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ZAMBEZI QUEEN

Chobe River, Caprivi Strip, Botswana/ Namibia
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FACT SHEET

Location	Zambezi Queen cruises along the shores of the Chobe River and is uniquely situated only a few kilometers from a point where 4 African countries meet, namely Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is also only 80km by road from one of the great wonders of the world - the magnificent Victoria Falls. The world famous Chobe National Park, with its teeming wildlife and approximately 120 000 elephants and over 400 species of birds makes this an exceptional wildlife safari experience.
Hosts & Owners	Zambezi Queen is owned by partners Tony Stern and Brett and Jacqui McDonald. Tony's vast business experience plus an engineering background, has placed him in an ideal position to assist in the construction and design of the boat. Brett and Jacqui, who have both spent many years in the surrounding areas, have accumulated a complete understanding of Africa and what it takes to give your client that unforgettable "out of Africa" experience. They will be living at the base camp and will be responsible for both the operating of the boat and well-being of guests.
Classification	Luxury houseboat river safari
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zambezi Queen is conveniently located about 80km from both Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingstone (Zambia) and 3km from Kasane International Airport. All of the aforementioned are suitable for international travellers and operate regular scheduled flights out of Johannesburg International Airport (South Africa). - Transfers from Livingstone or Victoria Falls airports to Zambezi Queen are by road and take approximately 90 minutes depending on border crossing times. - Access to Zambezi Queen on the Namibian side is made possible by a 30 minute charter flight from Victoria Falls to Impillia Island followed by a 10 min boat ride aboard one of our tender boats. - Road transfer guests will be collected from Immigration situated on the banks of the river at Kasane in Botswana for the 10 minute boat transfer to Zambezi Queen's docking station. - There is also an air charter company that operates from an airstrip on the adjacent island that can pick up and drop off at any spot within 300km of Kasane. The benefit here is that there will be only one border clearance necessary as it is Namibian based. Contact Zambezi Queen for further information.

Visas	Due to constantly changing visa requirements, it is recommended that guests contact the appropriate embassy. Refer to the Rates sheet for guidelines.
Accommodation	10 Suites and 4 Master Suites - total of 14
Room Types	<p>10 Suites and 4 Master Suites. All Suites and Master Suites are en-suite with private balconies, king size beds (can on request be divided into twin beds), and are furnished to the highest level. Two of the four Master Suites have their own private deck with outdoor furniture and the remaining two having superb panoramic views with doors and windows on two sides. Rooms accommodate 2 guests per room. Four of the Suites (not Master Suites) have a couch which can accommodate a child under 12.</p> <p><u>Master Suites</u> On the 1st deck the two front cabins are 19.35 m² and the balconies are 11.73 m² On the 2nd deck, the two back cabins are 17.95 m² inside and the balconies are 4.5 m²</p> <p><u>Luxury Suites</u> On the 2nd deck, the two front cabins are each 19.05 m² inside, and balconies are 7.53 m² The rest of the cabins are between 15.9 to 19.66 m² inside and the balconies average 3.5 m²</p> <p><u>Bathrooms consist</u> shower, toilet, vanity with hairdryer and amenities, mirror.</p>
In-room facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - En-suite bathrooms - Private balconies overlooking the Chobe River - Full length sliding shutters for both privacy and protection from the sun - Sliding mosquito net doors - Floor mounted fan in all Suites - Private safes - No laundry facilities available - Safe available in each room (big enough to fit a lap top in)
Children's Policy	<p>Due to safety reasons as well as consideration for other passengers, Zambezi Queen accepts children of 7 years and older accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Child under 16 will receive a 20% discount on the regular rate when staying in their own suite (20% of sharing rate when sharing with an adult or another child, 20% off the single rate when alone in a room).</p> <p>Children (max 1 per Suite) under 16 sharing with 2 adults will be charged 50% of the per person rate; they will be accommodated on a sleeper couch in a standard Suite</p> <p>Children 16 years and older are considered adults and will therefore require a separate room at the applicable rate</p>
Dining area	<p>Situated on the third level with unobstructed views on three sides, guests will dine in absolute luxury whilst taking in the picturesque African surroundings. Pete Goff-Wood, self-styled food alchemist and one of South Africa's top chefs, has been commissioned to create a menu that reflects the flavours of Africa. He has extensive experience in all things pertaining to the African palate and specialises in authentic cuisine. All sous-chefs and waiters have been specially trained at his Cape Town-based training centre.</p> <p>The bar contains both local and imported spirits, wines and beers</p>
Guest Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 1st of 3 levels contains an air-conditioned reading room which includes books related to the area, DVD player with wildlife documentaries and computer facilities. - The remainder of the 1st level and the entire 2nd level contains the Suites and Master Suites - The 3rd level/entertainment deck includes the following: dining facilities, an open-plan lounge area with unobstructed views, and a well appointed bar stocked with the finest wines and spirits. - All the above areas are protected by mosquito screens which allow for a comfortable and pleasant environment for dining and relaxing. - There are two outside areas on the top deck, one aft which provides a shaded area with comfortable seating and the other on the fore deck, including a pool and sun bathing area. The pool is 7sq. m. in area and 4m by 2m in length and width. ±0.8m deep.

Activities from Boat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based game viewing on smaller boats which enables close-up viewing in an environment where the animals do not feel threatened - Tiger and bream fishing in season - Bird watching from smaller boats
Activities in Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land-based half day 4x4 game viewing in Botswana's Chobe National Park (Zambezi Queen has its own guides, all of whom are groomed by Garth Thompson, world-renowned expert in the field of guiding in Africa) - Land-based cultural tour of a local village - A light aircraft situated a 10 min drive from the base camp allows guests aerial game viewing, or to use it as a transfer shuttle to Victoria Falls or the Okavanga Delta. This is at an additional cost.
Responsible Tourism	<p>Sustainable, responsible tourism lies at the heart of this project, with one of Zambezi Queen's major concerns being the preservation of this unspoilt area. The boat has therefore been designed and built to very specific requirements.</p> <p>Zambezi Queen does not use conventional propellers but a jet propulsion system which reduces damage to the river bed and enables the boat to operate in very shallow water. At night it switches over to a low emission power system for lighting, refrigerators and other requirements. This unique system will allow guest to enjoy the sounds of the bush undisturbed by the unwanted sounds of modern technology.</p> <p>All hot water requirements are provided by solar panels which transfers the sun's heat to storage boilers.</p> <p>Taps and showers incorporate the most advanced water saving designs available and all used water is stored in holding tanks so as to prevent discharging directly into the river. All water used (with the exception of drinking water) is filtered river water. For drinking water, the boat is fitted with a state-of-the-art purification system incorporating U.V. radiation for producing clear sparkling water.</p> <p>Concern for the environment extends to the use of bio degradable cleaning products which meet the most stringent European ISO standards.</p>
Special details	<p>The Zambezi Queen will operate 2 x 2 day and 1 x 3 day cycles each week, with departures on Mondays (2 days), Wednesdays (2 days) and Fridays (3 days) each week. The 1st night is spent on the banks of the Chobe River close to where you clear customs, the 2nd night ± 20km away on the banks of the river near a cultural village; for guests opting for the 3 night itinerary, the 3rd night will also be spent on the banks of the river at another point along the river, before motoring back early on the last morning. All accommodation is onboard the Zambezi Queen.</p> <p>Health and Safety Policy: As the boat is situated in a malaria area we recommend that guests consult their medical doctor on suitable malaria prophylactics.</p>
Credit card	<p>Extras can be settled by credit card. Visa and Mastercard.</p>
Disabled facilities	<p>Due to the nature and construction of the boat, there are no disabled facilities.</p>

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