

2020 Sponsored Canoe Trip – Zambezi River



19-28 July 2020

Purpose: A sponsored canoe trip to raise funds to support Conservation Lower Zambezi and their EEP programme (see details below).

When: 19 - 28 July 2020. Overnight flights to Lusaka, overnight in Lusaka (extra cost of \$62.50 per person), so with flights total length of trip 10 nights. Opportunity to extend stay (extra cost) see below.

Where: Start point Gwabi Lodge, set off point Chirundu Bridge on the Zambezi River.

Duration: 8 nights, 1 overnight stay in Lusaka (extra cost), 4 camping under the stars on islands dotted along the Zambezi river, 3 nights at the lodge in stone tents (shared accommodation). Opportunity to upgrade (extra cost). One of the four night may be spent camping in the National Park in their upgraded camp facility.

What: Guided canoe trip starting from Gwabi to the Lower Zambezi National Park. We will be paddling mostly downstream, going with the flow of the river, so not too strenuous but occasionally we will be required to paddle against the flow or a head wind, so essential to get some upper body and arm training. 4 nights camping, including water and food, one safari game drive. We will be visiting one of the local schools and Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ) who we are working in partnership with.

Cost: 7 nights accommodation (3 in stone tents at the lodge, 4 camping), food and water, for the 4 days out on the trip, transfers, visit to CLZ, one game drive, one bush drive - £620 (this may fluctuate slightly due to exchange rate) **plus** international flights with Emirates via Dubai or Kenya Airways via Nairobi or Ethiopian Airways via Addis Ababa (this flight refuels in Brussels and Harare). Plus sponsorship. **NB** Overnight stay in Lusaka is an extra cost.

Each participant will commit to raise at least £1,500 sponsorship in addition which will support Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ) in their Environmental Education Programme (EEP). The programme forms part of the organisation's approach to combat poaching of wildlife and natural resource exploitation in and around the Lower Zambezi National Park. While law enforcement is an important tool in

protecting wildlife and natural resources, changing mindsets through education and awareness-raising is key to the long term safe-guarding of wildlife and the environment. CLZ aims to achieve this by educating the younger generation, to create a generation that not only is aware of the danger of environmental degradation to the long term wellbeing of their community, but also that this generation becomes 'environmental ambassadors' who are equipped and able to disseminate messages on environmental protection to their wider community. Through its education programme, CLZ also wishes to provide learners and ultimately communities with the tools to find their own solutions to environmental degradation and improving livelihoods in these remote rural areas. CLZ currently works with 65 schools surrounding the LZNP reaching over 3,000 students.

Extras: Meals for the nights at the lodge – inexpensive. Park fees are \$25 x 2 per person. Any extra excursions, extensions, upgrades, alcoholic, soft drinks. \$50 (cash) Visa entry to immigration on arrival in Zambia.

Booking: £270 non-refundable deposit to confirm place. £320 remaining to be paid by 31 March 2020. Flights can be booked with Key Travel, 0207 8439644. You are free to choose how you get to Lusaka provided that you arrive by the specified pick up time on 21 July.

Previous groups had two nights in Livingstone to see Victoria Falls (extra cost) which can be added on either end of the trip. Emirates code share with Proflight so this can be booked with them and is the cheapest way of flying to Livingstone. Other extensions include the Kafue National Park, South Luangwa National Park or even a self drive element.

The morning of 21 July we visit the elephant orphanage in Lusaka which is \$10.