

TIGERFISHING SIOMA, ZAMBIA

Barotseland has a reputation for producing the largest tigerfish that the Zambezi River has to offer, with record tigerfish of 20lb+ been caught. Here, at Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge, the Zambezi River is untouched by civilization and crisscrossed only by mokoro (dugout canoe), hippo and crocodile. The stretch of river is protected by the Kaale Rapids upstream and the Ngombe Rapids downstream, making this one of the most exclusive fishing stretches of river on the Zambezi.







FISHING AT NGOMBE ZAMBEZI RIVER LODGE Fishing is mostly done from boat, drifting and casting at structure or anchoring and fishing different areas using fast sinking lines. We often fish rapids, and even venture to the Sioma Falls where one can fish from elevated rocks and target fish close to the shore.



GUIDED FISHING

Our guides are extremely knowledgeable about how to target and where to catch tigerfish, having spent many hours on our waters. They are able to assist with your gear and leader setups, and appreciate the different needs of each angler. All our guides have exceptional skippering and fishing skills and will assist with netting your catches and all your fish photography. We generally work on a 1 guide per 2 angler ratio, but can be flexible to suit a groups requirements. Please note that on a self-catering package, only local boat drivers will be available with guides.

The lodge uses flyfish-friendly custom Zim Ranger boats, fitted with spacious carpeted decks and petrol motors. These uncluttered boats are ideal for our stretch of river. All boats carry a stocked cooler box, a boat net and a fish scale.





A TYPICAL DAY

Anglers can enjoy coffee, rusks and a light breakfast, before embarking on the first fishing session of the day. We usually depart at sunrise to maximise the early feeding frenzy that is typical of tigerfish.

We return to the lodge for brunch just before noon, and after a short rest set off for the afternoon fishing session, which normally continues until sunset.

Dinner is always served at the lodge, and our guests can relax under the stars next to our nightly bonfire or on the deck in our comfortable lounge and bar area that overlooks the river.







ACCOMMODATION

Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge is nestled underneath the canopies of the Silver cluster-leaf trees, along the bank of the Zambezi River at the confluence of the Ngombe River.

The thatch-roofed lodge offers a unique blend of organic African textures and colonial comfort to make your stay exceptional. Some guests refer to the lodge as a very comfortable camping experience, where the open planned living spaces embrace a unique outdoor lifestyle.

We have 4 chalets, and can accommodate 10 people sharing. Each chalet is equipped with all the necessities for a comfortable stay: single beds with cotton linen, mosquito nets, soft towels, plug points, water air-coolers, and all the bedrooms are on-suite.

At night you can expect the sound of hippos and other African night life to soothe you into sleep, and at dawn you can enjoy the beautiful chorus of the birds to wake up to.

TRAVEL

Yellow Fever vaccinations are no longer required. No PCR test required if you can produce a vaccination certificate.

By Air

There are several direct commercial flights to Kasane from several destinations at excellent prices. We have a transfer service for guests from Kasane to the lodge, (approximately 2h30m from Kasane and a 10 minute transfer by boat).

Self-catering guests can either hire a vehicle at the airport and self drive to the lodge, or make use of the transfer service at their own cost.

By Road

Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge is situated approximately 75km from Katima Mulilo and can be reached on tarmac road from South Africa. From Katima there is a dirt road leading to the lodge that winds through the flood plains and a 4X4 vehicle with high clearance is highly recommended. Travel time on the dirt road is ±2 hours. Directions available on request.







TRIP COSTS (SADC)	
Fully Catered with Professional Fishing Guides	
 6 Days/7 Nights Package: R28 000 per person sharing 4 Days/5 Nights Package: R22 000 per person sharing 3 Days/4 Nights Package: R18 000 per person sharing 	
Includes:	Excludes:
 Transfer from Kasane airport to lodge Accommodation Guided fishing 3 meals per day Boat hire & professional fishing guides 4 soft drinks & 2 local beers per day Laundry service 	 Flights Alcoholic beverages Personal snacks Tackle Gratuities Personal expenses
Self Catered without Professional Guides (SADC Residents Only)	

- 6 Days/7 Nights Package: • R 12 000 per person sharing
- (minimum 4 people)

Includes:

- Accommodation Local boat driver
- Boat hire
- · Lodge cleaning staff

Excludes:

- Flights & transfers
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages
- All food and snacks • Fuel & two stroke oil
- Professional fishing guides
- Tackle
- Gratuities Personal expenses

SEASON DATES

We offer 2 seasons on the Zambezi:

• First season: April - June

- Second season: September December
- · 6 day/7 night packages operate as weekly slots, booked from Saturday to Saturday, unless arranged otherwise.
- Please contact us to find out which weeks are available during your preferred dates during the above mentioned seasons, as slots fill up quickly.

BOOKING PROCEDURES

We require a 50% deposit to confirm a booking; the full amount is payable 90 days prior to departure. Should a booking be made within 90 days of departure, the full amount is payable upon reservation. All deposits are non refundable except if a cancellation is related to Covid 19 and travel is prohibited as a result thereof, in which event the full deposit will be refunded. Should a booking be canceled between 30 and 90 days from departure, 50% of the full amount shall be forfeited. Should a booking be canceled within 30 days of departure 100% of the full amount shall be forfeited.

Please note that reservations for which payment is not received in time, is subject to cancellation after 7 day notice by Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge. In the event that a booking is canceled by Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge for reasons beyond their control, then and in that event, the full amount paid to Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge shall be refunded to the client, subject thereto that all costs incurred by Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge in connection with such booking and a fee of 10% of the full amount shall be subtracted from the amount that was paid to Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge.

NOTE: The "Terms and Conditions" waiver must be completed and sent to the respective booking agent before a booking can be accepted. This document will be sent to the client/participant upon their booking request. Ngombe Zambezi River Lodge reserves the right to cancel a booking at any time, if the client/participant refuses or fails to complete the "Terms and Conditions" waiver whereupon the normal cancellation policy, as initiated by client/participant will apply.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE: Should participation require flying a **RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:** Should participation require flying a private charter fixed wing aircraft, passengers must understand and accept the risks, which are inherent in and associated with such means of conveyance. Travel schedules in South Africa can change due to adverse weather, strikes, or other factors beyond the control of the organisers of this trip. This can cause delay and even missed international connections. Such delays could impose additional cost to you in hotels or in changing airline tickets for which NGOMBE ZAMBEZI RIVER LODGE cannot be responsible.

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