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# Maramba River Lodge

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## Staff News



**Bridget Uyazi is the friendly and helpful member of staff on duty at the Reception. Educated at Kabulonga Girls' School, Fairview and the City College, she has Diplomas in Hotel Management and Information Systems. She has one daughter and her hobbies are reading, cooking and travelling.**



Russell Young, the Managing Director will be on the Zambian stand at the Indaba 2011 in Durban from 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May.

For an appointment, please contact Theresa at the Lodge

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**A Happy Easter to all our readers**

## Make a booking at The Lodge for a guided tour of the Gwembe Crocodile Farm only a few kms away .

Here you can view some of Livingstone's most notorious man-eating crocodiles as well as a fascinating collection of Zambia's most dangerous venomous snakes

### Croc Dundee of Livingstone - The Scotsman Joe Brookes " true Celtic toughness"

Jo has been in Africa for over 50 years, and has worked with crocodiles for around 20 of these remarkable, action packed years. He calmly enters the pen containing several 12 foot sleeping monsters, the feared *Crocodylus niloticus*, armed only with a stick, quick reflexes and a deep understanding of these prehistoric creatures



Groups gasp in awe as he meanders amongst the hissing bodies, explaining the fascinating physiology and remarkable survival techniques. Just as the group starts to relax, Jo reaches down and touches the tail of the biggest croc in the pen, all the while reeling off more and more interesting facts. Clients are holding their breath, some hardly daring to look, not quite comprehending what they are witnessing. Jo then goes up to a bridge above the pen, and swings a large hunk of meat above the passive bodies. Suddenly the pen erupts into a swirling mass of raw power and smashing jaws, and the meat disappears in seconds. This is repeated until Jo is sure each of his crocs has had "a bit of a snack". People leave the croc farm feeling enlightened, terrified and utterly in awe of a fearless Scotsman and his powerful predators he loves so much

*Courtesy of Cansaf - Creative Teaming International*



### Recent comments in the Maramba River Lodge Guest Book:-

#### **Michele Modglin**

**"Comfort in paradise, truly hard to leave. Amazing staff & setting! Loved every second of my time here. Thanks so much"**

#### **Joel Bjornstad**

**"This is a fabulous hotel and phenomenal value. We had an excellent time. I would highly recommend Maramba River Lodge to anyone visiting the Victoria Falls".**

More over

**Wendy Wilson**

"Wonderful time. Accommodation comfortable - staff helpful. Enjoyed elephant ride. Massage in room was wonderful - Thank you".

**Paul, Rosemary & Timothy Fraser**

Great spot! Beautiful weather, great place for families to reconnect".

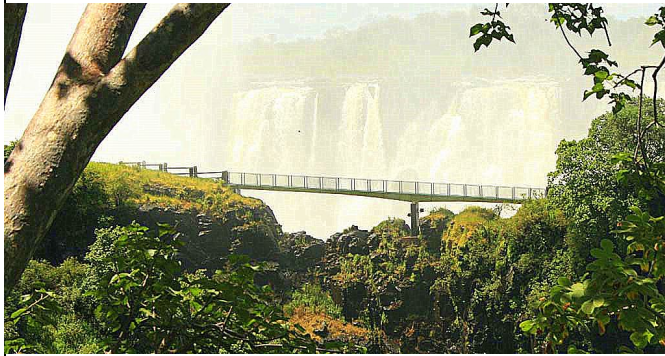
**Mimi (Bushways Safaris Guide)**

"Beautiful chalet, shower great - thanks for the princess bed. Buffet good.

Nice river view. Staff friendly and helpful".



### Viewing the Victoria Falls



One special vantage point is across the Knife Edge Bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge. The Bridge which is covered with spray in the rainy season, links two crags together. It was built in 1967 at the request of the then President, Kenneth Kaunda.



Photo by Gill Staden

### WEATHER FOR THIS PERIOD

	April	May	June
High temperature	30C	28C	25C
Low temperature	15C	11C	7C
Rainfall	2.4cm	0.6cm	0cm
Humidity	63%	58%	55%

**Are you interested in sponsoring a child?** The Acacia International School has a scholarship/ bursary scheme in place to assist disadvantaged Zambian children. Individual and/ or Corporate sponsorship is being invited to help change lives. Pippa and Russell Young at the Lodge have been involved with the school since its beginnings in 2003 and information for interested parties can be obtained from them.



### Activities Centre

to be opened at the Lodge on April 15th

This marks just one more step in Maramba River Lodge's commitment to providing a comprehensive service for our clients.

A wide variety of activities( see web site) to suit all ages can be arranged at the

centre by our experienced and friendly staff. internet access is available for Guests. A full write up will appear in our next Newsletter.



### Where is Maramba River Lodge?

4K from the Victoria Falls in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

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**Exchange Rates**  
1\$ = K4741  
1£ = K7608  
1Euro = K6730  
1ZAR = K694



For your information the next full edition of **Travel Zambia** (issue #7) will be published at the end of April 2011 for a launch at the Indaba travel show in Durban, South Africa, in early May. It contains a range of fascinating articles with wonderful photographs and the latest travel news.