In the remote west of Zambia, on the floodplains of the upper Zambezi Basin, representing a significant catchment area for one of Africa’s most iconic rivers.

Fed by two tributaries of the mighty Zambezi, Liuwa receives annual flood waters which inundate its expansive plains and transforms the park into a mosaic of brilliant pans, lush green grasslands and wooded islands. It then remains inundated to some extent for much of the year, creating a wetland of immense ecological and cultural importance.

African Parks assumed management in 2003, and the transformation has been remarkable. Herbivores once again congregate in the tens of thousands, stalked by the growing predator populations; and the park’s seasonal flood cycle plays host to the second-largest wildebeest migration on the continent. This is safari into a wetland wonderland.

While home to the wildebeest migration, the park is also host to strong herds of zebra and tsessebe plus growing populations of buffalo and eland. Hiding among the wetland reeds & grassland are oribi and reebuck. After the park’s lion population was reduced to a single female—famous Lady Liuwa—a series of reintroductions recovered it to 12; cheetah have re-established naturally, and join the park’s remarkable 350+ hyena population. The park is long recognised for its 357 species of birds, including the rare wattled and endangered grey-crowned cranes.

ACCESS
A 10 hour drive from Lusaka or 8 hours from Livingstone to the Park’s entry at Kalabo, where one crosses by pontoon boat into the park. 4x4 vehicle with high clearance is required.

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Liuwa Campsite

Each of the 5 campsites takes advantage of different sections in the park, so it’s important to consider drive times and season. Regardless, there are sure highlights throughout the season - from the very remote and wilderness feel of Sikale to the more convenient Lyangu, each site is sure to delight with the consistently excellent birdlife and very regular sightings of plains game and even visits from cheetah, lion and hyena.

(Please see the rate sheet for greater detail).

FROM ZMW 30
PER PERSON
PER NIGHT

CAMP SIZE
5 campgrounds, each accommodate up to 20 people in 4 sites.

ACTIVITIES
Self-drive game drives

INCLUSIONS
None

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SEASONS
Liuwa's relatively high elevation and tropical location combine to create a relatively unusual climate, with warm-to-hot days and cool-to-cold nights.

THE GREEN SEASON
NOVEMBER TO APRIL
Average Rainfall: 162mm/month
Average Temperature: 24°C

THE COLD DRY SEASON
MAY TO JULY
Average Rainfall: Nil
Average Temperature: 18°C

THE HOT DRY SEASON
AUGUST TO OCTOBER
Average Rainfall: 11mm/month
Average Temperature: 24°C

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PARK HOURS
8:00am to 4:00pm

HEALTH & SAFETY
Malaria prophylactics recommended.
All other vaccines, please consult your physician.
Medical evacuation insurance recommended.

TENT DETAILS
5 campgrounds with 4 sites each. 4 have flushing toilets, hot showers and camp attendants to assist with cleaning the ablutions and the sites. The ablutions have solar lights but there are no charging points or plug points. The 5th site (Sikale) has no facilities and is a wilderness campsite.

CHILD POLICY
Children of all ages welcome.

MONEY
Currency accepted: Zambian kwacha or US dollar (bills must be 2009 or later). Alternatively, a bank transfer can be done in advance (proof of payment required).

SERVICES
None – water, wood must be purchased in Kalabo town

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