



COVID REQUIREMENTS – ZAMBIA / ZIMBABWE /BOTSWANA AND TESTING FOR DEPARTURE FROM ZAMBIA – WHEN REQUIRED

Travellers to Zambia are encouraged to be fully vaccinated but this is not compulsory

COVID infection rates remain very low in Zambia, and while restrictions are easing and travel is opening up again, whether guests are vaccinated or not matters not at all here at The River Club.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS FOR ZAMBIA

- Regardless of vaccination status, you are required to complete a health declaration form and undergo thermo-scanning.
- If you enter Zambia with a body temperature equal to, or above 38.0 C you will be tested for COVID-19 at your expense on arrival, and be required to isolate at the place you are staying (home or lodge) until your test results are known.
- All visitors to Zambia are required to adhere to the prescribed COVID-19 public health measures, summed up as follows:
 - i) It is no longer mandatory to mask-up in public places, however, bring your own masks in case it is useful in certain instances to have masks
 - ii) Frequently wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
 - iii) Maintain physical distance protocols in public
 - iv) Avoid crowded places
 - v) Seek medical attention early if feeling unwell
 - vi) use discretion; practice COVID protocols when expedient

ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE - IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED

If you are fully vaccinated, you can enter Zambia and Zimbabwe without providing a COVID-19 negative PCR test certificate

- Fully vaccinated means complete doses of a vaccine.
- You must present hard-copy proof to qualify as fully vaccinated.
- Preferably vaccination records should have a QR code on them.

ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED

- To enter ZAMBIA: you need a negative PCR test certificate done within 72 hours prior to arrival.
- To enter ZIMBABWE: you need a negative PCR test certificate done within 48-hours prior to arrival.
- Please also check your airline's guidelines carefully when arranging your tests.

ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE – CHILDREN

- Children aged 11 and under are exempt from the requirement to provide a PCR COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination.

BOTSWANA – has RELAXED all COVID entry requirements

- Wearing of masks is no longer compulsory.
- Social distancing requirements in places like schools, have been removed.
- Requirements for vaccinations and PCR testing at ports of entry, have been removed.
- Visitors are still advised to use their discretion and practice COVID protocols when expedient.
- ALERT: Botswana health authorities are carefully checking passports for those who have been to Yellow Fever countries. Please be sure to carry your Yellow Fever vaccination record if it applies to you.

ZAMBIA - COVID PCR and ANTIGEN TESTING IN LIVINGSTONE

PLEASE NOTE THE RIVER CLUB FACILITATES TESTING ONLY FOR THE RIVER CLUB GUESTS

If re-testing for departure is required, please let The River Club Operations Team know in advance of stay, as this assists with pre-planning logistics for swabbing, which ensures seamless integration into the stay-itinerary and no last-minute glitches.

The River Club uses a private medical clinic situated close to the Livingstone CBD. The clinic has its own COVID-19 PCR testing lab and service is efficient, reliable and available 24/7. Antigen tests with certificates approved as for PCR tests are also available.

- **PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**
 - Guests pay the clinic DIRECT using a Master or Visa card.
 - The charge is in ZMW (Zambian Kwacha). the card holders' bank converts to the card currency at the banks' rate of exchange prevailing at the time.
- **TIMING IS FLEXIBLE**
 - Transfer to the clinic for swabbing is usually arranged in combination with an existing trip to an activity.
 - Passports need to be shown at time of swabbing.
- **COSTS FOR PCR TESTING**
 - ZMW 1, 600 per test – lab results ready in 6-hours
 - ZMW 1, 800 per test – lab results ready in 3-hours
 - ZMW 2, 000 per test – lab results in less than 3-hours
- **COSTS FOR PRIVATE SWABBING at the lodge**
 - ZMW 250 is the call-out fee added to the cost of each test.
- **COSTS FOR ANTIGEN TESTING – with certificate**
 - ZMW 850 per test – results and certificate +- 1-hour
- **ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SPECIAL LOGISTICS**
 - Mostly guests are taken for swabbing during an activity outing in order to save transfer costs.
 - When this is not possible, and special transfers are needed USD 20 per trip will be charged at the lodge.

COVID-TESTING for Children

- Children under the age of 11 do not require COVID-negative certificates to enter Zambia.
- If required, children from the age of 5 upwards can be tested in Zambia.