

SIMONGA VILLAGE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are always touched and most grateful when guests wish to bring or send gifts and/or donations for Simonga Village Community Projects and/or Simonga Village Community Schools.



DONATING FUNDS

Donations of money either in cash or by electronic transfer or credit card are gratefully accepted as they are used for general village and school projects. Please [contact us](#) for further information.

DONATING MATERIAL GOODS

If you wish to donate material goods, here are some guidelines to assist guests. Please be aware it is preferable to hand in material donations at the lodge for more than one reason:

- It helps avoid expectations that visitors will bring something when they visit the village, which will only encourage a culture of begging.
- There are far too many people in the village, particularly children, for anyone to have enough to hand out to everyone on the spot.
- Donated items reach the right people as and when it is needed.
- Remember hand-outs benefit individuals, donations help the whole community.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

In terms of material goods, anything that assists with education is gratefully accepted

Many items can be bought locally which helps keep luggage weight down and filters into the local business economy which in turn benefits local communities.

- It should also be noted that if guests wish to shop locally, a trip to town will need to be factored into their overall stay itinerary.
 - Local school text books and learning aids are very welcome.
 - Any English learning-aid and books on how-to subjects.
 - Dictionaries are particularly useful.
 - Any other books in English - non-fiction and fiction - across all age ranges.
 - School-type stationery and small items such as calculators and math sets.
 - Sports type items such as soccer, volley ball, net ball and athletics.
 - Guests are also always welcome to leave 2- hand clothing of any type or size. These are distributed by the lodge to families who are genuinely in need.
 - Depending on the items, Zambian customs officials may charge duty on goods brought into the country. It takes quite some explaining that items are intended as charitable donations.
 - If items are sent from outside the country, please be sure to clearly mark the package as a donation because customs do inspect parcels before releasing them. If they deem a parcel as not being a donation, they will expect customs duty to be paid on this side.
- Please note ordinary parcel post stands a good chance of not arriving at all, therefore using a courier is recommended.
- Contact us to assist you if you wish to send something from your home country to Zambia.

ZAMBIA SCHOOL TERMS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Due to the COVID situation prevailing, the Zambia 2021 school calendar may change with little notice. For this reason also, the 2022 school calendar is not yet available.

2021		2021	
TERM 1	: 1 st February to 23 rd April	TERM 3	: 6 th September to 10 th December
School Holidays Term 1	: 24 th April to 9 th May	School Holidays Term 3	: 7 th September – 9 th January 2022
Week day Public Holidays		Week day Public Holidays	
Mon 8 th March / Fri 12 th March / Fri 2 nd April / Mon 5 th April		Mon 18 th October / Mon 25 th October	
2022		2022	
TERM 2	: 10 th May to 13 th August	TERM 1	: 10 th January
School Holidays Term 2	: 14 th August to 5 th September		
Week day Public Holidays			
Tue 25 th May / Mon 5 th & Tue 6 th July / Mon 2 nd August			

RESERVATIONS CONTACT DETAILS

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