

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE (JWP11) ZAMBIA NORTH EAST EXPEDITION 2021

“Zambia North East”

Date: 5th to 14th October 2021

9 nights/10 days

Fly in: Lusaka, 5th October 2021

Fly out: Livingstone, 14th October 2021

Group size: 4 – 8 PEOPLE ONLY

Rate: TOTAL: US\$ 7455 + \$700 Fundraising) = **US\$8155 pp**

(*US\$600 non-refundable deposit required to book a seat)

*Single Supplement on request

TRIP BRIEF / SUMMARY

Combining ethical adventure travel with making a difference, African adventurer and humanitarian, Carla Geysler, delivers an exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime experience 10 day expedition in the heart of Mama Africa. Carla leads an exclusive group of intrepid travellers seeking an authentic African experience in Zambia. Africa is truly the one place on Earth where you're guaranteed to fall in love with raw, magnetic natural beauty. It is an intoxicating mix of sights and sounds, wildlife and natural splendour that enthralls, captivates and will literally take your breath away. Our JWP Expedition is a unique once-off bespoke adventure spanning into the magnificent South Luangwa area in Zambia, in search of wildlife. We will be working and meeting with the experienced conservation teams from Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP) and Conservation South Luangwa (CSL) who are working every day to promote biodiversity and wildlife education. Funds raised will benefit ZCP and CSL in the important work they do.

HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the extraordinary experiences you can look forward to as part of this group of eco-travellers includes:

- 9 nights/10 days in Zambia
- An authentic unique wilderness experience with conservation project(s) that we are raising funds for
- Meeting leading conservationists and hearing about their work and projects
- Game Drive(s)/ Game Walks through the unbelievable South Luangwa (Zambia) in search of the Big Five in their untouched magnificent habitat
- Sunset cruise on the almighty Zambezi river in Livingstone
- Visiting one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls, known locally as Mosi-Oa-Tunya or “the smoke that thunders” (we will visit from the Zambian side)
- Lunch at the Elephant café – to meet the orphaned herd and have a world class meal.
- Making lifelong friendships with other people from around the world who are just as passionate about making a difference in Africa as you are
- Enjoying an exceptionally organised once-in-a-lifetime African experience where all logistical details are taken care of for you.
- Raising money for ZCP and CSL for their conservation projects.

- **Frequency:** Bespoke once-off expedition
- **Fitness Ratings:** Moderate
- **Tour Features:** Wildlife Conservation, English-spoken, Fundraising for Wildlife Conservation Groups, Male/Female
- **Beneficiary:** Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP) and Conservation South Luangwa (CSL)
- **Accommodation:** Rooms / Chalets / Safari Tents – Sharing (*Single Supplement can be arranged)
- **Min:** 4 eco-adventurers
- **Max:** 8 eco-adventurers

DAYS	DATE	DAY	DETAILS	ACTIVITIES / COMMENTS
1	05-Oct	Tuesday	Lusaka to Mfuwe	Transfer from Lusaka to Mfuwe by plane Airport transfer to camp. Welcome dinner and brief
2	06-Oct	Wednesday	South Luangwa	AM - Game Drive / Walk **Visit to Chipembe Wildlife Education Trust
3	07-Oct	Thursday	South Luangwa	AM - Game Drive / Walk **Visit to Conservation South Luangwa HQ PM - Game Drive
4	08-Oct	Friday	South Luangwa	**Day spent with ZCP trekking wild dog/lions/cheetah
5	09-Oct	Saturday	South Luangwa	AM - Game Drive / Walk Transfer to Kuyenda Bush camp
6	10-Oct	Sunday	South Luangwa	AM - Game Drive / Walk PM - Game Drive
7	11-Oct	Monday	South Luangwa	AM - Walk PM - Game Drive
8	12-Oct	Tuesday	South Luangwa	Transfer to Mfuwe airport Transfer flight to Livingstone via Lusaka PM - Zambezi River sunset cruise
9	13-Oct	Wednesday	Livingstone	AM - Guided tour of Victoria Falls (Zambian Side) Lunch at Elephant Café
10	14-Oct	Thursday	Livingstone	Transfer to Airport & Departure

*Please note this itinerary may change slightly but the expedition leader will keep you posted and updated.
Terms and conditions apply due to availability.

DAY ONE – Lusaka to Mfuwe

After arriving early in Lusaka you will need catch a connecting flight to Mfuwe with Proflight Zambia. On arrival at Mfuwe you will be collected by one of our accommodation guides and taken to camp. Depending on your time of arrival, you will arrive in camp in time for dinner and brief.

The Luangwa Valley is home to an astonishing diversity of life, including around 100 species of mammals, more than 400 bird species and over 2000 types of plants! Added to this, there's an amazing density of game, particularly along the riverine strip and our guests often comment that 'there's something around every corner!'

There are several "big 5" destinations in Africa. But few of them can offer the true wilderness feel, professional guiding and diverse habitats that the South Luangwa National Park offers.

Flatdogs Camp is on the border of the South Luangwa National Park, one of the last great wildlife wonders of the world. It is nine thousand square kilometers (3,475 square miles) of pristine wilderness and Flatdogs offers the perfect gateway. The South Luangwa NP has been visited by wildlife enthusiasts from all over the world since its creation in 1972.

At Flatdogs they pride themselves on offering accommodation to rival the up-market lodges, at a fraction of the cost. The luxury ensuite safari tents offer you a back to nature taste of the wild, with large windows all around the tent so you can see and hear the animals feeding in camp as well as the hippopotamus honking to each other in the river in front of you! The tents are spacious with a king bed or two single beds, large mosquito net, electric lights and plug sockets for re-charging batteries (UK style plug sockets). There is also a room safe and tea and coffee-making facilities. The luxury tents have semi-open air en-suite bathrooms with solar heated hot shower, WC and basin

Accommodation: Flat Dogs – Safari Tents

Meals: Dinner & Breakfast

Activities: N/A

Extra: Transfer flight Lusaka – Mfuwe @ 16h30 /17h40 (Tuesday)

Transfer to Accommodation.

** Need to fly into Lusaka on the morning of Day one to get the connecting flight to Mfuwe in the afternoon



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DAY TWO - South Luangwa

It's an early start in the mornings; we offer you an early breakfast of toast and cereal, tea and coffee from 5.30am before you head out at 6.00am on a morning game drive, further exploring the park, taking the sightings as they come, with your guide detailing all you are seeing and adding interesting observations drawn from his years of experience in the Park. You will head back to camp at around 10.00am, in time for breakfast or a brunch/lunch type meal – whichever you would prefer is fine in our a la carte restaurant. Then there is time to relax during the heat of the day, enjoying a dip in the pool perhaps or a siesta after your early start?

You will usually head off into the Park at 4pm, to start exploring this magnificent wilderness. Our guides take huge pride in their work, being able to identify numerous alarm calls and to track animals and try to anticipate their next move so as to position you for the best sightings. As the sun starts to dip towards the horizon, your guide will find a good spot to stop so you can stretch your legs and watch the sun set with a cold drink in hand... Then, once it's nearly dark, you will carry on game-viewing with a spotlight, searching for some of our interesting nocturnal residents, like the leopard, lion, porcupine, civet, genet, owls and hyaena. You will return to camp at around 20h00 in time for dinner and to relive your sightings with us!

Accommodation: Flat Dogs – Safari Tents

Meals: Fully Catered

Activities:

AM – Morning Game Drive / Game Walk - Special Bush Breakfast

**PM – visit to Visit to Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust

DAY THREE – South Luangwa

Today we continue with our activities BUT we also get to visit one of our projects we are raising funds for. Conservation South Luangwa (CSL) – Their mission is to work with community and conservation partners in the protection of the wildlife and habitats of the South Luangwa ecosystem. Their vision is the long term survival of wildlife and habitats in South Luangwa under the custodianship of the Zambian people. We will meet the K9 unit and anti-poaching teams and also the wildlife vet.

The South Luangwa Canine Unit, as part of the CSL, was implemented in October 2014 in partnership with the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA). The purpose of the Canine Unit is to provide additional wildlife contraband, illegal firearm and ammunition detection capabilities to SLCS, local police and ZAWA law enforcement teams. Dogs have proven themselves irreplaceable across conservation and law enforcement disciplines numerous countries. The South Luangwa Canine Unit dogs are typically deployed for roadblock, village and camp searches where information suggests illegal wildlife products or firearms have been hidden. Currently the dogs are trained on the scents of gunpowder (all types of firearm parts and ammunition), ivory and elephant meat.

Since the middle of November 2014, dogs have been deployed on operations including national park gate-checks, snap roadblocks, multiple day roadblocks, monitoring fishing camps, and night operations based on intelligence gathering. During all night operations multiple suspects were apprehended and illegal firearms confiscated which would have gone undetected if not for the dogs. Elephant products are extremely easy for the dogs to detect and they have had great successes in this area. Over the next few years, the aim is to train the dogs to detect a wider matrix of other wildlife species including leopard, lion and other cat species parts.

Accommodation: Flat Dogs – Safari Tents

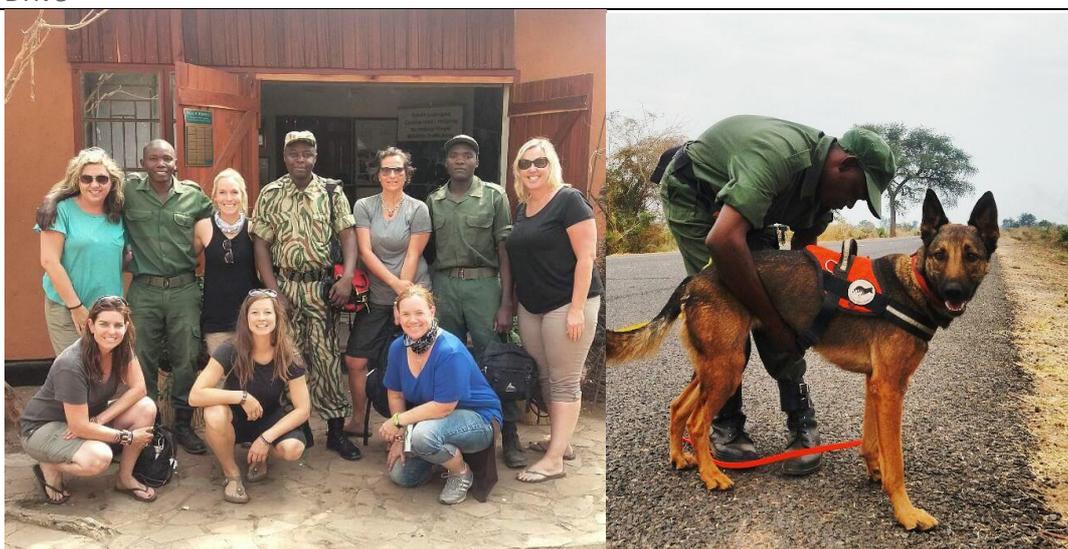
Meals: Fully Catered

Activities:

AM – Morning Game Drive/ Walk

**DAY – Visit to CSL Head Quarters – to meet the K9 unit, wildlife vet and anti-poaching teams. Talk by Rachel McRobb (or similar)

PM – Game Drive



DAY FOUR – South Luangwa

Today we get to spend time with the team from Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP).

The Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP) is a Zambian-registered non-profit organization dedicated to conserving large carnivores and the ecosystems they reside in through a combination of conservation science, conservation

actions, and a comprehensive education and capacity-building effort. They work in close collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife to accomplish the following goals:

- To safeguard large carnivores, their prey and habitat through research, conservation and education
- To utilize large carnivores and their prey as flagship species for large landscape conservation
- To provide information and recommendations to the DNPW and support efforts to conserve wildlife and ecosystems
- To increase knowledge and understanding of large carnivore and large herbivore dynamics and interrelationships and contribute to conservation of these species as a whole
- To build capacity with Zambian organizations and governmental agencies for conservation of large carnivores and herbivores, their ecological functions and habitats.

The Zambian Carnivore Programme follows a three-pronged interdisciplinary approach to fulfill its goals, and the success of this work fundamentally rests on their diverse and effective collaborations with local, national and international partners, agencies, organizations and institutions that collectively provide the expertise, resources and energy to address the myriad conservation challenges facing Zambia and the region.

Accommodation: Flat Dogs – Safari Tents

Meals: Fully Catered

Activities:

****Day spent with ZCP team in the field. Trekking lions or wild dog. Talk by Matt Becker or similar**

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DAY FIVE/SIX/SEVEN – South Luangwa

Today we transfer to Kuyenda Bush Camp. Kuyenda is the simplest of bushcamps, yet undeniably charming and it epitomizes the old charm of bygone safaris in Africa. There are only four simple, grass thatched rondavels which are set on the edge of a grassy plain, surrounded by seemingly out of place palm trees. The camp site was chosen by Phil Berry who lived in the Luangwa for more than 30 years, for the diverse landscapes found within walking distance of camp. Here you will concentrate on walking safaris, although game drives and night drives are also possible, but the highlight is to walk in this unspoilt area, exploring the nearby salt pans where game come for the mineral rich grazing, the dry river bed of the Manzi river where elephant dig for water, the mopane woodland, the riverine habitat along the Luangwa river and the open plains just behind camp.

Each excursion brings different highlights and new beauty to witness. Activities at camp are taken on a similar time scale to at Flatdogs, taking advantage of the coolness of the early mornings and late afternoons when game is most active and hopefully there will be the most to see.

The thatched rooms in a “hut” style have open air ensuite bathrooms made from local reeds and mats but with some more modern comforts as well – flush toilets and basins and a lovely hot shower will be provided on request by the wonderful camp team. The main area of the camp is set in a simple bush style as well, an open-walled thatched dining room with comfortable reading area as well as camp chairs set around the fire under the trees where you can enjoy your early morning breakfast as well as the evenings once the sun has set before your delicious dinner is served.

Kuyenda is a solar powered camp, there is no mains electricity, but it is possible to charge camera batteries on their inverter system. There is no cell phone signal at the camp or WiFi, this is an “off the grid” camp where you can sit and enjoy the stars and firelight at night and the eerie whooping of hyaena in the distance...

Accommodation: Kuyenda Bush camp

Meals: Fully Catered

Activities: AM/PM – Morning Game Drive / Walks

DAY EIGHT - South Luangwa to Livingstone

Early start to get you transferred back to Mfuwe airport for your flight back to Livingstone. Situated in Livingstone, on the Northern banks of the Zambezi River, The Victoria Falls Waterfront offers accommodation within 10 km of Victoria Falls. The property features an outdoor pool and spa center. Some units feature a seating area and / or balcony. Bed linen is featured. The lodge features 2 swimming pools, beautiful gardens and a large deck with a restaurant and bar overlooking the river. The Victoria Falls Waterfront offers a sauna and fitness center, and also has a shop, internet cafe and shared TV lounge.

Guests can enjoy various activities in the surroundings, including fishing and canoeing. There is also an activity center run by Safari Par Excellence on the premises. The property offers a free shuttle service. Livingstone airport is 11 km from the property.

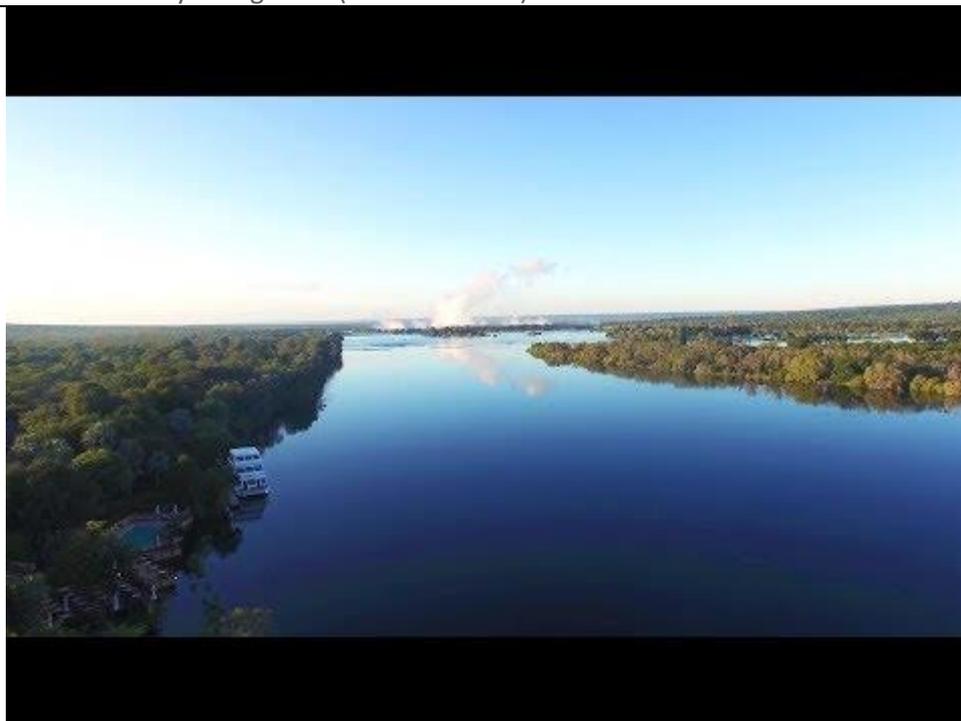
Accommodation: The Victoria Falls Waterfront

Meals: D,B,B

Activities: AM – **Transfer Flight to Livingstone
Mfuwe – Lusaka – Livingstone

Transfer from airport to TVFW (20min)

PM – Sunset Cruise on the Lady Livingstone (16h00 - 18h30)



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DAY NINE – Livingstone

Our morning starts off with a guided visit to Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls (Lozi: Mosi-oa-Tunya, "The Smoke That Thunders"; Tonga: Shungu Namutitima, "Boiling Water") is a waterfall on the Zambezi River in southern Africa, which provides habitat for several unique species of plants and animals. It is located on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe and is considered to be one of the world's largest waterfall due to its width of 1,708 metres (5,604 ft). It is one of the natural seven wonders of the world. Truly spectacular.

We then head off to the Elephant Café for a scrumptious lunch and to meet the rescued orphaned elephants. The full experience has a fixed price so guests can sit back and relax over the delicious bush gourmet cuisine unique to this restaurant including wild edibles and locally-sourced fresh and organic ingredients. The Elephant Café is proudly rated the #1 Restaurant in the country and has won many awards since inception in 2016.

The trip departs just upstream of Victoria Falls departing from The David Livingstone Safari Lodge & Spa from where clients will be observing game on the way through the National Parks in Zimbabwe on one side and the Zambian park on the other. Several rapids need to be negotiated on the way up (depending on river conditions) and shallow basalt rock channels avoiding hippos and crocodiles. The jetboat experience to The Elephant Café is approximately 30 minutes per way.

On arrival clients will be met by members of a magnificent herd of rescue elephant for a once-in-a-lifetime meeting. Experience an unforgettable close encounter with these gentle giants and a hosted informative viewing of the herd around the vicinity of the venue. Once the herd retire to forage in the bush, clients are welcomed into The Elephant Café overlooking the Zambezi River for a unique dining experience. Road transfers are also available to the venue and advance reservations are essential.

Accommodation: The Victoria Falls Waterfront

Meals: D,B,B

Activities:

AM - Guided Visit to Victoria Falls (Zambian side)

**Lunch at Elephant Café

**SPA Treatment (90min treatment) – Excluded in price but can be arranged

DAY TEN – Livingstone - Home

Depart for Livingstone airport – flight to JHB and a safe journey home.

**Please note this itinerary may change slightly but the expedition leader will keep you posted and updated.
Terms and conditions apply due to availability.*

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- BSE Expedition leader – Carla Geysler
- All accommodation (**Sharing occupancy). Single occupancy can be arranged on request
- All meals & water in itinerary
- National Park fees & bed levies where applicable
- Local Transfer Flights : 90 min flight - Lusaka to Mfuwe – DAY ONE
: 2 hours flight - Mfuwe to Livingstone – DAY EIGHT
- **US700pp** fundraising for our chosen beneficiary: ZCP and CSL or similar (**This is INCLUDED in your rate)
- All activities detailed in the itinerary
- Transfers to and from airports

WHAT IS EXCLUDED:

- Any International Flights & any necessary transfers to get to the start/finish of the expedition
- Gratuities (*We recommend US\$ 10 per guide or activity)
- Any visas & border costs
- Alcoholic drinks & snacks – other than specified above

- Any personal expenses
- Comprehensive travel insurance (*Compulsory*)
- Extra nights' accommodation (pre/ post expedition in Lusaka & Livingstone)
- Any extra activities not mentioned in itinerary

These bespoke adventures are organised and led by Carla Geysler, the founder of the Blue Sky Society Trust (BSST) and Blue Sky Expeditions who has, to date, led many successful trips into Africa. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who is passionate about conservation and takes life as it comes, then this is for you! #JWP brings together like-minded people from around the world on trips that focus on visiting and raising funds for wildlife initiatives along the route.

#JWP EXPEDITIONS ARE NOT FOR EVERYONE

Carla handpicks the expedition members, always looking for well-rounded individuals of various skills and interests. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who is passionate about conservation and who takes life as it comes, then our next #JWP expedition could be for you.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

This is a LIMITED entry journey, which means only a few people get to experience this unforgettable never-to-be-repeated experience. Minimum enrollment for this trip is 4 people. If minimum enrollment is not met 90 days prior to departure date, the trip may be cancelled in which case full payment including the deposit will be refunded. (Minus the non-refundable deposit of US\$600).

SAFETY:

Safety is always a priority. We have a satellite phone, SATIB Insurance 24-hour medivac and assistance on call, and access to doctors 24/7.

PAYMENT & BOOKING:

1. DEPOSIT: A \$600pp non-refundable deposit is required to be paid within 24 hours to reserve/book your spot on the expedition.
2. PAYMENT TWO: To be paid within 30 days of booking confirmation
3. FULL PAYMENT DEADLINE: The remaining balance should be paid 90 days prior to departure. If you are booking within 90 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of booking.
4. OR Full payment upfront (100%)

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

1. 30 days (one month) or less: Cancellation by you up to 30 days prior to departure results in no refund. (100% Cancellation fee applies i.e. no refund)
2. 30 – 90 days (one to three months): 70% cancellation fee applies. 30% will be refunded.
3. 90 – 150 days (three to five months): 30% cancellation fee applies. 70% will be refunded.
4. 150 days or more: Cancellation by you up to 150 days prior to departure to will result in full reimbursement MINUS deposit of US600pp.
5. Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for cancellations due to medical or family emergencies.
6. A cancellation request must be received in writing by email from the participant. Verbal notice will not serve as a valid cancellation.
7. Should you choose to withdraw from the program, kindly note that the deposit is non-refundable.
8. In the event that the trip is cancelled due to inadequate enrollment, Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for reimbursement of non-refundable airline tickets. While we do our absolute best to fill each trip, we highly recommend that you buy refundable airline tickets.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Unless you are purchasing the airline insurance, it is a good idea to wait until departure is confirmed to buy plane tickets.

Please ARRIVE at LUSAKA AIRPORT by 5th October 2021

Please book your DEPARTURE from LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT on the 14th October 2021

Traveling before or after the program is totally fine - just let Blue Sky Expeditions know your plans.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Please note the itinerary may change slightly but we will keep you posted as to any amendments or changes. This is Africa (TIA).
- Blue Sky Expeditions would like to do educational work in rural schools as well if possible, handing out educational booklets to children and/or visiting communities. We will keep you posted.
- We will send you emails detailing the documentation and correspondence we require from you. An Expedition Agreement contract will be sent and needs to be read, understood, signed and returned to confirm your place.
- MEALS: Most meals will be eaten together at the places we stay. Food restrictions and allergies can be accommodated, just please let us know beforehand.
- SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS: Pricing is based upon a sharing occupancy.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

- Here at Blue Sky Expeditions we do our best to ensure that every program is a success. However, in the event of something unexpected, we want you to be fully protected. We REQUIRE that you purchase international travel insurance.
- Make sure you have sufficient supplies of any prescription medicine. In fact, it might be wise to bring a small personal first aid kit, including any patent medicines you prefer. You are responsible for taking all necessary health precautions before and during your trip. It is the client's responsibility to ensure they seek professional medical advice before travelling and to take all necessary health precautions and preventative measures.
- Vaccinations: Be an informed traveller! Ultimately, it is up to you to consult a physician. We are here to help but cannot legally provide medical advice.

ENTRY & VISA INFORMATION

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months from the date of entry and that you have at least two blank pages in your passport (the back page does not count).

MONEY & TIPPING:

The colorful currency in Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha. Credit cards are accepted. Reliable ATM's in banks are available in cities. You may also bring cash to exchange at banks and exchange offices.

TIPPING: There will some situations where you may feel the need to tip but as always it is up to your discretion. Typically, it is customary to tip our local guides approximately \$10 per day per guide.