

GATEWAY LODGE · THE BUSHCAMP COMPANY

Mfuwe Lodge

Thatched chalets between two lagoons at the park gate — the front door to the whole circuit.

18 chalets
ACCOMMODATION
13 rooms, 3 family rooms, 2 suites, plus the Family House

Open all year
SEASON
One of two, with KuKaya

40 minutes
BY ROAD
From Mfuwe Airport

Mains power
POWER
Air conditioning and Wi-Fi throughout

Mfuwe Lodge stands between two lagoons just inside the park entrance, a great oxbow on one side and a permanent hippo pool on the other. Eighteen thatched chalets look out over the water, and guests are in game-viewing country within minutes of landing, which is why almost every circuit starts or ends here. Norman Carr worked from Mfuwe Lodge from 1964, before he made Chibembe his base in the early 1970s.

From late October to mid-December, an elephant family walks straight through reception. The lodge was built around a wild mango tree on their old route, and when it fruits the matriarch leads her family in to feed, as at least three generations of the same family have done every year. It has been filmed for television and written into children's books, and it is the image most people know the lodge by.

Good to know. A pool, spa and library make this the easiest of The Bushcamp Company's eight for a slower day between drives. With KuKaya, it is one of only two properties in the group that stay open through the green season. Read The Emerald Season and The Bushcamp Company's Why One of the World's Top-Rated Hotels Is a Safari Lodge.

AT A GLANCE

Peak 2027	From US$835 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14, Family House from US$820, Plus park fees and levies.
Recognition	#1 Safari Lodge in Africa, T+L 2023; #3 Hotel in the World, T+L 2025
Transfer	About 40 minutes from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Game drives
- Walking safaris
- Sundowners

Rates. Published rates are per person per night and exclude park fees and government and conservation levies (about US$95 to US$120 per person per night); every quote includes them. Trade partners work on net rates. For trade and reservations, write to Nicky Whittenmore, Head of Reservations, The Bushcamp Company: info@bushcampcompany.com.



GATEWAY VILLAS · THE BUSHCAMP COMPANY

The Villas at KuKaya

Private villas at the park gate, each with its own guide, vehicle and pool.

6 villas	Open all year	40 minutes	Mains power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	BY ROAD	POWER
Five two-bedroom, one one-bedroom	Green season included	From Mfuwe Airport	Air conditioning, Wi-Fi throughout

KuKaya is built for groups who would rather not share a schedule. Each villa comes with a dedicated guide and its own vehicle, so there are no fixed departure times and nobody else in the car. It is booked by the villa rather than by the person: five villas have two bedrooms and are priced for four guests, however many stay, and one villa has a single bedroom for two.

KuKaya means "home," and the villas stand on the grounds of the former vacation home of Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's first president. They sit just inside the main gate on the oxbow lagoon KuKaya shares with Mfuwe Lodge, shaded by sausage trees, Natal mahogany and ebony, and look over permanent waterholes toward the Luangwa floodplain. A sunken hide puts you at eye level with a busy waterhole.

Good to know. Because each villa runs on its own guide and vehicle, KuKaya suits groups traveling together who want to split up by day and meet again at dinner.

AT A GLANCE

Peak 2027	From US$935 per adult per night, two-bedroom villa for four, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#11 (2024) and #14 (2025), Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa
Transfer	About 40 minutes from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Game drives
- Walking safaris
- Night drives
- Sundowners

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Kuyenda

Phil Berry's camp, built around walking.

5 rondavels	Jun 1 – Nov 1	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
Thatched, en-suite, outdoor showers	Dry season only	Available at this camp	Floor fans, no air conditioning

Kuyenda was founded in 1992 by Phil Berry, a former Chief Ranger of the Luangwa and a protégé of Norman Carr, and he guided and hosted here for more than twenty years. The camp still runs the way he ran it: the walk comes first, and everything else fits around it. The library at Mfuwe Lodge carries his name.

The camp stands on a knoll under mahogany trees above the Manzi, a sand river that flows only in the rains and serves as a highway for game the rest of the year. Around it lies some of the finest walking country in South Luangwa: open plains, palm islands, riverbank and natural salt springs, ground that rewards going slowly and reading the tracks.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. The camp is dry-season only, open from June 1 to November 1.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 10
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,050 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#11, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 2 hours from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Game drives
- Sundowners

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Chamilandu

Three treehouses on stilts above a bend in the Luangwa. Six guests, no more.

3 chalets
ACCOMMODATION
Open-fronted treehouses, 6 guests maximum

Jun 7 – Nov 1
SEASON
Dry season only

Wi-Fi in camp
CONNECTIVITY
Available at this camp

Solar power
POWER
Floor fans, no air conditioning

Chamilandu is three treehouse chalets on stilts beneath a grove of ebony trees, on a sweeping bend of the Luangwa. The chalets have no front wall. The bed and the open-air bathroom face a 180-degree view of river, floodplain and the Chindeni Hills, and at night you watch it through the netting.

Three chalets and six guests make up the whole camp, and that is its strength: no schedule to fit around anyone else, a guide who learns how you like to spend the day, and a quiet that larger camps cannot offer. Readers of Condé Nast Traveler ranked it #2 in Africa and #9 in the world in 2020, then #5 among the Top Resorts in the Rest of Africa in 2024 and #4 in 2025.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. The camp runs on solar power, with floor fans rather than air conditioning.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 6
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,165 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#4, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 2 hours 40 minutes from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Game drives
- Night drives
- Sundowners

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Chindeni

Four tents on a permanent lagoon, the Chindeni Hills rising behind.

4 tented chalets
ACCOMMODATION
Including a two-bedroom family suite

May – Nov 1
SEASON
Dry season only

Wi-Fi in camp
CONNECTIVITY
Available at this camp

Solar power
POWER
Floor fans, no air conditioning

Chindeni stands under an ancient ebony grove on the edge of a permanent oxbow lagoon, with the Chindeni Hills behind it. The water holds all season, so the game comes to the camp: elephant wading and bathing, and hippo, puku, buffalo and giraffe coming down to drink in front of the tents. Safari specialists rank its game viewing from camp among the best in South Luangwa.

The camp was rebuilt from the ground up for the 2025 season. There are three tented chalets and a two-bedroom family suite with its own sitting area, each with a shower, a bathtub and a deck over the lagoon.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. Chindeni links on foot to Bilimungwe, for guests walking the southern camps rather than driving between them.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 8
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,165 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#6, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 3.5 hours from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Inter-camp walks
- Day and night drives
- Sundowners

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Bilimungwe

Four chalets in a mahogany grove above a waterhole that never dries.

4 chalets	May – Nov 1	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
Thatched, raised on wooden decks	Dry season only	Available at this camp	Floor fans, no air conditioning

Bilimungwe stands in a grove of mahogany and winterthorn above permanent waterholes, and each of its four reed-and-thatch chalets has a deck that looks over the water. The animals keep their own schedule and arrive within sight of camp all day: elephant at the water, giraffe at first light and, after dark, a hippo grazing the Nile cabbage. Guests often say they barely needed to leave camp.

The day starts at a firepit on the bank of the Luangwa, a short walk from the chalets, with breakfast as the sun comes up over the river.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. Bilimungwe links on foot to Chindeni and to Kapamba, which is what makes it a natural middle night.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 8
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,165 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#10, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 3.5 hours from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Inter-camp walks
- Day and night drives
- Sundowners

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Kapamba

Open-fronted chalets on the Kapamba, where lunch is carried into the river.

4 chalets	Apr – Nov 1	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
Open-fronted; two have star beds	Opens about mid-April	Available at this camp	Floor fans, no air conditioning

The Kapamba is shallow, clear and spring-fed, and the camp treats it as another room. Chairs, a table and a bar are carried into the river for lunch and sundowners, sometimes with a brazier glowing in the water, and guests sit with their feet in the current as the light goes. It is the moment people remember Kapamba by.

Four chalets stand open-fronted on raised decks above the river. By day the whole front is open to the bush, and at night it closes with wrought-iron gates shaped like spiders' webs. Two of the chalets have raised star beds for a night under the open sky.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. Kapamba links on foot to Bilimungwe.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 8
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,050 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#9, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 4 hours from Mfuwe Airport (4.5 at most)

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Inter-camp walks
- Day and night drives
- River sundowners

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Zungulila

The farthest camp in the circuit, above a natural spring on the Kapamba.

4 Meru tents	Apr – Nov 1	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
8 guests maximum	Opens about mid-April	Available at this camp	Floor fans, no air conditioning

Zungulila is the deepest of the bushcamps, on a quiet bend of the Kapamba River at the far end of the exclusive area. From the main deck the view runs across the floodplain toward the Muchinga Escarpment, and other vehicles are rare.

A natural spring trickles out directly below the main area, and elephant come to it to drink in front of camp. Two of the tents look down on the spring, and the other two face the floodplain from a low ridge.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. Being the farthest camp out, it rewards a longer circuit more than a single night.

AT A GLANCE

Guests	Up to 8
Minimum stay	2 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,050 per person per night sharing, June 15 – Oct 14
Recognition	#8, Condé Nast Traveler readers, Rest of Africa, 2025
Transfer	About 4 hours from Mfuwe Airport (4.5 at most)

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Day and night drives
- Sundowners

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THE WILD NORTH · LION CAMP

Lion Camp

Ten suites above a permanent wildlife lagoon on the Lion Plain, at the camp the 1961 record names.

10 suites	Late May – October	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
In three configurations	Dry season only	Available at this camp	Off grid

Lion Camp stands on the west bank in the remote northern sector of South Luangwa, above a permanent lagoon that draws game all season. It was built in 1955, and in 1961 Norman Carr leased it and began walking guests from it: the government record names it as the camp from which Wilderness Trails were pioneered.

Walking is offered every day as an equal choice with the drive, and night drives run into the dark. The Lion Plain is known for lion, leopard and big herds of buffalo.

Good to know. Walking is always optional. The minimum walking age at Lion Camp is 16. Lion Camp combines easily with the bushcamps in the south and with Chibembe across the river.

AT A GLANCE

Minimum stay	3 nights
Peak 2027	From US$1,287 per person per night sharing, August – September
Transfer	About 2 hours 10 minutes from Mfuwe Airport

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris daily
- Day and night drives
- Lagoon-front suites
- Solar power
- Wi-Fi

Rates. Published rates are per person per night and exclude park fees and government and conservation levies (about US$95 to US$120 per person per night); every quote includes them. Trade partners work on net rates. For trade and reservations, write to Dottie, Reservations, Lion Camp: info@lioncamp.com.



WHERE IT BEGAN · EAST BANK

Chibembe Wildlife Reserve

A private, unfenced reserve at the Luangwa–Chibembe confluence, booked by one party at a time.

8 guests	June – October	Wi-Fi in camp	Solar power
ACCOMMODATION	SEASON	CONNECTIVITY	POWER
In comfort; up to 17 for a family	Dry season only	Available at this camp	Off grid

Chibembe stands on 3,500 unfenced private acres on the east bank of the Luangwa, at the confluence where guests crossed the river by pontoon from 1955 and where Norman Carr built Chibembe Safari Camp in 1968. The land was bought from Wilderness Trails Limited, the successor to Carr's original walking safari company, and the reserve reopened to guests in June 2026.

The whole camp is booked by one party. Walking is at the heart of the stay, with game drives on private roads, night drives along the channel, and boat crossings into the national park.

Good to know. A private reserve, opened to one party at a time by arrangement; rates are shared personally. Walking safaris carry a minimum age of 12. Chibembe also closes the Collection's Heritage Journey, which runs on set dates.

AT A GLANCE

Minimum stay	5 nights
Booking	Exclusive use
Transfer	About 2 hours from Mfuwe Airport; 35 minutes plus a river crossing from Lion Camp

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safaris
- Day and night drives
- River crossings into the park
- Solar power
- Wi-Fi

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