

LIUWA CAMP

Explore the Vast
and Undiscovered
Liuwa Plain





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Why Liuwa?

- ✔ Home to the second largest blue wildebeest migration – without the crowds
- ✔ Growing lion population – once home to the famed Lady Liuwa – as well as other predators: cheetah, spotted hyena, wild dog, striped polecat and serval
- ✔ Important breeding area for migratory birds and home to wide diversity of bird species, including large populations of crowned and wattled crane
- ✔ Seasonal shifts and changes create diversity and interest throughout the year
- ✔ Rich Lozi culture dating back to 1800s when the King declared his people the custodians of the land
- ✔ The remote and wide-open plains reflected in the endless and spectacular night skies
- ✔ Managed by African Parks – every dollar earned goes back into conserving the park's biodiversity and supporting local communities





02 HISTORY AND CULTURE

An Inspiring Conservation History

Dating back to the late 19th century when the King of Barotseland appointed his people as the custodians of the reserve, Liuwa Plain National Park has one of the oldest conservation stories in Africa. After decades of unsustainable land-use, poaching and human-wildlife conflict, the park's wildlife populations were significantly diminished. Realising what was at stake, the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) and the Barotse Royal Establishment (BRE) invited African Parks to help restore the legacy of Liuwa Plain.

As a result of African Parks' effective conservation and a series of wildlife introductions – including lion, eland and buffalo – the park's natural heritage and vast landscape is thriving once again.

Having earned a sound reputation at Liuwa Plain, African Parks was invited by the Zambian Government to manage two more parks in the country – Bangweulu Wetlands in 2008 and Kafue National Park in 2022.





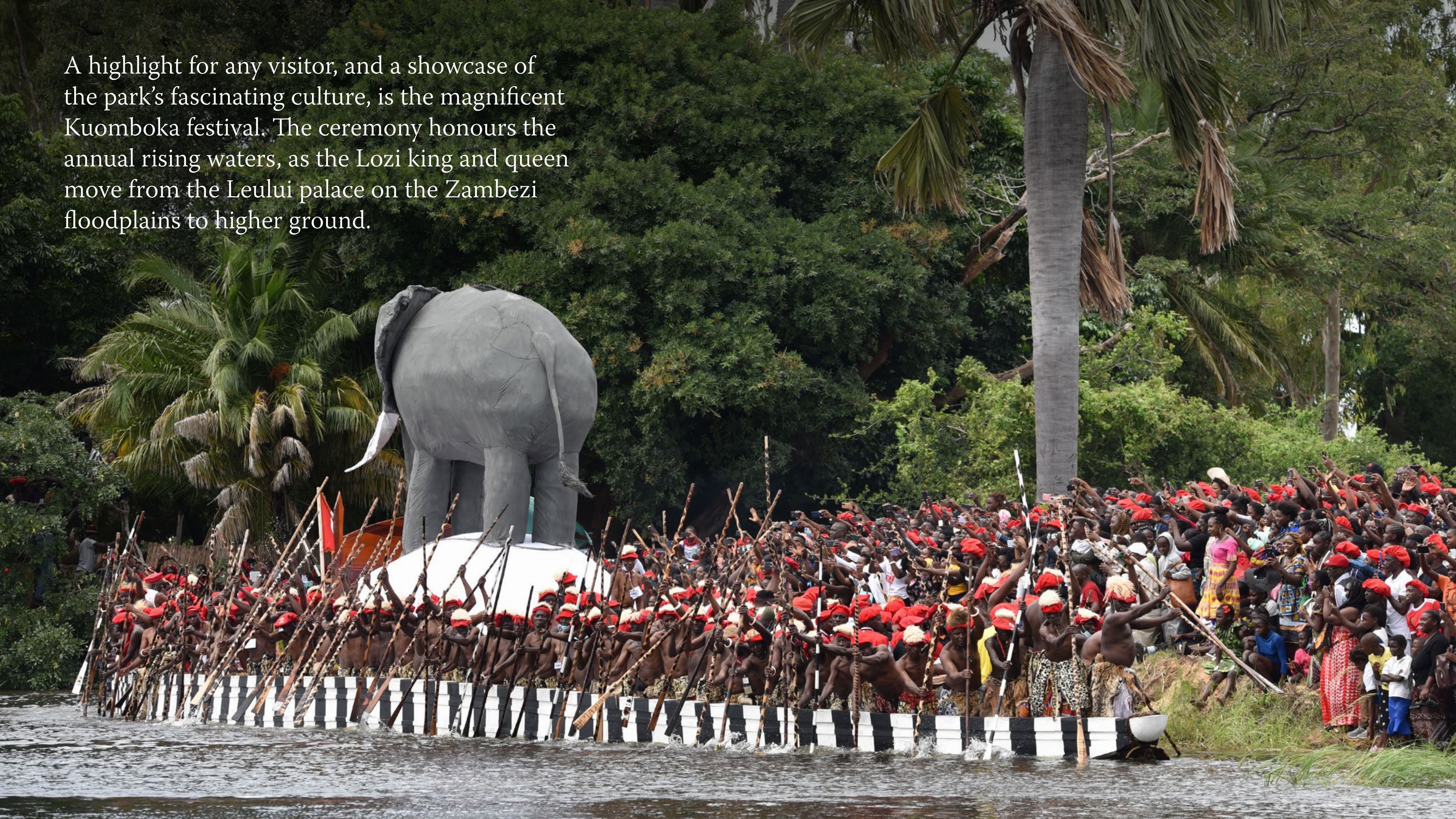
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A Fascinating Community and Culture

The Lozi people have depended on Liuwa for their survival for hundreds of years, and today the park is a prime example of how people and wildlife can coexist and benefit in a shared landscape. Carefully considered land-use plans, as well as understanding the needs of local people through ongoing community engagement, is helping to protect the land so that communities can sustainably access the park's natural resources. In addition, communities are supported through socio-economic initiatives, employment and tourism revenue. Now that the landscape is once again a source of stability and abundance, the people of Liuwa have renewed their commitment and sense of custodianship to their land.



A highlight for any visitor, and a showcase of the park's fascinating culture, is the magnificent Kuomboka festival. The ceremony honours the annual rising waters, as the Lozi king and queen move from the Leului palace on the Zambezi floodplains to higher ground.



A Breathtaking Destination

Situated in the massive unexplored western region of Zambia – and an icon of Africa’s conservation history – the vast 3,660 km² Liuwa Plain National Park is a spectacularly rich wildlife ecosystem, home to the second largest wildebeest migration on Earth. Its endless grasslands, shimmering floodplains and shady woodlands is the backdrop of the ever-changing pattern of seasonal wildflowers, fluctuating flood waters and movements of wildlife.





The Park lies adjacent to the Barotse Floodplain and includes the Luanginga and the Luambimba rivers, which form part of the upper Zambezi River catchment.

A Thriving Wildlife Population

Thanks to African Parks effective biodiversity conservation and the reintroduction of large mammals, Liuwa Plain's wildlife is now prospering. Wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, oribi, red lechwe and tsessebe have steadily increased; now playing a vital role in the health of the ecosystem. Naturally, predators follow these herds and there is a large population of spotted hyaena, a growing lion pride and even cheetah and wild dog. Smaller, but equally impressive carnivores include the enigmatic zorilla (or striped polecat) and serval.

Playing host to almost 300 resident and migratory bird species, the park is classified by Birdlife International as an Important Bird Area, compounded by its significance as an important breeding ground for grey crowned and wattled cranes. Notable is the spectacle of hundreds of black-winged pratincoles and great white pelicans that flock to the plains in summer each year. Other specials include slaty egret, rosy-throated longclaw, whiskered tern and swamp boubou.



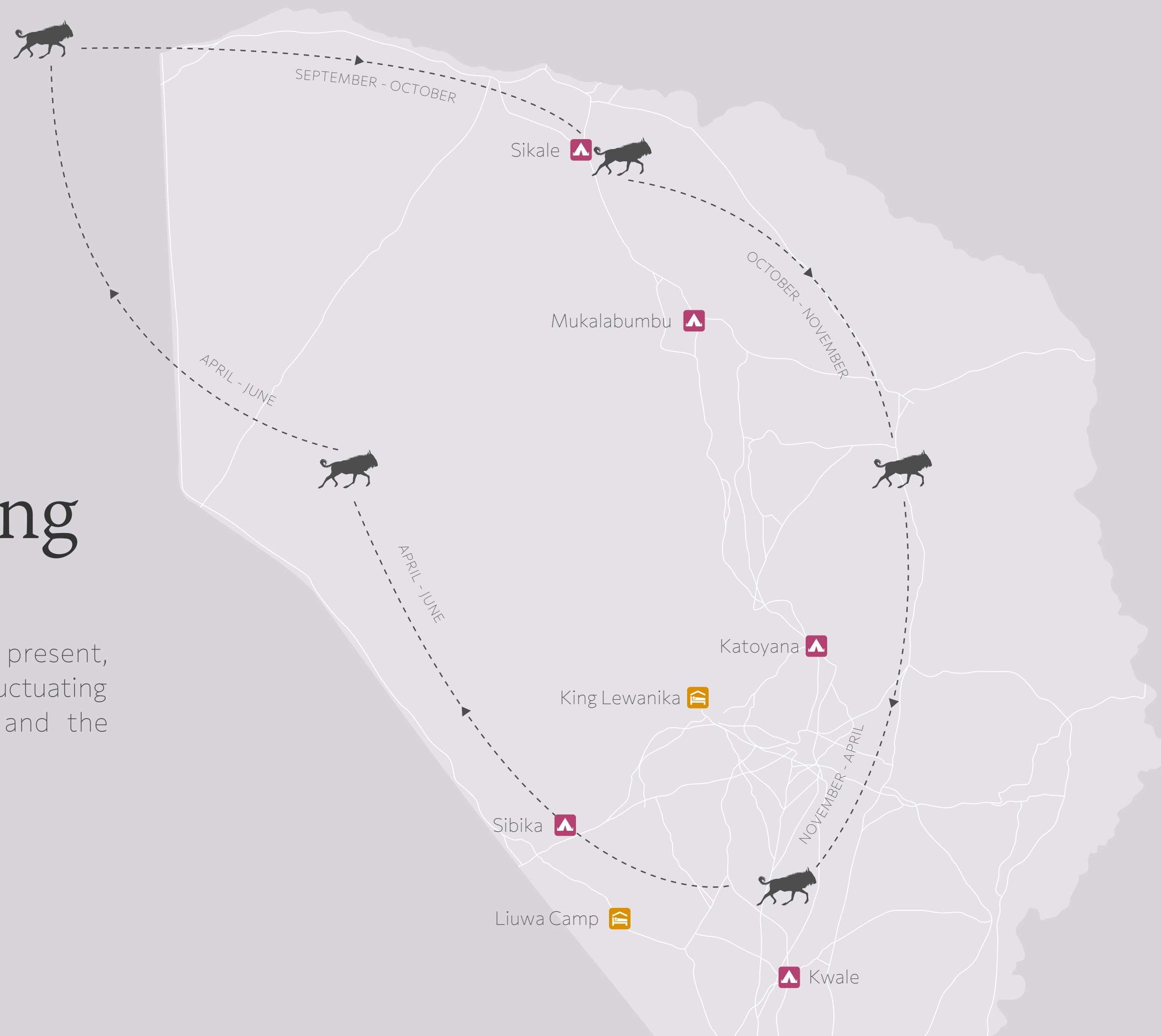
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03 AREAS AND WILDLIFE

A Season for Everything

While resident wildlife is always present, the ever-changing seasons and fluctuating waters influence the scenery and the migrations of wildlife.



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

The wildebeest begin to migrate towards the southern portions of the park to make use of short grasses and pans.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

The start of the green season signals a time of plenty. Sprawling carpets of wildflowers fill the plain and the wildebeest drop their young – predators often seizing the moment for easy prey.

JANUARY - APRIL

The flood waters gently rise over this period and birding opportunities abound – migrant species are present, and many birds are in breeding plumage. Dramatic cloud build-up and fleeting thunderstorms make for spectacular photographic opportunities.

MAY - AUGUST

As the waterholes start drying out – making for good game drive conditions – the wildebeest begin to head north in search of nutritional grasses; the effect of natural fires having made room for new growth.



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Explore the Plains

With two daily guided activities included in your stay at Liuwa Camp, choose to explore the area by vehicle and set out onto the open plains to find the herds and seek the predators. Or stay closer to home and appreciate nature up close and personal on a walking safari. Whichever you choose, photographic opportunities abound and are dictated by the remarkable influences of the changing seasons.

Discover the park through
the eyes and traditional
stories of your local guide -
trained by African Parks.



04 CAMP DETAILS

Liuwa Camp

Tucked away under a shady canopy of mabola plums and jackalberry trees, and in line with a light footprint philosophy, the solar-powered Liuwa Camp accommodates 18 people in seven twin/double raised en-suite tented units and one family unit. Spread out on either side of the camp's central area, each unit – particularly the “honeymoon” suite – is discreetly positioned for privacy and to maximise views of the expansive plain and the camp's waterhole.

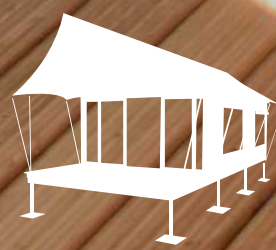
The main area – a showcase of the colourful Lozi culture – features an airy dining room and spacious lounge and library. A firepit is the ideal spot for evening contemplations under the legendary night skies of Liuwa.





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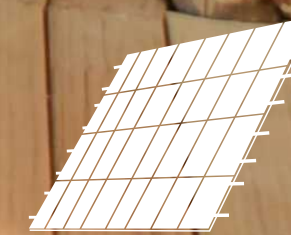
Facilities



7 ENSUITE TENTED UNITS



1 FAMILY ROOM



SOLAR POWERED



FULLY CATERED

Immerse yourself in the fascinating history and culture of the Park.



How to get here

Access to Liuwa Plain National Park is either by road or air charter with Proflight into Kalabo Airport. Self-drive guests staying at Liuwa Camp will be transferred into camp from either the airport or Liuwa Headquarters. Vehicles can be left at either location. However, please note that a suitable 4x4 is required to access Liuwa Headquarters via the pontoon or soon-to-be-completed bridge.





05 ACCESS AND RATES

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Liuwa Camp is the most affordable fully-catered camp in Liuwa National Park.

US\$ 450
per person per night
International

US\$ 250
per person per night
Zambian/African Resident

US\$ 150
per person per night
Zambian Citizen

Includes: Transfers from Kalabo, all meals, soft drinks, two safari activities per day

Excludes: International and domestic flights, alcohol beverages

Contact liuwatourism@africanparks.org for bookings and more information.

