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IN A NUTSHELL:

Date: November 24th 2015 (576th day) Location: South Luangwa, Zambia Driven km up to date: 58 300.







PHOTOS

VIDEO



We've spent the whole month in **Zambia**. This country will not remain in our top favorite list since landscapes were not breathtaking. But it's a place where we've liked hanging around. It's relaxed, Zambians are friendly and life is not very expensive for tourists.

Previously known as Northern Rhodesia, Zambia became independent before the Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) conducted by Kenneth Kaunda. Its soils are rich in minerals, especially in copper, the country is very large and the many different ethnic groups live peacefully together.

From Livingstone, we went to visit the **Kafue** National Park. Apart from the epic crossing of the river by a so called "ferry" and a hunting scene (crocodiles devouring an antelope), we found little wildlife but many tsetse flies. Due to its central location, we gravitated around **Lusaka** where we met nice people and had very pleasant evenings. We also handled some logistics (visa, new computer, new tires). Our stay at the Kariba lake was short because of the burning humidy there which is hard to bear. In **Kassanga**, we witnessed the spectacle of millions of **fruit-eating bats** who migrate during this season. We enjoyed a lot the **South Luangwa** National Park and had the chance to see a leopard on a river edge. The park is green and wildlife is abundant, especially hippos. We're now going to pass through Chipata as a border step to Malawi.







FUNNY PICTURE

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INTENSIVE MOMENTS:

- Regularly join our friends David and Nadine
- See a leopard in South Luangwa
- Cross the Kafue River by "ferry"
- Party in Lusaka
- Sympathize with French paratroopers





CURRENT MOOD: After a long hesitatation between Malawi and Mozambique we've decided: we will visit both! We are very zen and relaxed. We do not know what to expect from the coming rainy season and its possible consequences on the roads.



COUNTRIES VISITED: Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia.

COMING: Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Israël?, Jorda?, Europe.



MAP - ITINERARY:

since the last newsletter





- 1. Lac Itezhi-Tezhi (ZA)
- 2. Kafue river (ZA)
- 3. Kasanga chauve-souris (ZA)
- 4. South Luangwa (ZA)

