

TSIKA ISLAND BUSH CAMP

Set in the middle of the Zambezi River, Tsika Island offers guests an authentic bush camp experience with the option of a canoe safari along the Zambezi to either Kasaka River Lodge or Chongwe River Camp.

The island houses just 3 rustic chalets, each with en-suite bathrooms featuring hot and cold running water. The dining space is built to the same open design and of course no bush camp experience would be complete without the traditional camp fire and comfortable lounge chairs out front!

NEED TO KNOW

3 Chalets

Open April – 15 November

Hour boat transfer from Chongwe

Rustic island bushcamp





HALF DAY CANOE TRAIL

Tsika Island grew from the concept of offering guests a rustic bush camp experience before embarking on a half day canoe adventure downstream, and on to one of our main camps.

Departing the island after a hearty cooked breakfast, sit back and relax as your guide navigates through the beautiful channels and riverine scenery. This is a truly magical way to enjoy the sights and sounds of the mighty Zambezi as you glide gently along.

Stopping off at an island or sandbank half way, you can stretch your legs and tuck into a picnic lunch. You may be lucky enough to catch the breeding herds of elephants that often cross over from Mana Pools, island hopping to find the shallow waters.

After lunch you will continue on and reach your destination camp just after mid-day. Settle in and enjoy a siesta before meeting for afternoon tea and heading out on your afternoon activity.

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!

For our guests under 12 or those who simply prefer, a boat cruise can be arranged to transfer you from the island

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.

Tsika Island is a true partnership with the nearby village, which retains ownership of the island. Chongwe Safaris, as well as leasing the island from the Village, gives \$50 per bed night back to the community. For this reason, in addition to the other activities, we also encourage Tsika guests to visit Chiawa Cultural Village and Mugurameno Village and School during their stay to learn more about the local Goba people.

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

BOAT CRUISES & FISHING

No island stay would be complete without enjoying a leisurely morning or sunset boat cruise. 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.

Guests are also able to try their hand at a spot of fishing, either heading out in search of the formidable Tiger fish, or enjoying a spot of bream fishing from the bank

A Time + Tide Experience

Zambia

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Liwa Plain National Park

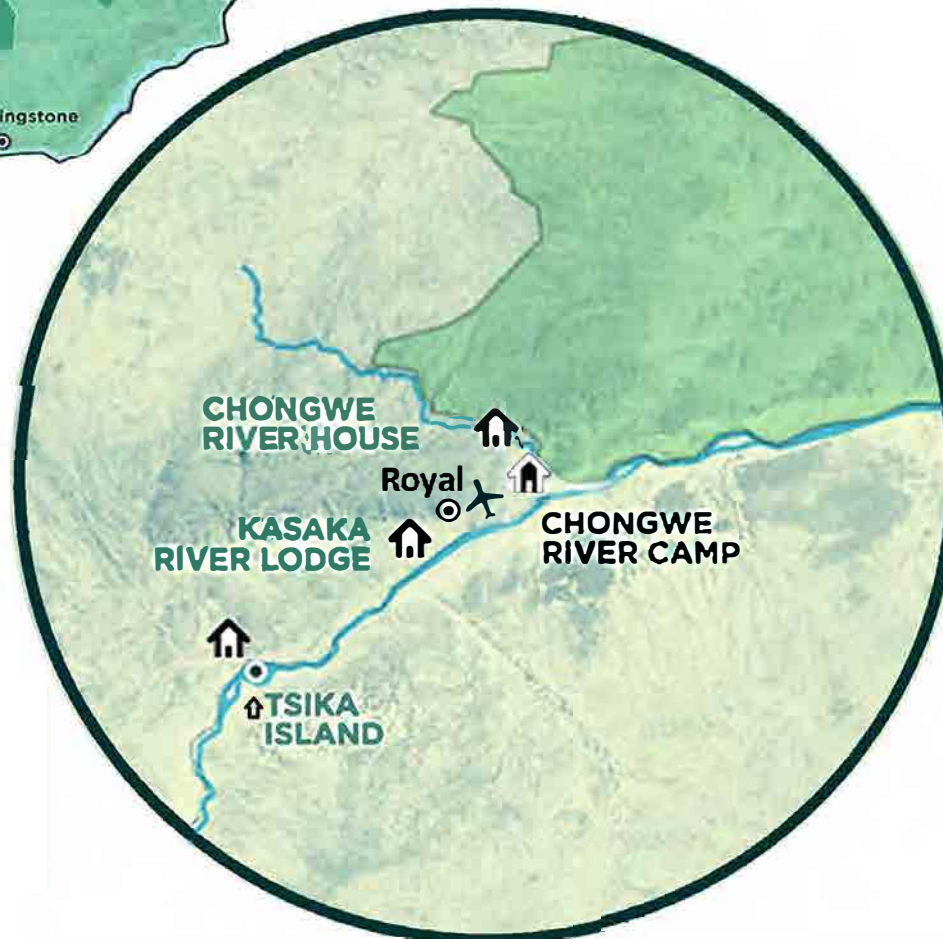
Lower Zambezi National Park

Lusaka

Livingstone

South Luangwa National Park

Mfuwe



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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