

## *The Great North Road...*

### Day 1: Fly Johannesburg to Kasane (FB/TC)

From the Kasane airport we head for our camp in the Chobe National Park before getting down to some late afternoon birding along the Chobe River.

### Day 2 & 3: Chobe National Park (FB/TC)

The elephants of the Chobe River are truly one of Africa's great spectacles and amongst the thousands of elephants are a huge variety of birds which make this area their home. (African Skimmer, Collared Palm-thrush, African Finfoot, White-backed Night-Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron, Chirping Cisticola)

### Day 4 & 5: Livingstone (FB/HL)

Returning to Zambia, the mighty Victoria Falls form the backdrop for our birding for the next couple of days as we explore the Batoka gorge and the surrounding broad-leaved woodlands. Our first night will be in a Letaka tented camp and the second night in a lodge. (Narina Trogon, Crowned Hornbill, Trumpeter Hornbill, Dusky Lark, Taita Falcon, Schalow's Turaco)

### Day 6 & 7: Choma (FB/TC)

The Choma area is the most reliable area for picking Zambia's only true endemic, the Chaplin's Barbet. We explore the surrounding broadleaved woodland and fig groves from our camp in the Nkanga River Conservation area outside of Choma town. (Chaplin's Barbet, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Arnot's Chat, Miombo Pied Barbet, Miombo Tit)

### Day 8 & 9: Forest Inn (FB/HL)

Our journey takes us further along the Great



Shoebill Stork - *Balaeniceps rex* - Photo: Grant Reed

North road to the Forest Inn which is widely regarded to have the some of the best miombo birding in Zambia. (Black-necked Eremomela Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Mashona Hyliota, Little-spotted Woodpecker, Violet-backed Sunbird, Spotted Creeper)

### Day 10 & 11: Kasanka National Park (FB/TC)

Heading off the beaten track we move further north to the small but wild and beautiful Kasanka National Park. This area is home to a vast number of birds and is also the gateway to the Bangweulu Swamps. (Ross' Turaco, Bohm's Bee-eater, Olive Woodpecker, African Finfoot, Pel's Fishing-Owl, Half-collared Kingfisher, Western-banded Snake-eagle)

### Day 12 & 13: Shoebill Island (FB/HL)

We take to the air on a charter flight from Wasa Camp to Shoebill Island. This flight also gives us a wonderful opportunity to view the Bangweulu Swamps from the air. At Shoebill Island our focus is of course the bird which lends it's name to the island. Vast herds of Black Lechwe also inhabit these swamps. (Shoebill Stork, Wattled Crane, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Rosy-breasted Longclaw, Sooty Chat, Swamp Flycatcher)

Day 14 & 15: Mutinondo Wilderness (FB/TC)

Back to dry land we head for the vast Mutinondo Wilderness which is another birding mecca and our last birding hotspot on our safari. (Souza's Shrike, Rufous-bellied Tit, Bocage's Akalat, Reichard's Seedeater, Marsh Widowbird, Fawn-breasted Waxbill)

Day 16: Lusaka (FB/HL)

The long and winding road to Lusaka signals the end of our birding adventure. There will be ample time at the lodge for long hot showers, completing birdlists and of course the congratulatory gin and tonic.

Day 17: Safari Ends at Lusaka airport.

Sadly all good things must come to an end. After breakfast you will transfer from the hotel to Lusaka airport where you will have time to browse through your bulging birdlists before heading home.

Total possible species for safari: 650+  
Likely to record (June): 340 - 380

Price per person: USD4950.00  
Single supplement: USD500.00

Maximum Group Size: 8 Guests



Malachite Kingfisher - Chobe National Park



Lesser Jacana - Bangwuelu Swamps

### Abbreviations and Exclusions

**FB/TC** Indicates full board in a Letaka Tented Camp. This includes all meals, drinks and accommodation in our tented camps.

**FC/HL** Indicates full board in a lodge or hotel. This includes dinner, bed and breakfast but excludes lunches. Mineral water is included but all other drinks are exclude.

Price excludes international flights and Zambian visa where applicable. Excludes gratuities for guides and camp staff. All travellers must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance before commencing the trip.

Payment Options:

Bank Transfer or Credit Card (add 5%)

2010 / 2011 Departure Dates Ex Kasane  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 & 16 May 2011