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### **Timeless elegance and style at the new Royal Zambezi Lodge, Zambia**

Opening April 2007, Royal Zambezi Lodge is located on the banks of the majestic Zambezi River, offering world class fishing and fly-fishing, unrivalled game-viewing, once-in-a-lifetime wildlife photography, magnificent sunset river cruises, professionally guided canoeing trips and one of the only spas in Zambia. Royal Zambezi Lodge is a fully refurbished 5 star luxury lodge, overlooking the vast river, allowing the ultimate in comfort and luxury in breathtaking surroundings. Our professional guides and highly trained staff are local to the area and love to share their passion for their home in the Zambezi Valley.

The accommodation is in 14 secluded and luxurious tented suites, each with a thatched canopy and spacious bathroom. The ten standard suites and four deluxe chalets are spaced out along the river bank under mature trees, with private decks for you to savour your own experience of the surrounding wilderness. All suites offer the epitome of the luxury safari experience. Bush noises lull you to sleep at night, and an unforgettable sunrise over the river greets you each morning. Impeccable furnishings have a contemporary, understated elegance, using natural tones and rich textures. Both the suites and chalets assure you of a



blissful night's rest, with extra length sprung mattresses, pure cotton linen and the finest down pillows. The deluxe chalets each have a private sala, and an outside shower, bath and revitalizing plunge pool. The perfect place for honeymoon couples, special occasion holidays, or for those who simply want to experience Zambia's finest tented safari accommodation.

The open plan reception area, lounge and dining room on the edge of the Zambezi are designed with classic architectural lines, lofty thatched roofs, and two enormous fireplaces for the cooler evenings. Furnishings are natural but sophisticated, with luxurious finishes. Crisp white tablecloths, starched napkins folded with pride into works of art each evening, an elegant lounge and library, and comfy sofas and armchairs provide a haven of easy luxury.

A wide copper-roofed veranda provides an informal space for al fresco dining or taking tea in the afternoon. Timber decks extend over the river flood plain for dining under the stars or

relaxing around the campfire. During the day, the decks overlook a shallow-water reed bed, a fascinating microecology affording close study of bird and fish life as well as elephant, hippo, buffalo and waterbuck.

Royal Zambezi Lodge is very proud to bring internationally acclaimed chef, Nick Wilton, to Zambia. His cuisine is created from the freshest ingredients and served either at the long banquet table or at private tables under the stars. Breakfast and lunch can be served in the lodge or as a picnic after a morning of game watching. For a romantic occasion, nothing beats a candlelit dinner on your own little island in the middle of the Zambezi!

In the evenings guests gather at the legendary Sausage Tree Bar, unquestionably the best watering hole on the river. Built around an ancient tree, its timber deck extends right out over the swiftly flowing channel, the perfect spot for sipping an ice cold G & T while the sun sets in a fiery spectacle. Next to the bar is a long oval infinity pool set in a stunning natural timber deck, the perfect place for cooling off with a tall cocktail or sun tanning next to the river after a morning game drive.

One of the only wellness centres in Zambia; Royal's spa facilities include two treatment rooms, an aroma filled steam room, jacuzzi and a refreshing swimming pool. You are assured the utmost in professional care, provided in the most sublime environment. The therapeutic sessions offer an ideal retreat for those wanting to escape their busy lives and embrace their surroundings, while the sights and sounds of the wild lull you into a state of complete relaxation and peace to revitalize your mind, body and soul.

Fishing enthusiasts are spoilt for choice, and when you join one of our resident experts on a fishing excursion you will understand why Royal Zambezi Lodge has a well earned international reputation for tiger fishing. If you are new to fishing or fly-fishing, our experienced guides love nothing more than to get novices hooked on these exciting sports. Another way to experience the Zambezi is to drift silently down the river in a canoe, exploring the hyacinth studded channels and getting up close to elephant, buffalo, hippo and birds.

The Royal Zambezi Lodge is a remarkable destination for a truly African Safari experience – one you are assured not to forget.

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