

## TONGABEZI

Livingstone, Zambia



### Concept :

Tongabezi Lodge is a unique luxury lodge set in a secluded tranquil grove of African ebony trees on the banks of the Zambezi River. It is perfectly located whether you choose to enjoy the myriad of activities on offer at the Falls, simply relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings and the spectacular views over the river.... or a combination of it all.

Sindabezi Island Camp is a small and intimate on a shady, picturesque island in the middle of the Zambezi River upstream from the mighty Victoria Falls. In 2008 it was selected by The Sunday Times in London as one of the best remote places to stay in the world.

Founded in 1990 by Ben Parker and the late Will Ruck-Keene, pioneers of eco-tourism in Zambia. Privately owned and run, they combine romance and exclusivity with warm and attentive service.

### Location :

Tongabezi is superbly positioned on the edge of the Zambezi River, near Livingstone in Zambia, just upstream from the mighty Victoria Falls. Sindabezi Island nestles in the Zambezi, a picturesque 20 minutes boat ride downstream from Tongabezi.

### Accommodation :

#### Tongabezi :

- 5 x River Cottages – 3 doubles & 2 twins with beautiful river views.
- 5 x Houses – large & unique open-fronted thatched Houses and one enclosed House with a private plunge pool. All Houses have fabulous river views.
- 1 x Garden Cottage – 2 bedrooms this private and secluded cottage is set back from the river in a walled rose garden (no river views). Ideal accommodation for families.
- A valet is assigned to each Cottage and House at Tongabezi Lodge.

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### Sindabezi - Renovated in 2009 :

- 5 x Chalets - open-fronted thatched chalets (3 doubles & 2 twins), all with spectacular river views.
- The two Honeymoon Chalets have open air claw foot baths.
- Perfect for private bookings.

### Tangala House :

- Luxurious 4 bedroomed family home on the banks of the Zambezi, a few kms from Tongabezi. Sleeps max. 8 for a min. 3 night stay.  
View link for details : [http://www.tongabezi.com/tangala\\_house.php](http://www.tongabezi.com/tangala_house.php)

Wedding and honeymoon packages available.

### Room Features :

En-suite bathrooms, hot & cold running water. Local building materials and handcrafted furniture are strong design features.

### Lodge/Camp Features :

Tongabezi - the main lounge, dining areas and swimming pool offer beautiful views of the Zambezi River. The lodge has a private helipad and small curio shop.

Sindabezi – the dining and lounge area overlooks a game rich floodplain. This is the most exclusive bush camp in the Victoria Falls area and it can be reserved on a private basis.

### Hosts :

Benjamin Parker & his dedicated staff.

### Dining :

Innovative international cuisine include a selection of fresh vegetables from Tongabezi's state of the art eco garden. Tongabezi and Sindabezi Island both offer various dining venues. Enjoy dinner beside the river, on a private terrace or drift along on an anchored Sanpan in the middle of the Zambezi.

### Included Activities (excluding park or museum fees) :

- Gamedrives
- Sunrise / sunset boat trips on the Zambezi River
- Boat trip to Zambian side of Victoria Falls
- Fishing (equipment provided)
- Lunch on a private island
- Sanpan floating candlelit dinner
- Bird watching & guided bush walks
- Walk in the gorge below the Falls
- Guided canoeing on the Zambezi
- Introduction to Simonga village
- Visit to Mukuni Park
- Cultural Museum tour
- Croquet at Tongabezi

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### Optional Activities :

Livingstone Island - located on the very edge of Victoria Falls in the midst of this thundering mass of water. Trips operate 5 times per day, all year round, depending on the water level. Reach the island by a short road transfer from Tongabezi, followed by a 5 minute boat ride down the Zambezi River.

Health & Beauty - a selection of therapeutic massages, beauty and aromatherapy treatments are available.

Other Optional Activities - include white water rafting (or for the even more adventurous, boogie boarding) in the rapids below the Falls, horseback riding, elephant back safaris, gorge swing, bungee jumping, "Flight of the Angels" via helicopter or microlight, sky diving, golf and more.

View this link for Lunar Rainbow details : <http://www.tongabezi.com/activities.php#lunar>

### Children :

Children 7 years and over are accepted at Tongabezi. Lower rates apply for children under 14 years sharing with adults. Sindabezi accepts children 14 years and over (children under 14 years are welcome as part of exclusive bookings).

### How to Get There :

A 25 minute road transfer from Zambia's Livingstone Airport to Tongabezi. Then a further 20 minute scenic boat ride to Sindabezi Island.

In addition air and road transfers are available from Kasane Airport in Botswana to Livingstone Airport (a 40 minute flight). Scheduled air services are available from Lusaka, Windhoek, Nairobi and Johannesburg to Livingstone.

### Health :

Guests are advised to consult their doctor on suitable malaria prophylaxis, as Zambia falls in a malaria region.

### Visas :

Visas are required for Zambia if travelling on United Kingdom, EU and US passports. Please enquire with the nearest Consulate or Visa Office. However, UK, EU and US passport holders can purchase visas on entry.

### Climate :

The lodge is open all year round. Best climate can be experienced from late Apr to Nov.

### Responsible Tourism :

Tongabezi Lodge and Sindabezi Island are managed with meticulous attention to the latest environmentally sound practices. Sustainable energy in the form of solar power and recycled wood chips are used exclusively on Sindabezi Island. Both properties have advanced water recycling plants as well as biodegradable detergents. Every effort is made to constantly improve.

Tujatane Community School is a registered UK Charity and is supported entirely through Tongabezi guests. In spring 2009 Tujatane proudly enrolled a student in Medical School in the United States.

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### The Area :

Victoria Falls and its surrounds have always attracted travelers who enjoy a touch of adventure with their view. During the dry months (May through November) the spectacular curtain of water recedes to reveal the geological wonder of the basalt gorges. It is also possible to swim on the very edge of the Falls when the water level is low. An astounding average of 550 000 cubic meters flow over the edge every minute when the Zambezi rises again.



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