



THE RIVER CLUB – FACT SHEET

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A boutique, owner-run luxury lodge, The River Club is Livingstone’s premier destination on the edge of the Zambezi River



A ZAMBIAN ICON IN A TRANQUIL, EXCLUSIVE SETTING

The River Club is defined by the value we attach to helping family and friends create lasting memoirs together. Our unpretentious hospitality, the outstanding, safe location, the preservation of historic Livingstone, and commitment to the community we live in, all form part of our ethos. We offer a realistic experience by combining the natural heritage of the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls, culturally-extraordinary Livingstone-town as well as Simonga Village, an authentic piece of present-day semi-rural life. Our mission is achieved by giving service and synergy to our community, while applying exceptional attention to detail to our guests. We endeavor to turn moments into memories at an exclusive getaway in a safe and healthy environment.

The River Club offers a hassle-free and gratifying array of experiences for guests of all ages to enjoy.

BROAD OVERVIEW

Location	A charming, exclusive oasis on the banks of the Zambezi River situated 20 kilometres / 12 miles upstream from the legendary Victoria Falls – a World Heritage Site and one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World.
Lodge Description	A one-of-a-kind lodge on the Zambezi River upstream of Livingstone in Zambia, and arguably the only privately owned boutique lodge in the Victoria Falls area. Soaked in ambiance and history, the restored 1940’s homestead has a comfortable lounge, dining room and library. Meals are often enjoyed on the veranda or in the lush gardens beneath the trees.
Accommodation	11 spacious, free-standing private suites are individually nestled within the tree line above the waters of the magnificent Zambezi River with dramatic views. Open plan and tastefully decorated with furniture and fittings made from beautiful Zambezi teak wood, designed for comfort and complete relaxation.
Management	Privately owned; the only property in the area managed daily by one of the owners.
Activities	A host of activities are available for older or younger guests offering the perfect mix of idyllic relaxation and adventure on or off the property. All activities around the Victoria Falls and general Livingstone area, as well as in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and Chobe, Botswana are easily accessible to The River Club guests.
Guests	An idyllic destination for couples, honeymooners, families and friends.
Optional - Kosher	Two Dedicated Kosher Kitchen options, both set up to follow the rules of Kashrut. Please enquire for full details.
Events	Conference facilities are available for up to 16 guests and intimate occasions such as weddings or special birthdays are available to welcome up to 26 guests. Please enquire for all options.
Experience	The River Club fully integrates all aspects of tourism in the area – natural, indigenous, cultural and historic.
3 Rate Options	Bed & Breakfast, Fully Inclusive and Africa Residents Full Board (nationality / resident status requisite to qualify for AR).

ACCESSABILITY – open year-round

Distance	The River Club is situated 18 kilometres / 11 miles upstream from the town of Livingstone, Zambia and Victoria Falls.
By Air	Daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg and Nelspruit (Kruger Mpumalanga Internal Airport - MQP) to Livingstone (Harry Mwanga Nkumbula Airport – LVI). Kenya Airways offers flights linking Livingstone to Cape Town and Nairobi three times a week. Air routes are also available into Victoria Falls Airport and Kasane Airport with cross-border transfers are easily arranged. The River Club has a private helicopter pad on site; helicopter airport transfers are available. Enquire further.
By Road Transfer	From Livingstone Airport or Victoria Falls Bridge Border Post, guests can be collected by The River Club’s privately owned air-conditioned vehicles. See Page 4 for the full list of transfers available.
Self-Drive	Uncomplicated all-year direct road access. The River Club is easily reached from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, and Kasane (Chobe) in Botswana, or elsewhere in Zambia. Request directions by road.



SUITE DESCRIPTIONS



Seven River Suites

With private balconies overlooking the river, west-facing to take advantage of the spectacular African sunsets.

Beds: 2 guests sharing **one** King-bed,

Or twin single beds by request.

Two bathrooms, (one bathroom is on the bedroom level i.e. the ground floor, the other is on the lower level with a bathtub-with-a-view).

Two Luxury River Suites

West-facing with secluded decks overlooking the river featuring a private plunge pool.

Bed: 2 guests sharing **one** Queen-bed

Or single occupant (no twin option).

Split-level, the Livingstone Suite has one full en-suite bathroom on the ground floor, plus a second bathroom downstairs. There is also a sitting-room area that can accommodate one additional single bed.

One-level, the Rhodes Suite has one full bathroom and a cosy sitting room area.



One Luxury Family Suite

Minimum 2 to Maximum 5 guests

Glass-fronted and west-facing with family-size deck complete with a private plunge pool overlooking the river.

Beds: 2 guests sharing **one** Queen-bed,

2 guests in ¾ twin beds in 2 semi-private bedrooms, both with en-suite bathrooms, one of which has an outdoor balcony-shower. There is a sitting room area in between the bedroom areas.



One Luxury Family Villa

Minimum 2 to Maximum 6 guests

Double-storey facing west across the river with enclosed private garden, outside deck and small swimming pool (larger than a plunge pool).

Upstairs: 2 guests share **one** Queen bed in a sumptuous en-suite Master bedroom with river-view balcony.

Downstairs: 2 guests in twin single-beds in a private bedroom.

Spacious separate communal bathroom with dressing room, and a family living room. The living room is where 1 or 2 extra singles sleep.



Two Guide Rooms

Available for the use of tour guides or pilots.

Set back from the river, these rooms do not have river views.

Each room has **one** Queen-size bed and en-suite bathroom comprising a spacious shower, basin and WC.

Both rooms also have an overhead-bed fan, air-conditioning and a mosquito net.



FURTHER SUITE INFORMATION & AMENITIES

- All rooms are named after people who played a significant role in the history of Zambia.
- Guest rooms all face west overlooking the Zambezi River. Guide rooms are set back from the main lodge and do not have river views.
- Guest rooms have walk-in mosquito nets swathing the beds with ceiling fans overhead, a wall-mounted air conditioning / heating unit, a digital safe, a mini-fridge, tea/coffee making facility, a hairdryer, and multi-national plug adaptors.
- In the event of power outages, all guest rooms have inverter battery back-up systems to run overhead fans, key lights and plug sockets.

LODGE FACILITIES

- The main building consists of a large veranda with comfy furniture and spectacular views of the river. Inside is the inviting, homely lounge with fireplace, large dining room and a library. Adjacent are two public WC's and the lodge shop.
- **Note on dining:** this is usually al-fresco on the veranda, in the Gazebo or in various idyllic settings in the garden around the main lodge building. The main dining-room is used on cold winter mornings or during bad weather. There is no dress code, come as you are!
- Next to the main building is a croquet lawn with the Summerhouse and Snooker / TV room on the opposite side. The Snooker Room can be converted into a conference / meeting venue for up to 16 delegates.
- The Summerhouse is where the wi-fi signal emanates from, covering the main areas.
- Closer to the edge of the garden overlooking the river is a delightful gazebo. On the other side of the main building is a large infinity swimming pool with uninterrupted views over the river.
- Out in the middle of the river during times of low water is Honeymoon Island, available for lunches and wedding ceremonies.
- Beyond the Snooker room is a Treatment Room for massages and other treatments. Next to this is a modest gym and bathroom.
- In addition, on this 50-acre property, there is a running track / nature trail, tennis court and private heli-pad.

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RATE OPTIONS – enquire via reservations@theriverclubzambia.com for rates documents & booking terms

Bed & Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes : Breakfast and a Sunset Cruise (with house-brand drinks and snacks), Wi-Fi in the main areas of the lodge, laundry. Excludes : All meals except breakfast, all beverages except teas, coffees and still drinking water and the daily Tourism Levy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquire if you would like to know our lunch and dinner prices for those who choose B&B.
Fully Inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes : All meals and all house-brand drinks, Wi-Fi in the main areas of the lodge and laundry. Plus one in-house activity per night of stay including sunset cruises (choose from the list of in-house activities we will send you). Excludes : All premium brand beverages and the daily Tourism Levy.
Other Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All transfers, premium brand drinks, shop purchases, massages and other treatments, levies and all park and other entry fees. Additional services, meals and / or activities not mentioned in the inclusions for each package.
Tourism Levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Daily mandatory Tourism Levy is applicable to ALL guests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged in addition to all accommodation costs and clearly indicated on all rates documents.

CHILDREN along with their FAMILIES are WELCOME

Everyone at The River Club enjoys hosting children of all ages as we are family orientated people to the core. We thoroughly enjoy welcoming and hosting multi-generational family groups.



Children Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 16 years of age 50% of adult rates when sharing with 2 full paying adults. 3-years and below - no charge if sharing parents' bed (no infant cots available).
Child Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are children <u>younger than 6</u> in a family group, The River Club needs to be made aware of this before confirming a booking. The River Club will request information about the full make-up of the group and their proposed dates and length of stay. If The River Club accepts younger-than-6 children, the family needs to know and accept The River Club's Child Policy which will be sent before the reservation is verified.
Kids Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KIDS @ THE CLUB is a complimentary guided walk around the property especially for children; a courtesy 'adventure bag' containing interesting goodies is given to each child to keep. Please make arrangements with management on-site. Several in-house activities are suitable for families with children. Certain external activities are suitable for children. External operator minimum ages always need to be taken into account.
Family Suites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Princess Mary suite is a private double-storey villa suitable for 4 to 6 guests. The Luxury Family Suite has two semi-private bedrooms suitable for a maximum of 5. See page 2 for full suite descriptions.

CUISINE for ALL TASTES and REQUIREMENTS

Special Dietaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Club kitchen is comfortable with catering for all special dietary needs. In order to ensure the lodge is fully prepared for you, please let us know dietary requirements in advance of your stay.
Kosher	<p style="text-align: center;">The River Club has TWO separate kitchens dedicated to kosher catering</p> <p>All kosher catering, kosher food storage, cutlery, crockery, utensils, appliances etc are entirely separate from the main lodge kitchen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kosher Kitchen 1 is aimed at smaller groups of 1 up to 10 (maximum). It's ideal for single travellers or families who are happy to have the option to enjoy kosher food without incurring the extra expense of hiring a Mashgiach (who comes at considerable extra cost). Kitchen 1 is run by lodge kitchen staff trained in kosher catering. They are not Jewish themselves but take the art of kosher catering seriously. Kitchen 1 requires only the daily kosher surcharge which will be added to accommodation rates. Kosher Kitchen 2 is only unlocked and used when there is a Mashgiach present. It is aimed at larger groups who can afford to share the cost of Mashgiach hire (and depending on requirements, a kosher chef as well), accommodation, travel and transfer expenses. Kitchen 2 requires a minimum 3-night stay. Note: in addition to the daily kosher catering surcharge, there are kitchen hire fees as well (charged by the Johannesburg Beth Din). Enquire further for full kosher information and extra costs.
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children can order from the menu or they may request kid-friendly food. Please allow sufficient notice before each meal.

THINGS to DO and SEE

Lodge Facilities	Expansive grounds and gardens to chill at the swimming pool, play croquet or Boules on the lawn, or board games such as chess and backgammon (and others) in the library. Make use of the tennis court, the gym and/or the nature / running trail; the Summerhouse, snooker room, or just relaxing in a hammock, all are on-site for every guest to enjoy.
In-house Activities	Sunset Cruises, Zambia-side Victoria Falls, tour of the local village, game drive in the local Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, seasonal fishing, tour of Livingstone Town, visits to Livingstone Museum and / or the Railway / Jewish Museum, the Livingstone Crocodile (Reptile) Park – hugely enjoyed by most children, and Livingstone town markets. Note: where applicable, park and entry fees are excluded. On-site massages, manicures, pedicures, facials and other treatments available at extra cost (book via management).
External Activities	<p>The River Club is a well-known, long-standing booking agent for ALL activity operators in the area and we are expert at putting holistic activity itineraries together taking logistics and operator timings into account, while minimising unnecessary transfers. Please request our full list of all activities with rates, and contemplate your fun. Pre-planning is a good idea!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AT THE FALLS : Helicopters, Micro-lights, Livingstone Island (Devils or Angels Pool - both seasonal according to river levels) ANIMALS : Ele-Café scenic boat ride, elephant interaction & unique-in-the-world meals, Game-Rhino Walks, Horse Trails UPPER RIVER : Canoeing, Pro-Fishing LOW WATER : White Water Rafting, Under-the-Spray, Walk on the Wild side (not for the feint-hearted or unfit) ADRENALINE : Gorge Swing, Bungi Jump, Zip-Line RAILWAY BRIDGE : Historic Bridge Tours, Dinner on the Royal Livingstone Express Train CROSS-BORDER : Activities in the Victoria Falls area in Zimbabwe, Chobe Day Trips near Kasane in Botswana (visa implications)

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HANDY INFORMATION – please ask us if you have further questions or need clarity on any matter

Visas for visitors to Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most nationals require visas to enter Zambia. Most SADC countries do not, but some do (please check). Note: It is best to carry sufficient US Dollars in CASH as credit card facilities at Immigration points cannot be relied upon. For those nationals who qualify, although it's easy to purchase visas on entry (and thereby keep options open), visitors to Zambia are also able to apply electronically. Single Entry, Double Entry and Multiple Entry visas are available. For those who wish to cross-border during their stay in the Livingstone area, a Double or Multiple Entry visa is required. Note: The special KAZA Uni-visa, available to 40 qualifying nationalities, is ideal (and cost-saving) for those who wish to cross-border to visit Zimbabwe and/or Botswana during their stay, or if their next destination is Zimbabwe. Please ask The River Club Reservations for more information. For nationals requiring visas in advance, please be aware Zambia Immigration takes up to 30-working-days to approve visas. Note: The River Club highly recommends using an in-country Immigration / Visa specialist (at own cost) to assist nationals who require visas in advance. Please feel free to request contact information. The River Club accepts no responsibility for nationals needing advance visas who fail to obtain them in time or if visas are refused for whatever reason. Note: standard The River Club cancellation policies will still apply. **The onus is on all visitors to Zambia to ensure they are fully aware of all visa implications well before starting their journey.
Credit Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Master or Visa cards can be accepted. This is the case with most vendors throughout Zambia. American Express and Diners Club are not accepted at The River Club.
Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US Dollar is the best currency for visitors to bring. Unless self-driving, it is usually unnecessary for guests to purchase the local currency. Check the dates: USD notes minted before 2007 will not be accepted in Zambia or the region in general.
Climate on the Zambezi	<p>Summer : The warmest months are September, October and November with October being the hottest.</p> <p>Winter : Revel in the warm, sunny days in June and July. Evenings, nights and early mornings are chilly. Bring a fleece!</p> <p>Wet Season : Mid to late November to March / April. The River rises steadily from December onwards, peaking in April / May.</p>
Malaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Club is in a low-risk malaria area due to the fact the lodge is not situated in a high-density population area. It is up to the individual as to whether prophylaxes are used or not. All The River Club rooms are provided with mosquito repellent spray. Guests may bring their own as well if they wish. All guest beds are swathed in walk-in mosquito nets making it safe to sleep at night without fear of being bitten.
Yellow Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination is not required. However, a Yellow Fever document is required if arriving from a Yellow Fever country.
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zambia is a low-risk COVID country. However, as with most places in the world, a SARS CoV2 PCR NEGATIVE certificate dated 7-days or less prior to arrival is required for presentation at point of entry to Zambia. Please ask for updates before travel. If required for onward travel or other reasons, COVID PCR testing is available in Livingstone at own cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodge management will facilitate an appointment and all required logistics. All visitors are expected to observe protocols. The River Club is an ideal venue for groups to social-distance from each other.
Electricity at the lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rooms have 220 volt electricity with multinational adaptors available on request. Most plug points are 3-pin square (like the UK). A few are 3-pin round (as in South Africa). In the event of power outages, all guest rooms have inverter (battery) back-up systems that will run the over-bed fan, key lights and certain plug points.

TRANSFERS – ADVANCE RESERVATION is REQUIRED

The River Club is located on the Zambezi River outside Livingstone, 18km / 11 miles upstream of the Victoria Falls. When arriving or departing via Livingstone Airport or the Zambia Border with Zimbabwe, guests are transferred in one of our privately owned, air-conditioned vehicles. Cross-border pick-ups are booked by The River Club with 3rd party specialists in cross-border transfers.

- On first arrival, when conditions permit, guests can be transferred a few kilometres past the lodge to a point upstream, from where the lodge boat will collect them, followed by a 10-minute scenic boat ride to The River Club's jetty.
Note: *Co-ordination with the driver and the lodge via our radio system is required in order for the scenic boat ride to be successful.*
- Please note:** a boat-arrival may be unsuitable for guests who are unable to negotiate the staircase from the jetty up to the lodge grounds.
- Please let us know in advance if a guest has mobility concerns so that provisions can be made and problems avoided on the day.

ROAD TRANSFERS booked by THE RIVER CLUB (routes apply in both directions) – RATES on REQUEST

Livingstone Airport (≤ 30 mins) OR Livingstone Town (≤ 25-minutes) OR Zambia Immigration at Victoria Falls Border post (≤ 40-minutes)
Livingstone Airport by Helicopter direct or with a scenic flip over Victoria Falls (≤ 35 mins) / with a swoop through Batoka Gorge (≤ 40 mins)
Cross-border Zambia-Zimbabwe; Victoria Falls Airport – includes inter-border Victoria Falls Railway Bridge traverse (≤ 1 ½ to 2-hours)
Cross-border Zambia-Zimbabwe; Victoria Falls Hotels or Rovos Rail Siding – includes inter-border Railway Bridge traverse (≤ 1 to 1 ½-hours)
Inter-border Zambia-Zimbabwe Immigrations; ONLY traverse Victoria Falls Railway Bridge (≤ 10 minutes)
Cross-border Zambia-Botswana via Kazungula; Kasane Airport or Kasane Town or Kasane Immigration on the Chobe River (≤ 1 ½ to 2-hours)
Cross-border Zambia-Botswana via Kazungula; Chobe Game Lodge into Chobe National Park (≤ 2 to 3-hours)
Cross-country Lusaka International Airport to The River Club (≤ 6 to 7 hours')

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