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Shoebill Island Camp – Bangweulu Wetlands – Zambia

International guest - Per person per night (Nov 2024–May 2025) Minimum 2 guests		
Accommodation	RATE	
Standard tent per person sharing	\$690	
Standard tent per solo traveler	\$940	
Child rate, sharing with parents (6–12 years, inclusive)	\$400	
Child rate, sharing with parents (0–6 years, inclusive)	Free	
International guests park fees (non-commissionable)		
Entry fees (per person per night)	\$10	
Child park fees (6–12 years, per person per night)	\$5	
Child park fees (0–6 years, per person per night)	Free	

Africa citizens & residents - Per person per night (Nov 2024–May 2025)		
Accommodation	RATE	
Standard tent per person sharing	\$495	
Standard tent per solo traveler	\$670	
Child rate, sharing with parents (6–12 years, inclusive)	\$280	
Child rate, sharing with parents (0–6 years, inclusive)	Free	
African citizens & residents park fees (non-commissionable)		
Entry fees (per person per night)	\$10	
Child park fees (6–12 years, per person per night)	\$5	
Child park fees (0–6 years, per person per night)	Free	

Included

All meals, activities, laundry, house drinks and tourism levy.

Excluded

Flights or road transfers to/from the park, park fees, visas, items of a personal nature and gratuities.

Reservations

A provisional reservation will be held for a period of 14 days, whereafter it needs to be confirmed, or it will automatically be released. A deposit of 25% is required to confirm a reservation. The standard terms and conditions apply once a reservation is confirmed.

Full or final payment is due 45 days prior to arrival. Payment can be made by EFT, credit card or DPO link.



Cancellation policy for accommodation

More than 45 days prior to arrival:

45–30 days prior to arrival:

30–0 days prior to arrival:

No show:

25% cancellation fee

100% cancellation fee

100% cancellation fee

Cancellation policy for activities

More than 45 days prior to arrival:

45–30 days prior to arrival:

30% cancellation fee

30–0 days prior to arrival:

50% cancellation fee

No show:

100% cancellation fee

Child policy

Children of all ages are welcome in camp. Children under the age of 3 are not permitted to attend shoebill-related activities.

Additional notes on Shoebill Island Activities

FEES: All fees for the Shoebill Program activities go directly towards supporting conservation work.

SILENCE PLEASE: The Shoebill Captive Rearing and Rehabilitation Facility is a secure and quiet space. We kindly request visitors to reduce all noise (no music or excessive sounds) and keep voices to a minimum – whisper when entering, exiting and within the area. This helps reduce stress and habituation for our bird residents. There is a gathering area approved for Shoebill Program activities where guests can talk freely with Shoebill Program staff. Outside this area, visitors who fail to adhere to this request may be asked to leave.

NO ACCESS: The Shoebill Captive Rearing and Rehabilitation Facility is strictly off limits to the public. The building is purposefully designed to care for shoebills at every stage of development from, egg incubation up to 3-months old. Shoebills are secretive and sensitive birds that prefer the seclusion of thick reeds, grass and papyrus. Excessive noise and disturbance can be stressful for them and also habituate them to people and movement, which is counter-productive to their survival in the wild. All birds are destined for release back into the Bangweulu Wetlands and we need to prepare them for that time.

Disease transmission risk is also a major consideration in keeping the facility closed to the public. Shoes or clothing contaminated with biomaterial from domestic birds, wild birds, or hazards risk the success of egg incubation efforts. The Boma is an outdoor facility which houses chicks from 3-months old and up, as they are learning to hunt fish and fly. It will be open to the public for guided tours only when booked in advance and when appropriate for the chicks in residence (i.e. when all chicks in the Boma are healthy).

