

Luxury Safari & Tropical Island Hideaway



Highlights

This romantic holiday combines an exclusive hippo safari with a tropical desert island experience. Explore the Liwonde National Park, home to the densest population of hippos and crocodiles in the world, by foot or boat. Then, chill out in Lake Malawi on Mumbo, a real life Robinson Crusoe island.

Liwonde National Park is home to a vast array of plants and wildlife. Staying for three nights in the only lodge of the park, you can explore the lakes, marshes, savannah and hills to your heart's content.

Spot crocodiles prowling through the reeds, or hippos bathing in the river as you explore the rivers by boat. Or on one of the guided walks with a qualified guide, watch the elephants bathing at a waterhole, or a lion stalking a flock of impala. Not to mention the many species of birds that make the park their home.

After spending 3 nights in this secluded wildlife haven, you will be transferred to the Lake Malawi National Park. This freshwater reserve is filled with stunning tropical fish and is home to the deserted tropical island of Mumbo. Explore the water by kayak or snorkel or dive in these wonderfully warm waters.

Is it for me?

This holiday is for people wanting an intimate and secluded experience. There are no bright lights or discos in either of the locations, with the emphasis being on relaxation and enjoying the tranquility that the parks have to offer. Wildlife is in abundance both on the land and in the water and you can explore by foot, kayak or in a boat.

Whilst families are welcome on this trip, you might feel self-conscious if your teenagers have a predilection for playing heavy metal at high volume, or your toddler throws multiple tantrums at full volume.

Accommodation

There is only enough accommodation for 16 guests at the Mvuu lodge in Liwonde Park National Park, so there is a very private and exclusive feel to the place. Each of the eight tents has en-suite facilities and a private deck from where you can enjoy a sun-downer and listen to the sounds of the hippos in the water. Meals are served in the communal dining room and there is always the chance to cool off in the natural rock swimming pool.

The accommodation on Mumbo island is also very private and is in furnished tents. Only 14 guests can stay at one time, so we are talking seriously peaceful. Locally sourced food is catered on the island, so you don't need to worry about cooking. Your only stress is going to be how to spend the next few days; should you be doing some more kayaking, or just chill out in a hammock

Details

Getting there


Transfers from Johannesburg airport

Price includes

Prices from

1,801 GBP (7 days) per person

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Accommodation at Mumbo Island includes all meals, activities and equipment (except SCUBA) and National Park fees, as well as bottomless cups of tea, coffee and coldrink. Accommodation at Mvuu Camp includes all meals, game activities and National Park fees.

Available

Jan—Dec

Typical Duration

1 week

Comfort level

Refined (boutique or luxury accommodation and food)

Experience required

A reasonable interest is all that is needed