







Embark on a breathtaking adventure with Ahnasa, an extraordinary travel company founded by the dynamic mother-daughter duo, Pana and Phera. We are a passionate team of women guiding you through the heart of Africa, weaving together an enchanting tapestry of experiences that will linger in your soul forever.

At Ahnasa, we are not just curators of travel; we are architects of unforgettable moments. Our mission, fueled by the spirit of empowerment, is to craft transformative journeys that resonate with the heartbeat of Africa. We invite you to dance with the rhythm of the continent, savor the vibrant colors of Africa's landscapes, and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of amazing cultures.

As a women's run company, Ahnasa is not just a travel experience; it's a celebration of strength, passion and connection. Let us guide you through the hidden gems and untold stories of Africa, ensuring that every step you take, every sight you behold, and every breath you inhale becomes a part of the intricate mosaic of memories etched in your hearts and minds.

At Ahnasa, we promise more than a journey; it's an exhilarating odyssey that transcends the ordinary. Let the magic of Africa unfold before you as we create moments that will last a lifetime.

Ahnasa - where passion meets adventure, and every heartbeat echoes the romance of the African soul.

The Ahnasa Team

KALPANA

"I am a passionate traveler, love animals, the wild, and the beach, crazy mum to two grown-up children and 8 dogs, and lover of all things red!"

It was a dream come true when Phera and I established Ahnasa Destinations. I now get to show others the beauty that Africa has to offer.

PHERA

"I belong in the wild with my camera, a book, and a nice cold G&T! It's my comfort zone"

Every safari out in the bush is always a new experience. There is always something new, no two safaris are ever the same. The excitement, thrill, peace tranquillity, and every other emotion I feel when I'm out on safari is the feeling I

wish for everyone to experience.

SARA

“I’m an animal lover with a desire to save them all. It’s my dream to become a wildlife conservation photographer.” Nature has always been a huge part of my life and living in a country rich in opportunities to be in nature, I was in heaven. Every chance I got, I would head out of Nairobi and go on a safari in the Mara, go hiking through Hell’s Gate, or boating on Lake Naivasha. The possibilities are endless.

Why Visit Zambia?

In the heart of Southern Africa, Zambia stands as a hidden gem waiting to captivate adventurous souls seeking an extraordinary journey. What sets Zambia apart is its pristine and untouched wilderness, offering a truly authentic African experience. The country boasts an abundance of diverse landscapes, from the thundering Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, to the untamed beauty of the South Luangwa National Park.
Zambia proudly stands as the birthplace and ultimate destination for the walking safari, an unparalleled experience that immerses adventurers in the heart of Africa's untamed beauty.
Zambia is not just a destination; it's a mosaic of natural wonders and cultural treasures, a place where every moment is infused with the joy of discovery. Whether you're chasing waterfalls, tracking wildlife, or immersing yourself in local traditions, Zambia promises an adventure that will leave you with a heart full of memories and a spirit hungry for more.
Whether you're planning a family holiday, a honeymoon, a proposal to your ‘someone special’ in a special place, a solo safari, or a retreat getaway, Zambia has it all.

Animals of Zambia

Weather and When to Go

Cool Dry Season (May to August):
This is winter in Zambia, characterized by cooler temperatures, especially in the evenings and mornings. Daytime temperatures are generally pleasant, making it a popular time for wildlife viewing in national parks like South Luangwa. The landscape is lush and green after the rainy season.

Hot Dry Season (September to November):
As the cool dry season transitions to the hot dry season, temperatures rise, and the landscape starts to dry out. This period is ideal for game viewing, and it's a good time for visiting Victoria Falls, as water levels are not at their peak but still impressive.

Rainy Season (December to April):

This is Zambia's summer and rainy season, characterized by high temperatures and frequent afternoon thunderstorms. The landscape is vibrant and green, and birdlife is abundant. Some areas may become inaccessible due to heavy rainfall and flooding.

The dry seasons, from May to October, are generally considered the best time to visit Zambia. This is when wildlife is abundant, and the weather is more comfortable for outdoor activities. However, specific preferences for activities, such as witnessing the dramatic flow of Victoria Falls or enjoying lush green landscapes, might influence the best time for your visit. Be sure to check regional variations and current weather conditions when planning your trip.

Some of Zambia's Parks and Reserves

Zambia is home to over 50 parks and reserves, each offering a unique blend of landscapes, ecosystems, and wildlife. Approximately 30% of Zambia's land is dedicated to wildlife conservation, a testament to the country's commitment to protecting its natural treasures. It is a wildlife destination against which few can compete. Here are just a few of the favourite parks and reserves which garauntee an incredible safari experience.

South Luangwa National Park
One of Africa's premier wildlife sanctuaries, renowned for its diverse ecosystems and rich biodiversity. The Luangwa River, a lifeline for the park, sustains a myriad of wildlife, including large populations of elephants, hippos, and crocodiles. The park is a haven for birdwatchers, hosting a remarkable variety of avian species. South Luangwa is particularly celebrated for its walking safaris, providing an intimate and immersive experience that allows visitors to connect closely with the natural beauty and untamed wildlife of the African bush.

Lower Zambezi National Park
Situated along the banks of the Zambezi River, this park offers a captivating blend of scenic beauty and diverse wildlife. This pristine wilderness is characterized by lush riverine forests, open plains, and numerous channels and islands within the river. Visitors to Lower Zambezi can witness a rich array of wildlife, including elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species. The park is renowned for its water-based activities, such as canoe safaris, providing a unique perspective on the abundant wildlife that congregates along the Zambezi River.

North Luangwa National Park
In northern Zambia, is a remote and less-visited gem known for its rugged landscapes and pristine wilderness. While sharing similarities with South Luangwa National Park, such as the Luangwa River ecosystem and abundant wildlife, North Luangwa offers a more secluded and untouched experience. The park is celebrated for its true wilderness feel, with fewer visitors and a focus on walking safaris. North Luangwa is known for its conservation efforts, emphasizing a low-impact approach to tourism, allowing visitors to connect intimately with nature while contributing to the preservation of this remarkable African ecosystem.

Kafue National Park

Zambia's largest and one of the largest national parks in Africa, spans a vast and diverse landscape. Situated in the western part of the country, Kafue is characterized by expansive grassy plains, riverine habitats, and dense woodlands. The Kafue River, which runs through the park, is a focal point for wildlife viewing, attracting a variety of animals, including elephants, lions, and a remarkable array of bird species. Kafue offers a range of safari experiences, from traditional game drives to boat safaris, making it a captivating destination for those seeking a diverse and immersive wildlife encounter in Zambia's wilderness.

Kasanka National Park

The park is particularly famous for the largest mammal migration - the fruit bat migration that occurs annually from October to December when millions of straw-colored fruit bats converge in the park's forests. This natural phenomenon is one of the world's most significant mammal migrations and attracts visitors eager to witness the breathtaking spectacle. Apart from the bat migration, Kasanka National Park also offers diverse landscapes, including wetlands and miombo woodlands, providing a habitat for a variety of bird species and other wildlife.

Liuwa Plains National Park

Located in western Zambia, this park is renowned for its vast and pristine grasslands, offering a unique and unspoiled safari experience. The park is home to one of Africa's most remarkable wildlife comebacks, notably the second-largest wildebeest migration on the continent. Additionally, Liuwa Plains is celebrated for its diverse birdlife, making it a haven for birdwatchers seeking a tranquil and picturesque natural setting.

Victoria Falls National Park (Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park)

Located on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls, is a scenic and ecologically diverse reserve. The park offers stunning views of the mighty Victoria Falls, known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya, translating to "The Smoke that Thunders." In addition to the awe-inspiring falls, the park boasts a range of habitats, from riverine ecosystems to mopane woodlands, providing a haven for various wildlife, including elephants, giraffes, and numerous bird species.

Some of our Favorite Experiences

Walking Safaris

Zambia is the undisputed birthplace of the walking safari, offering an immersive and intimate wildlife experience unlike any other. Walking safaris allow visitors to explore the pristine wilderness on foot, guided by expert naturalists who unveil the secrets of the bush. With diverse ecosystems, from the South Luangwa to Lower Zambezi National Park, walking safaris provide a unique opportunity to connect with nature, encounter wildlife up close, and appreciate the African landscape.

Tiger & Vundu Fishing

Tiger and vundu fishing presents an exhilarating angling adventure on the Zambezi River. Anglers are drawn to the challenge of catching the powerful tigerfish, known for its aggressive nature and impressive fighting abilities,

making it a sought-after game fish. Additionally, the Zambezi is home to the formidable vundu catfish, offering a diverse and rewarding fishing experience for those seeking the thrill of reeling in these iconic freshwater species in the heart of Africa.

Canoeing

Embarking on a canoe safari in Zambia offers a unique and serene perspective of the country's stunning landscapes and wildlife. Paddling down the Zambezi River, adventurers can witness elephants bathing, hippos basking, and a myriad of bird species in their natural habitat. Guided canoe safaris provide an intimate and eco-friendly way to explore Zambia's waterways, promising a tranquil journey filled with close encounters with nature in one of Africa's most captivating settings.

Helicopter ride

Take your safari to new heights and explore Zambia's remote destinations in an unparalleled journey of discovery. Soar through the skies, witnessing extraordinary scenery, the natural wonders, and the abundance of wildlife from an entirely new perspective. Fly across some of the wildest, most spectacular, and most extreme locations- places inaccessible by land and untouched by humans.

River Cruise Safari

A riverboat safari in Zambia becomes a delightful escapade, where travelers leisurely cruise along the Zambezi, savoring the enchanting scenery and wildlife, all while enjoying refreshing drinks on board. As the sun sets, casting a warm glow over the water, passengers can relish both the breathtaking landscapes and the thrill of spotting hippos, elephants, and vibrant birdlife.

Off the Beaten Path Experiences

The Bat Migration in Kasanka National Park

The Kasanka Bat Migration in Kasanka National Park is a mesmerizing natural spectacle where millions of fruit bats converge on the park's skies during the annual migration. As daylight fades, the sky transforms into a swirling sea of bats, creating a breathtaking and surreal display. This incredible phenomenon, often considered one of Africa's most significant mammal migrations, attracts wildlife enthusiasts and photographers from around the world to witness this extraordinary event in the heart of Zambia.

Finding Shoebills in the Bangweulu Wetlands

Exploring the Bangweulu Wetlands in Zambia offers an opportunity to encounter the elusive and remarkable shoebill, a bird species with an unmistakable shoe-shaped bill. As you navigate the waterways and marshes of the wetlands, keep a keen eye out for these large, prehistoric-looking birds standing motionless in the shallows. The Bangweulu Wetlands serve as a crucial habitat for shoebills, providing an enchanting setting for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts eager to witness these iconic and fascinating creatures in their natural environment.

Microlite Flight over Victoria Falls

Soaring over the majestic Victoria Falls in Zambia on a microlight flight is an exhilarating experience that offers a unique perspective of this natural wonder. As you take to the skies, the roaring cascade of the falls unfolds beneath you, revealing its awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur. Soaring over the majestic Victoria Falls in Zambia on a microlight flight is an exhilarating experience that offers a unique perspective of this natural wonder. As you take to the skies, the roaring cascade of the falls unfolds beneath you, revealing its awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur. The Microflight provides an unparalleled opportunity to witness the sheer magnitude and breathtaking landscapes surrounding Victoria Falls, creating a once-in-a-lifetime adventure for thrill seekers and nature enthusiasts alike.

Chikoko Trails Walking Safari (Remote Africa Safaris)

As you traverse the remote landscapes, expert guides unveil the intricacies of the ecosystem, offering encounters with diverse flora and fauna, including elephants, antelopes, and various bird species. The Chikoko Trail promises a unique and authentic safari experience, where every step unveils the wonders of the South Luangwa National Park, making it an unforgettable journey for nature enthusiasts seeking a deeper connection with the African bush.

Special Occasions

Proposals

If you've decided to 'put a ring on it' then Zambia has some of the most romantic settings to propose to your 'Someone Special'. Think about somewhere wild, surrounded by exotic animals, in some of the most stunning scenery imaginable. Imagine popping the question on the serene banks of the Zambezi River as elephants quietly move through the water. Guaranteed you'll hear the reply "YES"!

Weddings

It's the biggest and one of the most important days of your life, so why not say those two important words in the most awe-inspiring of settings: the African Plains, the banks of meandering rivers, or the famous Victoria Falls? Nothing beats the romance of celebrating your special day in the most memorable way possible, with the sights and sounds of the African Bush or the gentle lapping of the water of an African River.

Honeymoons

A romantic honeymoon in Africa... stunning landscapes, spectacular wildlife, golden sunsets, the vast Savannah, and the African sky filled with millions of stars. Wildlife whispers in the vast wilderness, candlelight dinners, romantic bubble baths - nothing touches the soul quite like Africa. Intimate, luxury accommodation with all the modern creature comforts, it's enough romance to spark a wildfire! Zambia is one of the best, yet understated honeymoon destinations, offering the perfect romantic breaks for couples. The beginning of your life together deserves the most memorable honeymoon experience.

Family Adventures

Happy kids = Happy families! Why not give the children the adventure of a lifetime and create wonderful family memories together? Zambia is one of the ultimate family adventure destinations where the abundant wildlife and stunning landscapes provide an exciting and educational backdrop for children and adults alike. Families can embark on thrilling safaris, where kids can witness majestic animals up close, sparking a sense of wonder and fostering a connection with nature. Zambia's numerous national parks and reserves offer a variety of activities, from game drives to guided walks, from walking safaris to learning bush skills with safari guides, allowing families to explore and learn together.

Zambian Culture

Zambia is home to over 70 ethnicities, each with its own unique customs, languages, and art forms. One of the prominent ethnic groups is the Bemba, followed by Tonga, Lozi, Ngoni, and many others, contributing to Zambia's cultural mosaic.
Traditional ceremonies hold a special place in the hearts of Zambians, serving as vibrant occasions that connect communities across generations. These ceremonies, such as the Kuomboka of the Lozi people or the Nc'wala of the Ngoni, are not only celebrations but also repositories of historical narratives, rites of passage, and communal bonding.
Zambians showcase their cultures through their food, music and dances, their art, and much more.
Ahnasa is proud to work with camps, lodges, and hotels that largely employ staff from local communities, so during your visit to Zambia, you'll interact with a number of different cultures by simply traveling to different destinations and properties.
Want to dive deeper into the culture and really immerse yourselves, try the local cuisine, and talk to the guides and camp staff further about their cultures, they love to share their stories. We are happy to recommend and organize authentic cultural visits or local excursions where you can interact and learn about various cultures in a responsible way.

Getting There

Most visitors to Zambia will either arrive in Lusaka or Livingstone. Being the capital, Lusaka is served by several international airlines, with many travelers flying here directly from Johannesburg (South Africa).

Direct flights from the USA to Johannesburg:
South Africa Airways (SAA): New York City (JFK) to Johannesburg (JNB) 15 hour flight time
South Africa Airways (SAA): Washington DC (IAD) to Johannesburg (JNB) 17 hours flight time
Delta Airlines: Atlanta (ATL) to Johannesburg (JNB) 15 hour flight time

Airlines that fly from Johannesburg to Lusaka:
Airlink
Zambia Airways

Proflight Zambia

Other ways to get to Lusaka:
Qatar Airways/American Airways: New York City (JFK) to Doha Hamad Intl. (DOH) to Lusaka (LUN)
Emirates: New York City (JFK) to Dubai (DXB) to Lusaka (LUN)
Ethiopian Airlines: Washington DC (IAD) to Addis Ababa (ADD) to Lusaka (LUN)
Kenya Airways: New York City (JFK) to Nairobi (JKIA) to Lusaka (LUN)

Booking with Ahnasa

At Ahnasa we will exceed your expectations in every way in crafting the perfect travel experience; an experience that will uplift your soul and bring a sense of happiness and peace every time you think about your safari. Our team of incredible ladies work hand in hand to create the perfect extraordinary safari experience, making sure you leave with unforgettable memories of your trip etched in your mind and Africa in your heart.
At the core of Ahnasa's ethos is conservation – to help conserve Africa's extraordinary wildlife, preservation and restoration of the fragile environment, and empowerment and enrichment of local communities. This we do through responsible tourism. As well as raising funds through our guests' travels, we work and collaborate with companies sharing the same ethos of conservation. We support various conservation initiatives personally vetting various projects and organisations to ensure that our donations, or our guest's direct donations to them are used in an impactful way. We also have a number of projects which guests can donate to.
The Ahnasa team is available for constant support, from your initial inquiry to your safe return home. With team members in Kenya and the USA, we are available most any time of the day or night.
We love what we do, and it's the reason we do it! Our passion for travel and unique experiences has led us to explore the many extraordinary destinations across Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zanzibar. With more than a decade of knowledge and with our extensive experience in travel, we will create the perfect dream-filled safari with intimate moments in some of Africa's most breathtaking destinations. When you plan a trip with Ahnasa, we carefully and lovingly design a personalised safari, especially for you, ensuring a unique dream adventure that will touch your soul.