

An Island Safari!



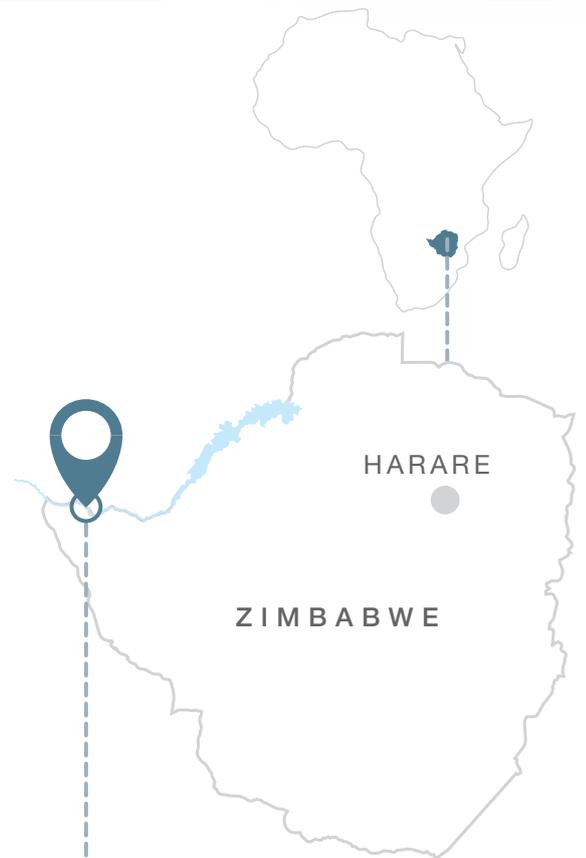
CHUNDU *Island*
VICTORIA FALLS ZIMBABWE



Chundu Island is located 21km upstream from Victoria Falls in the Zambezi National Park and is without a doubt one of the most picturesque river islands on the Zambezi River. This tear drop shaped island is approximately 1.4km long and at its widest point approximately 0.4km.

As water levels of the Zambezi River drop in the dry season, a beautiful white soft sandy beach on the western side (upstream end) is exposed. Chundu Island sets the tone for a tranquil and relaxed island safari in the heart of the Zambezi National Park.

The Zambezi National Park combined with the Victoria Falls National Park, comprises a UNESCO world heritage site and is a sought after destination in its own right. With 4 of the 'Big 5', as well as the rare wild dog or painted wolf and a wide variety of game including giraffe, zebra, sable antelope, bushbuck and kudu, it is a natural attraction. This picturesque park, split by the road to Kazangula (Botswana) into riverine vegetation and the Chamabonda Vlei, comprises largely of mopani woodland and huge riverine trees, boasting some of the most magnificent sweeping vistas of the ever changing Zambezi River. The 4th largest watercourse in Africa – the Zambezi River flows through 6 countries, providing the lifeblood of the park, and sustenance to its wildlife.



LOCATION:
Victoria Falls
& Zambezi National Park

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The different landscapes in the park make it an arborialist's and bird lover's paradise, and for the fisherman, the Zambezi River holds both charm and challenge.



WHAT SETS US APART...

- Location, world heritage site, with access to the Falls but away from the hustle and bustle of town
- Sundowners and canoeing on the Zambezi, game drives, safari walks, island walks. A wide variety of both water and land-based activities
- Exclusive use of the island (no day visitors) and a tranquil island safari
- White sandy beach in the dry months
- Wilderness and wildlife
- Magnificent variety of trees, including huge riverine trees
- Cocktails overlooking stunning views and sunsets
- Dramatic birdlife, including a number of rare species
- Children's programme (Kidz Zone)
- Inclusive rates and value for money

AT A GLANCE...

- 8 River Suites
 - 6 (Twin/Super King) River Suites
 - 2 Family Suites (Super King/Twin and 2 ¾ beds)
- Private decks
- Swimming pool
- AI-fresco and indoor dining
- Private concession with exclusive use of the island and the ability to traverse in the Zambezi National Park
- Activities include: Sundowner cruises, Canoeing, Game drives, Safari Walks, Island walks, Fun fishing, In-room massages and Visits to the Falls

CHUNDU ISLAND

Seychelles meets Zambezi!

Accessible only by boat, Chundu Island offers water-based activities on the river, easy access to the mainland for game drives and safari walks, and the opportunity to visit Victoria Falls.

The spectacular Victoria Falls, one of our planet's seven natural wonders, at its fullest launches a cascade of drenching "mist" up to 400 metres into the sky. The mist arises when approximately 550 million litres of water a minute from the Zambezi River thunders over a colossal cliff face, into the 100 metre deep gorge below. This mist cloud can sometimes be seen from up to 40 kms away.

The Victoria Falls is only one of Zimbabwe's attractions, along with a great variety of safari destinations, an abundance of wildlife and the mighty Zambezi River itself. The Zambezi River is home to a small number of exclusive islands with a proliferation of magnificent riverine trees which shelter a diversity of vibrant, and scarce, bird species. We are privileged to be allowed to live, work and play in this unique environment, and do so with utmost respect.

The heart of Chundu Island lies in its expansive reception, lounge, bar, inter-leading swimming pool deck and indoor/outdoor dining area. All with magnificent views and idyllic sunsets, guests are spoilt for choice. Ilala palm style roofs, wooden decking, double skin canvas walls and a contemporary crisp and clean style, makes it fresh and inviting.

With only 8 spacious and secluded river suites overlooking the water Chundu island offers exclusivity and privacy. Six River Suites and 2 Family Suites are beautifully furnished, each has comfortable Super King or Twin beds, an en-suite bathroom and free-standing bath, outside shower, walk in closet, private deck and outside day beds.

Huge Natal Mahogany, Acacia Albida and Water Berry trees provide welcome cool shade in the summer months. The island is also home to two Baobabs and a number of towering Ilala Palms.

Resident bushbuck and monkeys are often seen on the island, elephant and hippo visit regularly to feast on this green oasis. Chundu Island and Zambezi National Park is a bird lover's paradise with more than 400 species of birds recorded, including rarities like the African Finfoot, White backed Night Heron and even Pel's Fishing-owl.

The island is home to the Schalow's Turaco - adopted as our logo, seen only in the southern sections of central Africa. Similar in look and habit to



the Livingstone's Turaco (though never sharing a range), this bright green bird has the longest crest of all the Turacos. It occurs from western Angola and southern DRC to Tanzania, Zambia, the Caprivi Strip (Namibia) and northern Botswana. It is spotted fairly regularly on the Island as well as in the park.

ACTIVITIES

There is so much to do at Chundu, making the most of the mighty Zambezi River, the stunning island setting and of course the Zambezi National Park. Our activities board is located at reception for bookings.

Please note: All activities are weather dependent.

Included in our daily rate is a choice of two of the following activities:

Safari drives (maximum 8 people)

We offer both early morning and late evening safari drives. These are conducted in the Zambezi National Park in specially adapted open Land Cruisers, by qualified and experienced guides.

The drives take anything from 2 – 2 ½ hours, including a stop for morning coffee or an evening sundowner. In the interests of conservation we do not practice off road driving.

Safari Walks (maximum 6 people)

Discover the thrill of walking through the Zambezi National Park either in the early morning or late afternoon with an armed guide. Explore the fascination of nature, while keeping an eye out for some of the bigger animals that populate this area, including elephant, warthog, various antelope, buffalo, lion and even the elusive leopard.

Canoeing (maximum 8 people)

Paddle down the mighty Zambezi for a couple of hours under the watchful eye of your qualified river guide. Comfortable and steady inflatable canoes seat two, making it a wonderful activity for a couple to share. Look out for elephants drinking from the shore, and of course hippos and crocodiles. This experience transforms from serene to exciting and back again in no time at all.

Island walks

Wander the island pathways on your own or with a guide, and discover our incredible birdlife, monkeys and bushbuck family. Relax with a book or just enjoy the solitude at various points along the island.

Sundowner Cruise

A visit to Chundu Island is not complete without a cruise on the mighty Zambezi. Watch the wildlife on the banks of the river and sometimes in the river, as the sun sets in its myriad of hues on the Zambezi, while sipping a Gin & Tonic or drink of your choice.

Fun fishing

Fish from the island or putter upstream on our fishing boat, trying your hand at hooking the ferocious Nembwe Bream or Tigerfish – we supply rods and tackle. While our chefs will be delighted to prepare a fish you've caught for you to eat, all fish that are not going to be eaten must be returned to the water. We are proud supporters of catch and release fishing. For serious fishermen, please enquire about fishing charters which we will be happy to book for you at an extra charge.

Visiting the falls

The Falls are about 1 hour 10 minutes from Chundu Island in the dry season. If there has been excessive rainfall the transfer may take up to 2 hours. Should the roads be impassable, we will then take you on a

scenic transfer by boat and vehicle. During one of the days of your stay you may elect to drive through the park after breakfast to visit the Falls and return in time for a late afternoon activity or evening activity. For complimentary transfers to and from the Victoria Falls Rainforest, there are set pick up and drop off times. Chundu Island staff will be happy to arrange for a guide to meet you at the Rainforest should you prefer a guided tour. Entrance Fees to the Victoria Falls National Park and the cost of the Victoria Falls guide are excluded from the daily rate.

Should you prefer, boat transfers can be arranged at an additional cost. Boat transfers will take approximately 30 - 40 minutes.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAS

In-room massages

Indulge in a massage in the privacy of your room, or on your deck overlooking the river and Zambezi National Park. Choose from a selection of relaxing or invigorating massages available on our menu. In-room massages are available at an extra cost and pre-booking is required.

Guided Fishing Trips

Explore the Zambezi with your fishing tackle and a professional guide. Hook a tiger fish or one of the many bream species in the river and capture the experience on camera before releasing your catch back into the water. Pre-book your Guided Fishing Trip at Reception while at Chundu Island or when making your reservation. Boat transfers can be arranged from Chundu Island.

ROOM AMENITIES & FACILITIES

- Umbrellas
- Emergency airhorns
- Kikoys
- Rubber Sandals (Flip Flops)



- Adaptors, including international plug points and USB ports
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion & shower caps
- Laundry service: basic wash, dry and fold (soap suds are provided in the room for washing of smalls)
- Tea, coffee and hot chocolate tray, with flasks of boiling water delivered 3 times a day
- Electronic safe for valuables

DINING

A cold buffet breakfast and hot breakfast is available from 07h30 to 09h00.

A buffet-style lunch served is from 12h00 to 14h00.

Traditional teas and biscuits are available in the lounge all day, with an extra something sweet from the kitchen at 16h00.

Dinner is served from 19h30 in Winter, and 20h00 in Summer, with last orders taken at 21h00.

Early meals are arranged at 18h30 for children under the age of 12.

Individual tables are set per room, family, or group as required, either in the dining room or on the dining deck. Guests travelling on their own who would prefer some company at meal times may request the company of the guide or host on duty. Picnic lunches can be arranged (at no additional cost) for fishermen wanting to go out all day, for those who may wish to visit the Victoria Falls.

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

An Island honeymoon can be as busy as you would like, or as relaxing as you need

it to be. We are here to help you celebrate your honeymoon or special occasion, ensuring that at your stay at Chundu Island incredible memories are made. Please talk to our staff about an option that best suits you.

DRINKS POLICY

We have a well-stocked bar and strive to keep our prices reasonable. For this reason, we ask that you not bring your own drinks onto the premises. If your drink of choice is not available at the bar and you have brought your own then please discuss this with the management who will arrange to keep your drinks chilled for you. A small corkage fee is charged.

Drinks included in the rate are: soft drinks, local beers, house wines and local spirits. Filtered water is freely available, but in the interests of conservation we do not stock plastic bottles of water. Premium brand spirits, estate wines and liqueurs will be charged to your room account to be settled on your day of departure.

SMOKING POLICY

In line with the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, smoking in a public place in Zimbabwe is an offence. This includes your room, the bar, the inside dining room and lounge area. Smoking is permitted in open areas e.g. the deck in front of the bar. Please be considerate of non-smokers in these open areas.

SOLAR POWER

Powered by a state of the art solar system, our lodge is run entirely on Solar Power which provides 24 hour power with a minimum carbon footprint. We do not run air conditioning systems or electronics that require high voltage such as hair

straighteners. We do however have 3 low voltage hair dryers available for use at Reception. There are 3 fans in every suite and charging points for smaller electronics such as cellphones, laptops, cameras and tablets.

Each suite has its own 180 litre solar powered geyser, and in case of long periods of overcast weather, these can be charged by mobile generator to ensure the supply of hot water.

CLIMATE

You can expect to experience:

- Mild, dry weather in April, with balmy evenings
- Mild, dry weather from May to August, with cold evenings
- Hot, humid weather from September to October
- Warm, humid weather with afternoon thunder showers from November to March
- Rain can sometimes set in for a couple of days, but this is unusual
- Our seasonal white sand beach is visible and accessible at the tip of Chundu Island from July / August to December / January
- The visibility of the seasonal beach is dependent on the rainfall both at the lodge and particularly upstream in the Barotse floodplain area as far afield as Angola.

CHILDREN

Age Restrictions: We regret no children under the age of 6 years. Children 5 and under on special request. The maximum number of children under the age of 12 on the island at any one time is 6 children, with the exception of exclusive use of the lodge.

We have two Family Suites situated on the north-western riverbank of the island. These



suites are configured with either a Super King or Twin Beds and have a separate second bedroom with two beds for the children. There is one bathroom per suite.

Should both family units be occupied and provided that the maximum number of children under the age of 12 accommodated on the island is no more than 6 children, a third 'rollaway bed' can be accommodated in the River Suites for a child under the age of 16.

Child Minding Services can be provided at an additional cost, but must be pre-booked 24 hours in advance. Morning child minders work from 06h30 to 14h00, and evening child minders are available from 14h00 until 22h00. Earlier meal times can be arranged accordingly at the lodge.

Activities

The Kidz Zone has a unique daily activity programme which will be displayed on the activities board in the Main Reception area. Activities of this nature include: Treasure Island Hunt, Sand Castle Building, Fun Fishing from the Jetty, Mini Raft Races, Pizza Making and 'Bush & Island Tales'.

Children may participate in the other activities on offer provided they meet the minimum age requirement: Game drives, Sundowner & River Cruises, Fun-Fishing, Island Walks (minimum 6 years old), Canoeing (minimum 10 years old, children between the ages of 10 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent) & Safari Walks (minimum 12 years old, children between the ages of 12 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent).

ACCESS

Scheduled flights from Johannesburg, Nelspruit (near Kruger National Park), Cape Town, Kasane, Windhoek and Nairobi fly into Victoria Falls and/or Livingstone. From

either airport we can arrange a transfer by road to the Zambezi National Park gate or nearby Zambezi House (a great spot for quick bite or thirst quencher). From here we will transfer you through the park (usually 1 hour 10 minutes, elephant permitting) to the edge of the river for a 5 minute boat transfer to the island.

Alternatively, we can arrange a boat transfer from A'Zambezi's jetty (next to Zambezi House) directly to the island. (30 - 40 minutes).

PAYING FOR THINGS IN ZIMBABWE

While Zimbabwe has undergone some very positive changes recently, it will take the economy a while to catch up. There is a shortage of cash (dollars) in Zimbabwe, and the bank ATM's are not always able to provide for your needs. It is therefore advisable to bring dollars with you. Debit and credit card facilities are also quite temperamental and prices vary depending on the method of payment, with cash getting you the best rate.

HEALTH

Chundu Island is situated in a malaria area. One of the best ways to avoid contracting malaria is not to be bitten, so use the insect repellents provided by the lodge, generously and often. Long sleeves and light colours are recommended for evening wear. We recommend anti-malarial prophylactics be taken, as recommended by your General Practitioner or Personal Physician.

VISAS

Different visa requirements and applications apply to different countries, and these change from time to time. Guests are advised to check with their embassy at the time of booking. Some visas can be

purchased at the border and others need to be applied for and issued prior to travel – these visas should be applied for at least one month prior to travel. For more information on visa requirements please go to: <https://www.evisa.gov.zw>

INDEMNITIES

As with all establishments, guests will be requested to sign an indemnity form on arrival at Chundu Island.

GRATUITIES

While gratuities for exceptional service are very gratefully received by our staff we would like to stress that they are at your sole discretion. We prefer not to make a recommendation, because we feel that this places pressure on the guest to pay a specific gratuity. However, if it is of help to you, the average tips received are approximately \$10 per room per night for the guides, which we allocate according to which activities you have partaken in, with which guide, and then the same again for the general staff.

You are welcome to tip guides individually if you so wish or to leave any gratuities with the receptionist, but we recommend that tips for the general staff are put into a kitty at the reception on checkout as there are some unseen staff members who otherwise would not receive a share in the gratuities. Gratuities from the general kitty are shared equally amongst all staff except the guides.





QUICK REFERENCE

NUMBER OF ROOMS	6 Riverview Suites, 2 Riverview Family Suites		
CONFIGURATION	Twins / Super Kings		
MAXIMUM GUESTS	20 (16 Adults, 4 Children – Max 2 triples)	ACTIVITIES	Included: 2 activities per day Game Drives (max 8 pax) Walking Safaris (max 6 pax) Fun Fishing River Cruises (max 8 pax) Canoeing (max 8 pax) Visit to the famous and majestic Victoria Falls (excluding park fees) Excluded: In-Room Spa Treatments Please note: All activities are weather dependent. See Childrens Activities on page 5 for minimum age requirements.
CHILDREN <i>No children under the age of 6 unless the whole camp is booked</i>	The two family rooms each have a 2 nd bedroom with 2 beds for 2 children up to the age of 18. A 3 rd roll away bed can be accommodated in the family rooms for a child under the age of 16, provided that the maximum number of children under the age of 12, accommodated on the island at any one time is 6.	WEATHER	May-Aug temperature ranges from 5°C-29°C, dry season Sept-Dec temperature ranges from 13°C-35°C, rain showers start around mid-October Jan-Apr temperature ranges from 14°C-30°C, rainy season
STANDARD TRIPLES	If family units are occupied, one additional roll away bed can be accommodated in a standard room for children under the age of 16. Maximum number of children under the age of 12 on the island at any one time remains 6.	SEASON HIGHLIGHTS	March-May – River's flow at highest May-Oct – Virtually no rain, vegetation less dense, game easier to spot Nov-March – Best birding season, many animals give birth at this time, trees and shrubs are flowering. Although rainfall can sometimes be continuous, it is usually in the form of short sharp afternoon showers.
INTERNET ACCESS	Yes – limited	GPS COORDINATES	S 17 48' 51.61" E 25 40' 25.56"
CELL PHONE COVERAGE	Yes – requires international roaming	ACCESS BY ROAD	4 x 4 essential
AIR CONDITIONING	No	ACCESS BY AIR	Daily flights ex Johannesburg with SAA, BA and Airlink to Victoria Falls or Livingstone Airports, Nelspruit, Nairobi and Cape Town flights fly into Victoria Falls & Livingstone. Flights are followed by a road transfer to the lodge
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes	NEAREST AIRPORT	Victoria Falls Airport – Zimbabwe
SWIMMING POOL	Yes	ALTERNATIVE AIRPORT	Livingstone Airport – Zambia
ELECTRICITY	220v / Solar	TOTAL TRAVELLING TIMES	Johannesburg to Chundu via Vic Falls airport – ± 4 hours Johannesburg to Chundu via Livingstone airport – ± 4 hours Nelspruit to Chundu via Livingstone airport – ± 4 hours Windhoek to Chundu via Vic Falls airport – ± 4 hours Kasane to Chundu by road – ±1½ hrs
SOLAR POWER	Yes	WHAT TO PACK	Year round – Hats, scarves, warm jacket/windbreaker, long pants recommended and sturdy walking shoes for walking safaris Summer – Comfortable, casual, cool clothing, swimwear, hats & sandals Winter – Warm sleepwear, warm layers for game drives and cruises Other – Sunscreen, binoculars, cameras, spare batteries, lip cream, contact lens solution, spare glasses, reference books
HAIR APPLIANCES	Low voltage hairdryers available at reception	CONTACT	Reservations T +27 (0) 11 467 1886 E info@seoloafrica.com
BATH	Yes		
SHOWER	Outdoor		
MOSQUITO NETS	Yes		
SAFE	Yes		
TELEPHONES	No		
LAUNDRY SERVICE	Yes, complimentary, basic wash & dry		
SMOKING POLICY	No smoking permitted indoors		
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No		
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	10-20 metres		
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	13h00 & 11h00		
CREDIT CARDS	TBA		
MALARIA	Yes		

COMBINE ICONIC DESTINATIONS VICTORIA FALLS & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

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ON YOUR DOORSTEP...

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5 Nights: 3 nights Chundu Island & 2 nights Rhino Post Safari Lodge

6 Nights: 3 nights Chundu Island, 1 night Rhino Post Safari Lodge & 2 nights Plains Camp

7 Nights: 2 nights Plains Camp, 2 nights Rhino Post Safari Lodge & 3 nights Chundu Island

7 Nights: 2 nights Plains Camp, 1 night Rhino Post Safari Lodge, 1 night Masuwe Lodge & 3 nights Chundu Island

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