VILLA ENTERTAINMENT

Stay connected with our high-definition IPTV system, featuring Netflix, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video, alongside a curated selection of international channels.

**Live wildlife feed:** For a truly immersive stay, our private PTZ cameras are fed directly to your suite. Switch to our dedicated internal channels to observe the landscape and local wildlife in real-time from the comfort of your bed.

## THE CIGAR LOUNGE & GAMES

Located next to the bar, our relaxed Cigar Lounge is the perfect spot for a drink or a quiet smoke. This social space features a versatile 4-in-1 games table, where you can enjoy a friendly round of pool, air hockey, or table tennis between your safari adventures.



# The culinary journey

Explore the culinary landscape of Zambia through a bounty of fresh ingredients from both land and river. Our talented chefs use their gourmet skills to present innovative menus infused with local flavours.



## LUZUBA ALL-DAY DINING

Begin your day beneath the trees with panoramic views of the Kafue River. For lunch and dinner, experience contemporary interpretations of traditional African recipes that highlight the best local ingredients. Each dish is prepared with sustainability at its heart, never compromising on flavour.



## TWALUMBA BAR & LOUNGE

Relax as you sip a refreshing drink crafted by our mixologist. Whether reflecting on your day over a wholesome snack or gathering for sunset drinks, Twalumba offers a versatile space for connection.



## THE FIRE PIT

Gathered around a glowing fire in a traditional boma setting, this open-air space blends wild charm with refined comfort. Perfectly positioned to catch both sunrise and sunset, it's the ideal space for our daily Sunset Ritual and stargazing, with locally inspired dishes served beneath a canopy of stars.



## IN-VILLA DINING

Savour the full Luzuba Restaurant menu, a bespoke creation, or an intimate private barbecue on your secluded deck. Your dedicated Villa Host will handle every detail of the service, ensuring a flawless and private experience.



# Private wine pairings

Join our Sommelier for a private wine tasting experience. Discover a curated selection of rare vintages and award-winning labels, with a special focus on the fine estates of South Africa.

Be guided through each wine's story from the rich heritage of the Cape Winelands to classic international favourites. To complement the journey, our Executive Chef prepares a selection of canapés, perfectly paired to enhance every taste.

Unwind on the Sunset Deck overlooking the Kafue River, as the wilderness comes alive around you. Or honour the moment with a sunset boat cruise, where you float along tranquil waters under a golden sky, sipping on elegant bouquets.

*Please contact your Villa Host in advance to personalise your experience.  
A supplement charge applies.*

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# Designer Dining

Create your own unforgettable dining experience in the heart of the wild. In collaboration with our Executive Chef, each moment is thoughtfully curated whether in a private bubble above the river, a candlelit table or the comfort of your villa.



## BUSH DINING

A private table set within a secluded sanctuary. From sunrise breakfasts to shaded lunches or evenings under the stars, this immersive experience connects you to the true rhythm of the wild. Watch wildlife move quietly through the landscape as you enjoy a beautifully prepared meal in complete privacy.



## THE FLOATING PONTOON

Dine in the middle of the river. The most romantic setting - your candlelit table floats gently on the water as the night sky unfolds above you.



## BOAT LUNCHES

Drift along the tranquil Kafue River on a private boat while enjoying a relaxed yet refined lunch. This unique experience offers a different perspective of the park, where every moment provides the chance to encounter wildlife along the water's edge.



## RIVERBANK PICNICS

Escape to a hidden riverside setting and enjoy a gourmet picnic in nature. Relax to the gentle flow of the river as you indulge in a curated selection of fresh, local flavours. Select from our sophisticated à la carte menu or create a bespoke dining experience in collaboration with our Executive Chef.

*Please contact your Villa Host in advance to personalise your experience. A supplement charge applies.*

# Spice Spoons

A hands-on journey through Zambian flavours.

Discover the heart of Zambia through its cuisine in this interactive experience. Guided by our talented local chefs, explore vibrant local flavours from selecting fresh, indigenous ingredients to learning traditional home-style cooking techniques.

Whether you are a beginner or a passionate food lover, each class is personalised to your preferences from fresh river fish and bold spices to nourishing vegetarian creations. Cook with organic grains and wild-harvested herbs in our interactive kitchen or at a scenic outdoor setting. This is a true immersion into Zambian soul food.

To conclude your journey, take home a curated selection of Zambian spices, along with the recipes shared by our Chef, so you can recreate these flavours and memories at home.

**Suggested timing:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, naturally flowing into a hosted lunch. As always, timings are flexible and can be tailored around your safari plans

*Please contact your Villa Host in advance to personalise your experience. A supplement charge applies.*



# Guidelines

Preparing for your wilderness immersion.

## ACTIVITY TIMING

Boat and walking safaris are best experienced in the golden light of sunrise or sunset and typically last 2–4 hours. Timings remain flexible to suit your safari schedule, while seasonal conditions guide the best opportunities for wildlife sightings.

## FOOTWEAR & CLOTHING

Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are essential for walking safaris, while comfortable sandals or loafers are ideal around camp and on boats. Neutral layers help you blend into the bush and adapt to changing temperatures. For Designer Dining or Spice Spoons classes, smart casual attire is recommended.

## GEAR & PHOTOGRAPHY

Binoculars are useful for spotting rare birds. Photography enthusiasts will enjoy capturing the magical river light and wildlife with high-contrast gear.

## SKIN CARE & HYDRATION

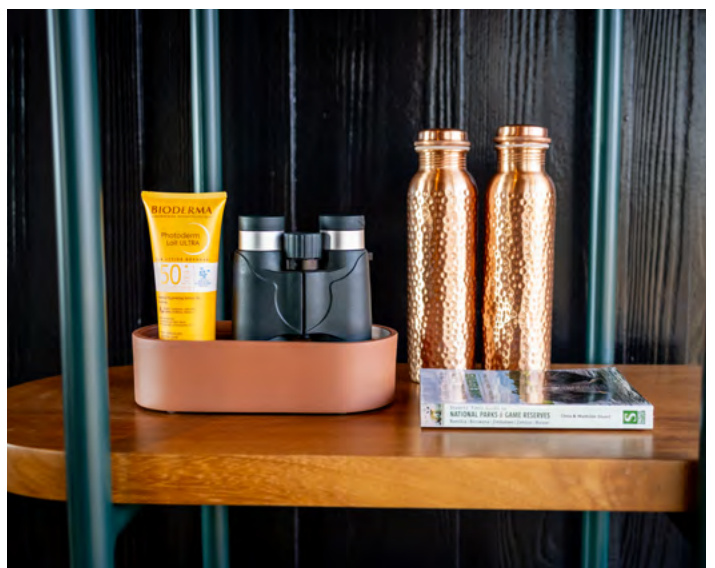
High-SPF sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended for daytime and nocturnal excursions, and water bottles should be kept handy to stay hydrated under the Zambian sun.

## CONSERVATION & SAFETY

All fishing follows a catch-and-release policy to protect the Kafue River ecosystem. Walking safaris allow you to track wildlife up close, please follow your professional guide's instructions at all times.

## MINDFUL ATMOSPHERE

Yoga and meditation take place on elevated platforms where the only sounds are the river and resident hippos. Guests are asked to maintain a tranquil atmosphere to preserve the serenity of these experiences.





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