



## SANCTUARY SUSSI & CHUMA

MOSI-OA-TUNYA NATIONAL PARK



## ZAMBIA 12 TREE HOUSES

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## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and one of our luxury lodges close to the Victoria Falls, Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma.

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Named after Dr. David Livingstone's faithful friends Susi and Chuma, the lodge is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Zambezi amidst Jackalberry trees and Phoenix palms, providing unrivalled views and exclusivity. Accommodation is in twelve Sussi tree-houses, connected by wooden walkways.

## USPS

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- Located on a quiet bend of the Zambezi River within Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park
- 12 kilometres upstream from Victoria Falls in a remote location away from crowds
- Boutique property catering for individuals and families
- Established philanthropy project at Nakatindi Village
- Seven activities included in our rate
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in all suites

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

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Guest accommodation consists of 12 luxury tree-houses, built into the canopy of majestic ebony trees lining the river bank and connected by wooden walkways. Facilities include air conditioning, ensuite facilities with bath tub, private viewing deck, mini-bar, mosquito nets, overhead fans and hairdryer.

The main lodge building features a raised bar, lounge area and deck, open air dining area, Bush shop and swimming pool. Revitalising spa treatments are also available from the treatment room overlooking the Zambezi. Complimentary wireless internet access is available in the rooms. Electricity supply is from the main grid backed up by a silent packed generator.

## LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is located on a quiet bend of the Zambezi River in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, 12km upstream from the Victoria Falls.

Scheduled and charter flights into Livingstone are available. The lodge is a 25 minute road transfer from Livingstone Airport. Road transfers to Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma can also be arranged (at an additional cost) from Victoria Falls town, Victoria Falls Airport and from Kasane in Botswana (1 hour 30 minutes.) Guests may self-drive to the lodge should they wish.

### **Flying times:**

- Lusaka (LUN) to Livingstone (LVI) - 1 hour
- Mfuwe (MFU) to Livingstone (LVI), via Lusaka (LUN) - 2 hours



## GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

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The Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park is one of Zambia's smallest parks, but provides loads of game viewing including an array of birds. The park has a relaxed atmosphere due to the lack of predators. Guests may also be lucky enough to see a rare sighting of the wild dogs that on occasion pass through the park. Key wildlife include: elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe, impala, crocodile, hippo, baboon, vervet monkey

The following activities are included in your stay:

**Game Drives:** Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is set on the edge of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. Here the highly trained safari guides take guests on game drives in custom-built 4 x 4 safari vehicles to see plains game.

**Tour of the Victoria Falls – Zambia side:** Just a short drive away from the world famous Victoria Falls, the lodge offers guests a walking tour of The Falls. The Falls make a constant roar and are accompanied by a cloud of brilliant spray where the mile-wide Upper Zambezi falls 300 feet into the Lower Zambezi.

**Walking Safaris:** There can be few more thrilling ways to experience and understand African wildlife, the bush and ecosystem as a whole than by being on foot on a walking safari. Guests will also be accompanied by an armed National Parks ranger. Walking safaris last about two hours and are conducted at a leisurely pace. Morning walks will depart at 6:30 am and will include a break with tea, coffee and snacks. The afternoon walk will commence at 16:00 and finish at a special sundowner spot where guests will be served drinks and canapés while enjoying the magnificent sunset.

**Sundowner Cruise:** A Zambezi River cruise is a great way to spend a few hours before drifting back to the lodge, a warm shower and delicious dinner. Sanctuary Retreats' boats are specially designed and the guide will take the boat through a series of grade 2 rapids before finding a spot to beach for a break and a sunset cocktail.

**Local school & village tour:** Nakatindi village is located 6km from Livingstone and 5km from Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma. Village scouts and guides will show guests around the village. This village comprises of around 6,000 people who live in simple mud and brick houses. To the edge of the village sits the Nakatindi Community School, which is responsible for the education of its 744 children where at least 50% of them are orphaned or considered vulnerable.

**Fishing:** The fishing season generally opens on 1st March each year. It closes annually from the 1st December until March. (This is the local Fisheries' regulations and it is enforced by the Zambian Wildlife Authority.) All fishing is on a strict "Catch and Release" policy as we are in the national park. Fishing can either be from the river bank in front of the lodge; however it is preferable to go out on the river in a boat as it is a safety risk to fish off the river bank because of the crocodiles. Sussi and Chuma's 3 boats are used for fishing as well as other activities. Guests specifically wanting to do fishing should ideally request and pay for a private boat for fishing. That said we will be happy to accommodate fishermen as best as we can. Please note, on a full camp, all boats are used for the evening sunset cruise.

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## A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

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### **Summer Schedule:** September - April

- Wake up call - time varies depending on activity
- 6:00 - 11:00 Breakfast is available
- Depart for morning game activity (time varies depending on activity)
- 12:00 - 15:30 Lunch is available
- 16:00 Depart for afternoon game activity
- 18:00 - 20:30 Dinner is available

### **Winter Schedule:** May - August

- Wake up call - time varies depending on activity
- 6:30 - 10:00 Breakfast is available
- Depart for morning game activity (time varies depending on activity)
- 12:00 - 15:00 Lunch is available
- 16:00 Depart for afternoon game activity
- 18:00 - 21:00 Dinner is available



## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Flight of Angels:** The Flight of Angels offers the opportunity to fly over the Falls in a helicopter for unrivalled views. While we cannot guarantee that you will see any game, the following species can often be seen from the air: elephant, buffalo, hippo, crocodile and giraffe. Guests can choose from a 15 or 30 minute flight, minimum 2 and maximum 6 participants, starting from the helipad at Maramba Aerodome.

**Livingstone Island visits:** A Livingstone Island visit begins with a thrilling ride through the channels of the Zambezi in twin-engine boats. During the guided exploration of the island you will learn about its long history, from ancient times, to the present day, as a protected World Heritage Site. After the tour, relax and enjoy refreshments under the shade of our canopied dining area with a view of the Falls. Those who are keen can even brave the waters of this mighty river in the island's very own bathing pool, which forms each year amongst the rocks along the edge of the Falls. The activity lasts about one and a half hours with about one hour fifteen minutes on the island.

**Tour of the Falls (Zimbabwe side):** Transfer time from the lodge to the entrance of the Falls in Zimbabwe is approximately half an hour, depending on border formalities. From here, the guide will escort guests around the Falls sharing some facts and history along the way. Sanctuary Retreats will supply raincoats during high water months when guests are likely to get wet from the spray of the Falls. The walk is approximately 1 and a half hours in duration (3km), through the rainforest, stopping at various viewing points. Guests are advised to wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the walk, as well as suitable waterproof protection for camera equipment.

**White water rafting:** The rapids on the Zambezi are defined as "Grade 5" by the British Canoe Union. You will be met in the reception area of the lodge from where you transfer to the Zambezi Waterfront, check-in, sign an indemnity and be given a briefing before departing on a half day white water rafting experience. The white water rafting finishes at rapid 10 where the truck will be waiting with cold drinks and beers for the journey back to Zambezi Waterfront at 12.30 / 1.00pm in time for lunch. After lunch, you will be transferred back to the lodge. Water is provided throughout the day. No children under 15 years are allowed to participate. Guests have the option of choosing from full day, low water or full day, high water white river rafting.

**Spa treatments:** Guests staying at Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma are able to indulge in a range of spa treatments - including massages, facials and manicures - while enjoying spectacular views over the Zambezi River.

Additional activities are at an additional cost and can be pre-booked or booked while guests are in camp.

## HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

**Our honeymoon services include:**

- Roses in room upon arrival
- Sparkling wine
- Bubble bath with rose petals on return from afternoon activity
- Private dinner on room deck or pool area or sunset deck (weather permitting)
- Island lunches (availability and weather permitting)
- Complimentary spa treatment – 15 minute foot massage



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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We welcome all children 6 years and older at the Sussi Tree houses.

Children's activities can be arranged including tailor-made child-friendly game drives, traditional clay / Plaster of Paris toy moulding, sundowner storytelling and a visit to Nakatindi School. We are flexible with meals and meal times for children.

Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with their parents. The camp is able to accommodate one triple per night in the main lodge. No children under 12 years are permitted on walking safaris.

Babysitting is available on request (not a registered baby sitter.)

## DINING

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Breakfast, lunch, snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Breakfast is served before the morning game activity. During your morning game viewing activity, coffee, tea and a selection of scones and biscuits will be served out in the bush. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the lodge. Afternoon game drives include classic sundowner cocktails and canapés at specially selected spots before returning to the lodge for pre-dinner drinks and dinner. Romantic private dinners on your room deck or by the pool can be arranged upon request. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

**Meals typically consist of the following:**

- **Breakfast:** Continental and full English Breakfast
- **Lunch:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 choices, one being a vegetarian
- **Dinner:** Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 to 3 choices, one being a vegetarian

## CLIMATE

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The "wet" season is normally December to March, and has variable weather conditions. The "dry" season is from May to November. June to August are the coolest months, with cold mornings and evenings. October is the hottest month in Zambia, so be prepared for temperatures of over 40°C.

## CLOTHING

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Clothing should be cool and comfortable. Jerseys and heavier jackets are required for winter mornings and evenings. Muted colours are the most suitable on safari. Long sleeves and long trousers are advised for mornings and evenings due to mosquitoes. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential, as are open sandals for the Falls excursions.

Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris especially when doing a walking safari. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

**Accessories:** Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.



## HEALTH

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We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking with your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure.

## MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

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All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards. US dollars are also accepted however change will be given in the local currency. Diners Cards are not accepted.

## TIPPING GUIDELINE

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Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$15 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

## PHILANTHROPY PROJECTS

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**Nakatindi Village and school:** Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy (SRP) began working with the community and school in July 2010. Our goal is to identify and sponsor long-term, viable and self-sustaining projects that will have the support of both our visitors and our staff. We work closely with the communities and school to determine their needs and improve their general well-being through empowerment, improved infrastructure, skill development and the overall enhancement of health, education and welfare for the future. Our past projects include an ongoing school meals program to feed each child attending Nakatindi Community School one square meal a day. SRP has also expanded the school to incorporate grades 8 and 9 by building a new 1x2 classroom block, constructed a new medical clinic to serve the health needs of the community and implemented various training programs within the school and community. These include garden workshops to aid the school vegetable garden and entrepreneurship and business training for members of the community to promote income generation.

**Chipego Bike Shop:** Sanctuary Retreats has teamed up with the charity Wheels of Change, who aim to empower people in developing countries by providing bicycles and establishing small bike sales and repair businesses. This programme is a social enterprise, combining business enterprise with social good. Some of the many benefits are creating employment opportunities, empowering women, generating an income for a rural village and providing affordable mobility to a community.

**Beads & Business - Sishemo Studio opens:** After two years of research, development, fundraising, training and construction we are thrilled to announce the official opening of the Sishemo Bead Studio in Nakatindi. In 2018, the group of women underwent intensive training in how to make glass beads using traditional African techniques and now craft beautiful handmade jewelry.

**Pack for a purpose:** We are proud members of Pack for a Purpose, an initiative that allows travellers like you to make a lasting impact in the community at your travel destination. If you save a few kilos of space in your suitcase and bring supplies for area schools or medical clinics in need - you'll make a priceless impact in the lives of our local children and families. Please click on this link: <http://www.packforapurpose.org/destinations/africa/zambia/sanctuary-sussi-chuma> to see what supplies are needed for our project.



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Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and river cruise ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

## RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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