



Letter of reference

Safari Date

8th October 2016 to 17th October 2016

Safari Camp

Kantunta Safari Lodge Namwala GMA

Safari Profile

Sable , Kafue lechwe and plains game

Hunters

Erik and Christian Oestergaard

Professional Hunters

Alistair Newton (Namwala 7 days) and Jodi Higgins (Kafue flats one day)

Game Shot

Sable , Kafue lechwe , Waterbuck, Reedbuck, Bushbuck, Warthog, Impala, Puku and Duiker.

Description of area

Zambian GMA with variation and mix of typical African bush and open plains/grass land and dense bush along the rivers. GMA bordering the Kafue river with ample opportunity to fish and stalk the islands. Some bush areas contains tsetse flies but others not at all. Significant efforts done to get rid of the tsetse.

Description of game

During the safari seen:

- Sable (typical individual animals, small groups of 2-3 animals and one day a very large group of 30+ animals, mature black bulls not seen every day)
- Defassa waterbuck (plenty)
- Warthog (plenty and good size)
- Impala (plenty though small in size)
- Puku (typical individual males and small groups of females with calves)
- Duiker (plenty)
- Bushbuck (plenty)
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- Grysbok (individual animals, one day saw more than 6 in 1 hour)



- Common reedbuck (did not see any for some days before we started looking for them – then suddenly we saw plenty)
- Lechwe (plenty in the Kafue flats but difficult to approach)
- Bushpig (saw one female in daylight)
- Buffalo (saw one big heard)
- Lion (young male and female)
- Elefant (several during the safari also on the islands)
- Leopard (tracks in camp and in bush several times every day)
- Crockodile (several up to around 13-14')
- Hippo (several every day in the river)
- Baboon (plenty)
- Very very varied bird life – especially in camp and near the river

Lodge

Very very nice main boma elevated from the river and with a fantastic view of the river. Area comprising bar area, dining area, various other relaxation areas with comfortable sofas and campaign chairs. Outside fireplace and small dipping pool. Decorations with typical African art and good selection of books and hunting magazines. Wifi available that worked perfectly during our stay. Camp has two outboard powered aluminium boats that were used to fish (plenty of fish in the river and fishing gear available) and visit the islands. Canoes also available. Electric powering provided mainly by solar power supplemented by gen-sets. Worked very well throughout our stay.

Accomodation

Excellent tented accommodation with separate bathroom and toilet, good beds and very good cleaning and daily washing service.

Food

Excellent – and plenty - food and daily fresh vegetables provided from own vegetable garden accompanied by good wines etc. Typical 3 course dinner in high quality in the evening.

Management, PH, Trackers, Lodge staff, Chef and Kitchen

Friendly, dedicated, service minded and very professional could be used as a common denominator for management, all staff and PH. Always a good atmosphere with enjoyable times in the evening over dinner or in the bar. Alistair is a very very professional PH. My son and I enjoyed a lot the time we spent together with Alistair both hunting, fishing and socially. Likewise with the owners Dora and Vaughan with whom we typically spent the evenings.



Concluding remarks

A wonderful Zambian hunting experience. My son and I have enjoyed a lot the hospitality and friendliness as well as the game and nature. Having had many safaris to Africa I can benchmark Namwala to be among the best experiences we have had, and can only give my full recommendations.

Best regards

Christian & Erik Oestergaard