



SANCTUARY  
CHICHELE PRESIDENTIAL  
LODGE

SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK



ZAMBIA 10 SUITES

This magnificent historic game lodge is set in amongst lush primeval forest provides panoramic views across the game-rich valleys of the South Luangwa National Park.



## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and one of our historic luxury safari lodges, Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge.

Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge was built for Kenneth Kaunda, the first Zambian president, in the 1970s and the property's original colonial style has been retained in the furnishings. The lodge is located in the South Luangwa National Park, a place of primeval forest and lush savannah, stretching for hundreds of miles and encompassing the Luangwa River basin.

The lodge's unique hilltop position in the South Luangwa affords incredible views over the lush valley below, stretching as far as the Luangwa River.

## USPS

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- Historic property built as a presidential retreat in the 1970s
- Children of all ages welcome, with dedicated children's programme – perfect for families
- South Luangwa is well known for its game viewing and endemic species: Thornicroft's Giraffe and Crawshay's Zebra
- Open year round due to all weather access roads
- South Luangwa rated as one of the best places in Africa to see leopard
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in the main areas

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

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There are ten air-conditioned, elegant Victorian style suites built on top of a hill, each giving guests a private panoramic view and the opportunity to savour the wonderful floodplain vistas offered by the site. All suites boast air conditioning, mini bar, mosquito nets, hairdryer, in room safe, a private terrace. In keeping with the rest of the lodge, the suites are decorated in an understated colonial style with a fully appointed ensuite bathroom with a bath and indoor shower.

A majestic arched entrance leads you into a huge colonial-style lounge and outside the grand dining room; a long veranda stretches with views down the valley to the Luangwa River. The main area features a comfortable lounge, intimate fireplace and bar area. The lodge also offers a swimming pool and curio shop.

Complimentary wireless internet access is available in the main areas of the lodge. Electricity supply is a combination of silent packed generator and battery system.

## LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge occupies a unique hilltop position in the game-rich South Luangwa National Park.

The nearest airport to Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge is Mfuwe. The transfer time from Mfuwe airport to the lodge is approximately 2 hours in 4X4 vehicles (45 minute road transfer, followed by 1 hour 15 minute gravel road transfer with game viewing possibilities.)

### **Flying times:**

- Lusaka (LUN) to Mfuwe (MFU) - 1 hour
- Livingstone (LVI) to Mfuwe (MFU), via Lusaka (LUN) - 2 hours

Please note that all inter-camp flights are conducted by Proflight and that the luggage restriction is 20 kg / 44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag.



## GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

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The South Luangwa is home to 60 types of mammals - including elephant, lion, zebra, giraffe, wild dog, buffalo, hippo and antelope and has a reputation of being one of the best places in Africa to spot leopard. The park is a haven for birders with just over 400 bird species; these include 39 birds of prey and 47 migrant species. There are also a variety of endemic species such as Thornicroft's giraffe, Crawshay's zebra, and Cookson's wildebeest. Key wildlife include: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, wild dog, giraffe, impala, puku, kudu, zebra, hippo, hyena and endemic species.

The following activities are included in your stay:

**Game Drives:** Game viewing in the South Luangwa is considered to be some of the best in the world. It is a notably good place to see leopards, particularly in the dry season when they have less cover in which to hide. From Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge, guests have the particular privilege of being able to go on night game drives when it is possible to see all sorts of animals that are seldom seen by day - like leopard, hyena and bush baby. Plains game, such as antelope and zebra, are not scared by the lights so you are able to get very close to animals for fabulous photographs. The early evening is the best possible time to see diurnal animals and a little later is the best time for nocturnal wildlife, so a game drive combined with sundowners gives you the best of both worlds.

**Walking safaris:** There are wonderful opportunities in the area for walking. The South Luangwa is home of the walking safari and it remains the best way to experience the sights and sounds of the bush. Guided walks are conducted by a professional guide and an armed parks scout. It is on foot that Sanctuary's guides can show you some of the most fascinating signs of the bush, many of which are hard to spot from a vehicle. It's not just the big animals that are fascinating - termites, dung beetles and chameleons all have their stories to tell too. The park hosts many herds of the endemic Thornicroft giraffe which can always be found in the prolific Mopane woodland on the valley floor.

## A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

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### Summer Schedule: August – April

05:30 Wakeup call  
*(in October and November wake up calls may be at 05:00 to maximise game viewing while it is cool)*  
06:00 Breakfast  
06:30 Depart for morning activity  
10:00 Return to camp  
11:30 Lunch  
16:00 High tea  
16:30 Depart for afternoon activity  
19:45 Return to camp  
20:15 Dinner

### Winter Schedule: May – July

06:00 Wakeup call  
06:30 Breakfast  
07:00 Depart for morning activity  
10:30 Return to camp  
11:30 Lunch  
15:30 High tea  
16:00 Depart for afternoon activity  
20:00 Return to camp  
20:15 Dinner

## HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

### Our honeymoon services include:

- A private dinner on the main deck with a bottle of sparkling wine
- A surprise private dinner set up on the room deck with an "Out of Africa" theme in keeping with the lodge's character
- A special romantic dessert
- A private special sundowner if possible
- Bubble bath with rose petals on return from afternoon safari and romantic turndown



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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We welcome all children of all ages at Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge.

Children's activities can be arranged including tracking, handicrafts, toasting marshmallows, star gazing with hot chocolate.

Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with their parents. The camp is able to accommodate two triples per night. Our spacious rooms can easily sleep two adults and one child. There is also one interconnecting room available.

Private vehicle must be booked for children aged 5 and younger. No children under 12 years are permitted on walking safaris and bush lunches. Babysitting is available upon request (not a registered child minder) and is charged at a nominal fee which is paid to the child minder.

## DINING

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Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Breakfast is served before the morning game activity. During your morning game viewing activity, coffee, tea and a selection of scones and biscuits will be served out in the bush. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the lodge. Afternoon tea is served just before the afternoon game activity and offers a selection of cakes, sweet and savoury treats, tea and coffee and fresh fruit juices. Afternoon game drives include classic sundowner cocktails and canapés at specially selected spots before returning to the lodge for pre-dinner drinks and dinner. Romantic private dinners can be arranged upon request. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

**Meals typically consist of the following:**

- **Breakfast:** Continental (cooked breakfast available on request)
- **Lunch:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 choices, one being a vegetarian
- **Dinner:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 to 3 choices, one being a vegetarian

## CLIMATE

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The "wet" season is normally December to March, and has variable weather conditions. The "dry" season is from May to November. June to August are the coolest months, with cold mornings and evenings. October is the hottest month in Zambia, so be prepared for temperatures of over 40°C.

## CLOTHING

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Clothing should be cool and comfortable. Jerseys and heavier jackets are required for winter mornings and evenings. Muted colours are the most suitable on safari. Long sleeves and long trousers are advised for mornings and evenings due to mosquitoes. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential.

Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris especially when doing a walking safari. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

**Accessories:** Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. Eye drops are recommended. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.



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## HEALTH

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We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking with your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure.

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## MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

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All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards. US dollars are also accepted however change will be given in the local currency. Diners Cards are not accepted.

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## TIPPING GUIDELINE

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Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$10 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

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## SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Sanctuary Chichele Presidential Lodge prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

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## PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

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**Uyoba School:** Uyoba is a community school in Mfuwe located just outside the GMA for South Luangwa National Park. There are currently over 630 pupils operating out of 4 classrooms and one shaded structure made by the parents and teachers. It is estimated that 35% of the pupils are considered to be OVC's (orphaned or vulnerable children). The school's income solely comes from school fees of which are not mandatory for families to pay. Due to the school being a community school (meaning it was started by the community, not the District Education Board) the local government does not heavily support the school providing it with limited if any resources. The grades covered by the school reach up to grade 7, for higher education the pupils have to go to a high school which is government run with much higher school fees. Sanctuary Retreats has pledged to make a contribution towards the various projects for every night a guest stays at any one of our properties in Zambia. Sanctuary Retreats' recent support to the school has been in the form of pupils' desks. We had 20 desks made in Lusaka; and shipped them to the school. Prior to this donation, many pupils were using limited desk space or planks of wood on their laps in order to write in class; a much needed donation!

**Pack for a purpose:** We are proud members of Pack for a Purpose, an initiative that allows travellers to make a lasting impact in the community at your travel destination. If you save a few kilos of space in your suitcase and bring supplies for area schools or medical clinics in need - you'll make a priceless impact in the lives of our local children and families. Please click on this link: <http://www.packforapurpose.org/destinations/africa/zambia/sanctuary-chichele-presidential-lodge> to see what supplies are needed for our project.



## SANCTUARY CHICHELE PRESIDENTIAL LODGE



### LUXURY, NATURALLY

Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

## RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

For more information and for your next booking, please contact us:

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