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For the ultimate riding adventure in Africa, Steven and Lucy Rufus, a dynamic duo well known in the horse safari industry, have realised their dream to bring guests to ride in "the real Africa" with their new venture '[Kafue Horse Safaris](#)'. They have also pledged to donate £50 to the Countryside Alliance, from every booking they receive through the grass e-route*.

After many months of research they have found the ultimate, untouched destination in Kafue National Park. They have built a traditional looking, luxury lodge with open fronts where the game will wander freely giving you the experience of true wilderness. The riding is fast and adventurous and suited to those who hunt and ride frequently and many of the Rufus's previous guests have already booked for 2009, proving this is destined to be the 'riding safari' for the year.

The things that set this riding safari apart are the horses and the guides - the horses are all very well produced, fit, with good temperaments, and the guides - Steven himself, and a chap called Gerry van der Westhuizen, are regarded as two of the best in Africa - we always get fantastic feedback from our guests telling us that their knowledge of the region, and the animals, big and small, are second to none.





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The game is plentiful, twenty-three species of large herbivores in the park and surrounding areas including large herds of elephant, zebra, wildebeest - it's not uncommon to see a 1,000 plus herd of buffalo roaming across the plains. There are also eleven species of carnivores including impressive packs of wild dog and a huge diversity of reptiles and amphibians. Over 500 species of birds have been recorded to date.

We recommend a 7-night safari, which costs £2,100 per person - this price includes all meals, drinks, riding and accommodation and excludes flights and transfers. BA flies out regularly from London to the capital, Lusaka, and the transfer is either by car, or a chartered flight.

It is worth mentioning that from the safari, you can also consider staying on for a few more days to visit Livingstone and visit the Victoria Falls - one of the 'Seven Wonders on the World'.

For more information on the holiday, please see our website www.zarasplanet.co.uk or call Jill Dolan on 08444 870 300, who is more than happy to help answer any further questions.

In addition, we have pledged to donate £50 to the Countryside Alliance, from every booking we receive through this newsletter. *Please quote the reference letters 'ZPKAFUE' at time of booking to guarantee this donation.

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