

ZAMBEZI QUEEN

Botswana & Namibia



3 day luxury river cruise

Silently cruising the waterways of the wildlife-rich Chobe River, the Zambezi Queen is a 5-star, 42-metre long luxury houseboat offering unparalleled sophistication in one of the most remote locations on the planet. Best of all, as a guest on the vessel you can enjoy a truly unique and adventurous river safari holiday while still being surrounded by complete comfort and elegance.





Cost includes:

- return road transfers from Kasane Immigration Office or Kasane airport to Zambezi Queen
- accommodation in a master suite
- meals as listed
- Water-based game viewing and bird viewing on tender boats, a land-based cultural tour of a local Namibian village, seasonal tiger fish and bream fishing in season (tiger fishing is strictly catch and release)
- soft drinks, mineral water, coffee, tea, local brand beer and wines (some exclusions may apply)
- entrance fees, excursions listed on itinerary and national park fees.

Cost excludes:

- visas and flights
- international and domestic airport taxes that cannot be pre-paid (clients pay direct if applicable)
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- drinks (other than those listed)
- dining rooms tips, telephone calls, laundry and any items of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

FI - fully inclusive of all meals and selected local brand drinks as listed above

Kasane to Kasane

Accommodation: master suite, luxury houseboat

Product code: ZAM2NM

Operates: selected Mondays and Wednesdays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Botswana, Chobe River - Zambezi Queen

Day 2: Botswana, Chobe River - Zambezi Queen

Day 3: Botswana, Kasane airport or immigration centre

Combine your houseboat experience on the Chobe River with a visit to the mighty Victoria Falls. Spend two nights at the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel, take a guided tour of Victoria Falls and enjoy a three-course dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. Refer to our Cruise Chobe and the Falls package for further details.

Or extend your time on Botswana's waterways with a stay in the wilds of the Okavango Delta. A short, scenic flight from Kasane airport transports you to a remote airstrip in the Delta where safaris are undertaken by mokoro (dugout canoes), motorised boats and 4WD vehicles. Refer to our brochure for details.

Zambezi Queen - 2 night package

Day 1: Zambezi Queen, Chobe River

On arrival at the Kasane Immigration Office, or Kasane airport, you are greeted and transferred to the departure point for your cruise. From here you will be transferred by motorised boat to the Namibian Immigration Office, where your passport will be stamped on entry into Namibia (the Zambezi Queen is registered in Namibia).

On boarding the Zambezi Queen you will be served a late lunch or snack, dependent on arrival time. Following refreshments you will be given a safety briefing. Then once all guests have boarded you will set off by tender boat in the late afternoon in search of hippo, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, antelope and more. This is the perfect time of day to capture classic African images while taking advantage of the golden glow of the late afternoon sun. At this time of day animals come to the river to drink before night fall. Following your water safari you return to the Zambezi Queen to freshen-up before meeting your Captain on the upper deck. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before you are seated for a delectable three-course dinner, including an excellent choice of paired wines. Complete the evening with a nightcap at the bar before retiring to the night sounds of Africa. **Zambezi Queen - master suite (FI).**

Zambezi Queen

Away from the day trippers and in a world of her own, the Zambezi Queen cruises the Chobe River. This luxury vessel makes trips of two or three nights on the waterways within Chobe National Park. Guests can view animals directly from their luxury suite on board the boat or on included excursions. The Zambezi Queen exudes pure indulgence. The first and second levels of the boat incorporate 14 luxurious cabins, each with a private balcony. Four cabins are master suites which include a private outdoor area. The top deck consists of the dining room, the lounge, a bar and a sunbathing area complete with a plunge pool. Food is plentiful with full cooked breakfasts, buffet lunches and fine dining at night - all meals are included.

Chobe National Park, including its waterways and riverbanks, boasts some of the densest populations of wildlife on the African continent. Teeming with life, this national park is home to the largest populace of elephants in the world, currently estimated at 120,000. Leopard and lion, buffalo, hippo, roan, eland, sable and giraffe can also be seen along the banks of the Chobe River. Game activities, such as fishing for tiger fish and bird watching expeditions are a favourite amongst guests. Small craft are used to position guests close to animals as they visit the river to feed, frolic and bathe.

Day 2: Zambezi Queen, Chobe River

This morning enjoy a water-based safari, bird watching or fishing. Alternatively take an authentic village tour on the Namibian side of the river. Or you may decide to simply remain on board and game watch as the luxurious Zambezi Queen glides along the banks of the Chobe River. After your morning activities enjoy lunch on board.

Enjoy your serene surrounds and the breathtaking vista as you search for wildlife and take-in the expansive views from the dining room. In the late afternoon join your guide for a water-based safari by tender boat. Get close to an array of wildlife, including Nile crocodile and elephant. Chobe National Park has over 100,000 elephant, one of the biggest concentrations in Africa. Game viewing on the Chobe River is at its best from March to November when the weather is drier and the animals are more mobile as they search for food and water. Summer also offers unique features as you witness the landscape burst into life after the first rains of the season.

After a delicious dinner, settle down for a restful and tranquil night in your cabin. **Zambezi Queen - master suite (FI).**





Day 3: Kasane

Take a morning cruise as you enjoy breakfast. This is your last chance to spot animals and to take some memorable pictures. Bid your crew farewell and then make your way via tender boat to the Namibian Immigration Office. Once your documents have been stamped you will be transferred via tender boat to the Kasane Immigration Office, where you will enter Botswana. From here you will be transferred to Kasane airport for your onward arrangements. **(B).**

Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the cruise departure point at the time assigned by the cruise operator. On completion of the cruise, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The cruise operator may re-route the itinerary if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- Activities may be affected by seasonal or local conditions. This may restrict the activities offered during your cruise or the sequence in which they are offered.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this cruise.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase will be passed on to the client.
- Children younger than 12 years of age are unable to join this cruise.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.