













THE STUNNING POOL AREA & ROOMS AT KAFUNTA RIVER LODGE





South Luangwa is home to a bewildering array of species and it is its staggering beauty and diversity of that I believe truly sets it apart as a photographic destination.

What it might lack in terms of the sheer spectacle of Kenya's great migration it more than makes up for with the quality and reliability of the light. It's also more visually stunning, a mixture of mopane woodland, riverine habitats, lakes and open meadows. Home to some truly remarkable species, either critically endangered like the African Wild dogs, which occur in ever increasing numbers, or the abundant leopards that hunt in its exquisite forests.

There's also genuinely unique and endemic species, found nowhere else on Earth, such as Thornicroft's giraffe, Crawshay's zebra or the puku. Elephants, hippos and crocs are abundant and whilst lions are present, they occur in smaller numbers.

With over 60 mammal species and over 400 bird species South Luangwa is a must see destination for those who want to see the incredible diversity of Africa!

Every morning we'll arrive at the Park gates at 5.45am, 15 minutes before they open, thereby guaranteeing that we maximise every possible moment that we can in this remarkable corner of Africa.

At this time of year the morning and evening light is not only exquisite, it also lasts measurably longer, unlike the brutally hot dry season later in the year when it feels like it's over in the blink of an eye.

After our morning shoot, which will typically last until the light becomes too harsh, usually about 10.30 to 11.00am, we'll then return to the comfort of our lodge. Here you can browse the internet, catch up on emails, download your images and recharge any batteries.

You'll also have the option to either relax by the pool, have a massage or enjoy a cold drink by the bar. On occasion lunch will either be taken overlooking the plains or under the shaded canopy of the tree house.

After a couple of hours of downtime, and having placed orders for our sundowners, we'll then head back out for the evening drives. Once completed, and as the sun slowly sets on another wonderful day, we'll find ourselves on the banks of the Luangwa river. Here we can get out of the vehicles to be among the wildlife, stretch our legs, and enjoy our sundowners, be that a cold beer, gin and tonic or a soft drink, the choice is all yours!

Once the sun has fully set on another day then we'll then fire up the hand-held spotlights that we have in the specially adapted vehicles and see what animals we encounter on the way back to Kafunta. The bush, filled with life in the daylight hours, takes on a whole new feel under the cover of darkness. A great many of the secretive cat species start hunting at night so we'll be looking especially for leopard, civet and genet cats, maybe even a porcupine or an aardvark and we've even encountered a honey badger.













