

CHONGWE SUITES

On the confluence of the mighty Zambezi and Chongwe Rivers, is a place where the African wilderness meets old-fashioned hospitality in a fusion of natural beauty and luxury accommodation...Chongwe River Camp. The Cassia or Albida suites are self contained, each with softly curved walls, spacious octagonal tents, lounge, bar and private plunge pools. Dedicated butlers attend to your every wish.

NEED TO KNOW

Cassia (1 bedroom) & Albida Suites (2 bedrooms)

Open April – 15 November

15 mins from Royal Airstrip

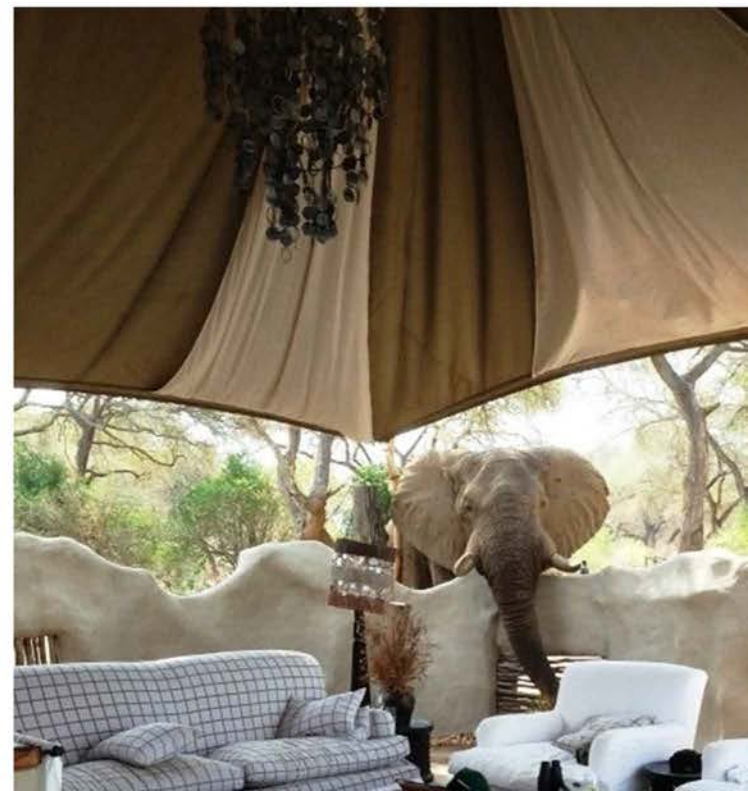
Ideal for honeymooners or friends and families travelling together



CHONGWE
Safaris

A Time + Tide Experience

Zambia



WALKING SAFARIS

Back in the 1950's Norman Carr pioneered walking safaris in Zambia. Norman liked to say "to view the bush from a vehicle is simply to be an observer, but to get out on foot was to become a part of your surroundings." It is only on a walking safari where all your senses are heightened and you can see, hear, smell and feel the bush. You begin to understand the interconnectedness of the flora and the fauna, how each small part plays an important role in the greater ecosystem. Small mysteries of the bush are unlocked and explored; tracks are investigated. While walks are more focused on the little things in the bush, tracking big game on foot is not uncommon and always thrilling.

CANOEING

One of the most leisurely ways to experience the sights and sounds of the Lower Zambezi valley is on a canoe safari. Canoeing offers you a completely different view as you glide gently along either the Zambezi and its beautiful channels or the Chongwe River, allowing you to fully appreciate the magical beauty of this area.

It truly is a special experience for the nature lover using only the safest of routes. Previous canoeing experience isn't necessary, and lifejackets are provided. All you need to do is sit back, relax and watch Africa slip by!

CULTURAL VISITS

The Chiawa Cultural Village was born of a partnership between the Goba people of Chiawa, conservation organizations and the lodge operators in the Lower Zambezi.

Guests will embark on a guided tour where they will learn about the lives of the Goba people, their traditions, trades, tools, crafts and arts, including song and dance. Joining in is optional but always welcome! Guests can also go on to visit the real village and local schools where many of the Chongwe staff grew up and still reside

GAME DRIVES

Driving safaris are all conducted in open 4X4 vehicles (Land Cruiser or Land Rover) with either two or three 'rows' of seats. We generally have 4, with no more than 6, people on a vehicle ensuring everyone has a 'window' seat. These drives allow one to cover more ground and see a greater volume of game in a 3-4 hour safari.

Night drives are generally an extension of your afternoon game drive or walking safari. As the sun begins to set we stop to watch the day come to a close and as dusk falls set off to explore as the nocturnal animals start to emerge.

FISHING

Chongwe is tiger country! The Lower Zambezi is home to the tiger fish, nicknamed the "water dog," whose sharp teeth are matched only by its fighting spirit and reputation as one of the world's top game fish.

Head out onto the river in search of this formidable combatant, operating a strict catch-and-release policy in order to preserve stocks of this incredible fish. Or try your hand at bream fishing on the Chongwe River itself, where a limited catch can be brought back to camp and served up with a delicious lemon butter sauce!

BOAT CRUISES

A river safari which offers both morning and afternoon opportunities to view game from the comfort of a luxury boat.

Sit back and relax as your guide leisurely navigates the mighty Zambezi or the Luangwa River. Boating safaris take you eye to eye with hippos and crocs. Cruise the river looking at game, birds and enjoy some of the most spectacular sunsets you are ever likely to see. All without the bumps and dust of game drives.

TIME TIDE

A TYPICAL DAY AT A TIME + TIDE CAMP

Time	Activity
5:30 am	Wake up call
5:45 am	Continental breakfast (+ a hot option around the camp fire.)
6:15 am	Morning drive or walk. This includes tea/coffee/cake which is very welcome half way through your activity.
10:00 – 10:30 am	Return to camp. Timings really do depend on the temperature and what you see - there is no set time.
11:00 am	Brunch – usually buffet style, with lots of salads!
After brunch	Relax, read, siesta, watch the animal activity at the local water hole.
3:30 pm	Afternoon tea and cake (yes – more to eat!) Then leave for the afternoon game viewing activity. We have a tradition of stopping for sundowners - a drink while watching the sunset.
After sunset	Evening drives continue with a spotlight to explore the nocturnal life.
7:30 pm	Return to camp for a drink, or shower before dinner.
8:00 – 8:30 pm	Dinner is served. Days are often concluded with a nightcap around the fire before your well earned sleep.

What Your Safari Includes + Excludes

Includes:

Accommodation, all meals, standard bar drinks, house wine, scheduled lodge activities, laundry service and road transfers to and from local Airport/Airstrip.

Excludes:

Gratuities, curios, premium drink brands and any personal purchases. National Park fees and conservation levies are charged separately and are subject to change.

A Time + Tide Experience

Zambia

ZAMBIA

Liwa Plain National Park

Lusaka

Lower Zambezi National Park

South Luangwa National Park

Mfuwe

Livingstone

CHONGWE RIVER CAMP

15° 42' 51.1''S
29° 20' 16.2''E



THE LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

The Park stretches from the Chongwe River in the west to the Luangwa River in the east and measures at just over 4000 square kilometres

A number of eco-systems exist in the Park, from montane thickets on the slopes of the escarpment to miombo woodlands, grassy floodplains and riparian forests

A steep escarpment on the northern side of the Park acts as a physical barrier to most of the Park's animal species

Rich in biodiversity, the Lower Zambezi National Park is home to all of the major species in the valley including elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard

Birdlife in the Park is outstanding, with an estimated 400 species of birds in the area



Journey Times

Mfuwe	→	Lusaka	→	Royal
		1 hr 10mins	(connection)	35 mins
Livingstone	→	Lusaka	→	Royal
		1 hr 05 mins	(connection)	35 mins
Lusaka	→			Royal
				35 mins

*Chongwe River Camp is a 15 minute game drive from Royal Airstrip

		Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max Temp Day	°C	31°	28°	28°	28°	30°	30°	40°	40°	38°
	°F	89°	82°	82°	82°	86°	86°	104°	104°	100°
Min Temp Night	°C	19°	15°	10°	10°	14°	14°	22°	22°	22°
	°F	66°	59°	50°	50°	57°	57°	72°	72°	72°
Avg Rainfall	mm							10	50	100

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