



Fantastic new  
opportunity to join  
conservation leader  
**Beth Pratt** and big cat  
biologist **Jeff Sikich** on an  
incredible **Big Cats Safari**  
to Zambia.

# Big Cats of Zambia Luxury Safari

17 - 29 June 2027



## Itinerary Overview

Jeff and Beth will take you on spectacular safari adventure, journeying deep into the wilds of Zambia where you will visit three exceptional game reserves. The safari is focused on providing an immersive experience for the group to connect in the wilderness with little distractions other than the call of African lions or the whooping of hyenas while sitting around a campfire at night. Absorb the beauty and exciting wilderness, while delving into the ecology and biology of big cats and other wildlife, their behavior and the complexities associated with human coexistence. One of the privileges of visiting these vast protected areas is that animals are relaxed around game-drive vehicles. This allows one the wonderful opportunity to observe even the most elusive cats at close quarters. June is winter and the dry season in Zambia, a great time for game sightings while animals are more concentrated around permanent water. The safari camps are intimate and luxurious, with excellent service and knowledgeable local guides.

**Latitude 15, 1 night:** Our first night is in the capital of Zambia, Lusaka, at the hotel Latitude 15. This provides an opportunity to settle in and have a pleasant dinner discussing the trip ahead at this lovely boutique hotel.

**Lion Camp, 4 nights:** Take a 1 hour flight to Mfuwe, gateway to South Luangwa National Park. The road transfer to camp takes about 2.5 hours, after the first half hour it is essentially a game drive! This extensive game reserve (3490 sq mi) has one of the most intense concentrations of game in Africa. Local endemics include Thornicroft's giraffe, Cookson's wildebeest and Crawshay's zebra. There is a high concentration of leopards here and game viewing,

including lions, wild dogs and hyenas in this area is awesome! Lion Camp is a wonderful place to begin your journey. The luxurious suites are situated overlooking the oxbow lagoon and Lion Plains.

**Dulini Anabezi, 4 nights:** Next, take a 1.5 hour flight to the Lower Zambezi National Park, a special wilderness area covering over 1,500 square miles and hugging the mighty Zambezi River. The luxurious Anabezi Camp is nestled in the shade of winterthorn trees on the banks of the Zambezi River. Leopards, elephants, buffalo and lions are a highlight here, as well as recent years of incredible wild dog sightings. Here you will have extraordinary opportunities to view wildlife using several mediums – game drives, walking and motor boats. Night drives in this area are particularly productive, with common sightings of porcupine, civet and genet.

**Shumba Wilderness, 3 nights:** Take a 1.75 hour private charter flight to the Busanga Plains, located in Kafue National Park, a ~10,000 sq.mile protected area that is an exceptional location for wildlife viewing. Wilderness' Shumba Camp, with its raised rooms, is situated on the edge of an 'island' of trees, overlooking the vast Busanga floodplains. Game drives present incredible opportunities to see some uncommon antelope species - rare roan and sable, as well the shy oribi antelope and Lichtenstein's hartebeest. This area is particularly well known for its lions that hunt freely in the open plains, surprisingly visible yet successful with the abundance of game. Busanga is also home to one of the last populations of cheetahs in Zambia, so there is a chance of catching a glimpse of these special creatures. On your last day fly back 1.5 hours to Lusaka for your journey home or an add on to Victoria Falls.



## Jeff Sikich

Jeff Sikich is a wildlife biologist researching the impacts of urbanization and habitat fragmentation on mountain lions in Southern California. Jeff manages the field work for this study, one of the longest running of its kind, which informs mountain lion conservation, as well as outreach, education, and habitat conservation efforts locally and around the world. Over the last three decades Jeff has captured and handled over 16 carnivore species for wildlife research and he has advised and trained many professionals around the world on humane capture methods. In addition to his work in California, Jeff has contributed to mountain lion research in Montana, Arizona, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru. He has worked with gray wolves, black bears, lynx, coyotes, bobcats, desert tortoise, sea lions, and deer, as well as studies focused on tigers in Sumatra, jaguars in North, Central, and South America, and leopards in South Africa. His work has centered on conservation, including habitat connectivity, corridors, toxicants, and human-wildlife conflict resolution. Jeff has contributed to many scientific papers and popular articles on carnivore ecology and conservation, and his work has been featured on numerous television programs, news outlets, and documentary films.



## Beth Pratt

A lifelong advocate for wildlife, Beth Pratt has worked in environmental leadership roles for over thirty years, and in two of the country's largest national parks: Yosemite and Yellowstone. As the President and CEO of The Wildlife Crossing Fund, Pratt leads the #SaveLACougars campaign to build the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, which broke ground on Earth Day in 2022. Her innovative conservation work has been featured by The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, BBC World Service, CNN, CBS This Morning, the Los Angeles Times, Men's Journal, The Guardian, NPR, AP News, and more. Her books include *When Mountain Lions are Neighbors*, published by Heyday in 2024, and *I Heart Wildlife*, by Di Angelo Publications in 2020. Her new book, *Yosemite Wildlife: The Wonder of Animal Life in California's Sierra Nevada*, will be published in 2025. Beth has also given a TEDx talk about coexisting with wildlife called, "How a Lonely Cougar in Los Angeles Inspired the World," is featured in the documentary, "The Cat that Changed America," on CNN's Heroes in Conservation series, and the new reboot of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. The Western Section of the Wildlife Society named her "Conservationist of the Year" in 2023, and in 2024, she received the Alan Rabinowitz Conservation award from the Explorers Club.

## Supporting Conservation

This special safari for curious wildlife lovers is handcrafted by True Wild in support of The Wildlife Crossing Fund's [#SaveLACougars](#) campaign, and also supports wildlife conservation efforts in Africa. Where possible, you will be introduced to local conservation work being done in the areas you visit.

## Logistics

Group size: 6 - 10 guests

Cost: \$23,700/person/sharing

\$27,500/single in own room

Price includes all your accommodation, food, drinks, laundry, safari activities, group leaders and road & flight transfers between camps. Price excludes international travel (to and from Lusaka, Zambia), insurance and gratuities.



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## Join Beth & Jeff!

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