

A KOSHER EXPERIENCE ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER
KOSHER CUISINE AT THE CLUB 2019



The history of Zambia’s small Jewish community is a personal passion for Peter Jones, an owner of The River Club. His enthusiasm for the subject has led him on a journey from the past to the present. Along the way, Peter decided The River Club would offer an opportunity for those seeking to visit the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls, while remaining observant.

KOSHER CUISINE & CULINARY OPTIONS: Kosher Kitchen 1 and Kosher Kitchen 2

Both kitchens are laid out according to kosher rules. All cutlery, crockery, utensils, equipment etc are stored permanently in these kitchens and used only for Kosher catering. All food and ingredients are strictly kosher.

Beef and Lamb is especially imported by the lodge from Nussbaums Butchery in South Africa. Delicious fresh whole skin-on Zambezi Bream comes from a fish farm nearby. Sadly, kosher chicken is not available in Zambia. Fresh vegetables and fruit are seasonal and in plentiful local supply. All dairy products are kosher, purchased locally, so some items are subject to availability.

Kosher Kitchen 1 is an affordable option aimed at groups as small as 1 person, up to 10. It serves excellent Kosher cuisine prepared by lodge staff trained in Kosher catering.

Kosher Kitchen 2 is for those who wish their Kosher food to be overseen by a Mashgiach. It is sealed after use and no one is allowed in during the interim. Expenses are higher due to hire, accommodation, travel and transfer expenses of the Mashgiach, and usually shared between members of larger groups.

See more detailed information below explaining the costs and terms of stay for each kitchen:

KOSHER STAYS: 10 Jan 2019 – 11 Jan 2020

KOSHER KITCHEN 1

A dedicated kosher kitchen operated by lodge staff trained in the laws of Kashrut.

Kosher Cuisine Supplement

Maximum 8 – 10 guests

US\$40 per person per day
US\$20 per child under the age of 16 per day

FOR STRICT OBSERVERS

KOSHER KITCHEN 2

A dedicated kosher kitchen opened and used only with a Mashgiach present
Kosher Cuisine Supplement

For Strict Observers

Minimum 3-night stay, minimum 4 guests

US\$1 100 3-night stay kitchen usage fee, thereafter US\$315 per day for longer stays
US\$40 per person per day

IN ADDITION FOR STRICT OBSERVERS

Kosher Support: Mashgiach and Kosher Chef

In addition for Strict Observers

US\$220 per person per night for Kosher Chef and Mashgiach each in Guide Room accommodation, includes 3 Kosher meals per day

Plus US\$10 per person per day Tourism Levy

Note: Kosher support must arrive 1 day before guests

Note:

The River Club will put guests in touch with the Kashrut division of the Johannesburg Beth Din who will assist with the hire of a Mashgiach and kosher chef. The additional charges for this, plus travel expenses and other costs, will be payable to the Beth Din.

CORKAGE FEES (Kosher wines only)

US\$3/btl of Kosher wine (we have a limited selection available at US\$40/btl)

For full accommodation rates, please enquire with our team.

JEWISH HERITAGE IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA



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Amongst the earliest European settlers north of the Zambezi were Jews from the Baltic states of the Russian Empire, now Lithuania and Latvia. Jewish traders played an important role at the Old Drift on the Zambezi riverbank and the, then new, town of Livingstone which was laid out in 1905. During that year, the Czar of Russia had an attempt on his life and, as a result of the heavy-handed follow up by the secret police on various communities, another wave of Jewish immigrants came from Lithuania.

There were a great number of Jewish people in Livingstone by this time, and so a Hebrew Congregation was established. Once the Soviets gained power in Russia, the 1920's saw the arrival of more people in Africa and the Jewish communities in Livingstone grew further and the foundation stone of the synagogue, now the Church of Christ, was laid in 1928 by Eli Susman.

Livingstone's Jewish population increased in the late 1930's with an influx of German-Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi regime. Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) was one of only two countries in the world not to refuse visas to Jews at the time. There was an even larger influx of Polish refugees during the Second World War, and a community of Polish Jews was founded upstream of our Lodge.

TOURS & HISTORIC EXPERIENCE

There are three historic tour options available, the Railway/Jewish Gateway Museum, Livingstone Museum and Livingstone Town. To experience the best of Livingstone's historic highlights, guests have the option of booking the Historic Tour Combo (which includes visits to all three locations). Take time to explore the museums, cemetery and town to gain further insight into the fascinating heritage of Livingstone.

Includes return transfers/ entry fees excluded where applicable.

RAILWAY/JEWISH GATEWAY MUSEUM TOUR (entry fee \$15 pp)	\$ 50
LIVINGSTONE MUSEUM (entry fee \$5 pp)	\$ 50
LIVINGSTONE TOWN Tour of the town and Jewish areas	\$ 80
HISTORIC TOUR COMBO Combine the Railway, Jewish and Livingstone Museums (entry fees \$20 pp)	\$ 80

FAST FACTS

KITCHENS

- Both Kitchens are dedicated kosher and each has its own set of equipment, crockery, cutlery, glasses, utensils, pots, pans, etc. The two are not mixed and nothing from the lodge kitchen goes near either kosher kitchen.
- Each kosher kitchen has its own washing up facilities too; one for parev and one for milchik.

MEALS

- Kosher food storage in the main lodge pantry is kept separate from other stocks in dedicated fridges, freezers and shelf-space
- Breakfast consists of a buffet with fruit, muffins, yoghurt (when we are able to get kosher yoghurt) and cereals. Guests can also a hot meal.
- Raisin Rib Beef and Lamb Chops are specially imported by the lodge from Musselsbaums Butchery in South Africa and is 100% Glatt Kosher
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DRINKS

- The River Club has Kosher wine in stock; a premium brand that costs US\$40 per bottle. Due to limited availability in Zambia we stock Backsberg Chardonnay and Merlot only.
- Juice is LiquiFruit Apple which is kosher.

SHABBAT

- The River Club frequently takes care of guests over Shabbat and the lodge understands their needs
- Guest room doors lock with keys

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