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# Maramba River Lodge

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## Staff News



### Chipo Ndawa – the new Administration and Human Resource Manager

Chipo, who is married with three children was born in Zimbabwe, lived in the USA before gaining a Diploma in Personnel Management. After her first job at Nyanga she moved to Kariba where she joined a Safari company as a consultant.

After a spell in Victoria Falls, she moved to Livingstone where she has lived and worked in Tourism for 12 years. She loves the laid back atmosphere here, the Museum and the nearby villages.

She enjoys the outdoors, going on Game drives, swimming with her children and shopping in the border towns.

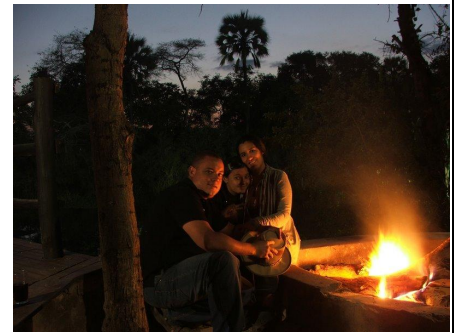
**A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.**

**A New Year Resolution – Visit The Lodge this Year**

## The fame of Maramba River Lodge is world wide :-

### A Touch of Africa in Patagonia

While travelling in Patagonia, at Puerto Natales to be precise, I, the Editor, found the most amazing restaurant reputed to be one of the best in South America. Called Afrigonia, it is owned and run by a Zambian, Kamal Nawaz and his Chilean wife Nathalie who met at Kitwe, on the Copperbelt. That was one surprise, then the fact that Kamal was born near where I was born in Mufulira but the next was that they as a family returned to Zambia in 2009 and stayed at Maramba River Lodge! Let me use their words:- *'No visit to Zambia is complete with out visiting the Victoria Falls, so we set out to Livingstone where we came upon this lovely enchanting place called Maramba River Lodge. This was the Africa that we had so been longing for, the grunts of the hippos during the night from the river that the 3 of us heard from our safari tent added that special something only Africa can offer. The frequent visit of a bush baby to our tent was thrilling as well with his big beady eyes staring inquisitively at us while we made a braai under the moon light with nshima. Our stay at Maramba was supposed to be for one night because of our tight agenda, but it was so fantastic we ended up staying for 3 nights! The charming friendly staff were always at hand and even the security guard helped us at night to organize our fire. We will never forget the morning when we sat on the restaurant balcony for breakfast and watched a crocodile glide through the water just a few metres from us and saw a monkey watching us carefully from a nearby tree. In the evenings it was always refreshing to have a cold mosi on the bar deck that overlooked the Maramba river. The surprises continued as we left the gates of Maramba and were brought to a abrupt halt by a baby elephant that came out from the bush and stopped in front of the car gazing at us as if to say goodbye.*



Kamal, Nathalie and their daughter by the campfire at the Lodge

*We can say that Maramba was excellent and we shall return soon ,very soon!"*

Kamal's delicious food in Patagonia was the best we tasted in Chile as he aims to blend the local produce with the warm spicy flavours of Kenya and Zambia. My husband enjoyed the most succulent lamb ever and I favoured the prawn and scallop curry. The couple's aim is to put Zambia on the map and prove to the world that it has much to offer gastronomically. They certainly do this in Afrigonia and have had rave reviews on Trip Advisor, Lonely Planet, Frommers and now this

Newsletter.

Priscilla Hannam

The Lodge is known in **Rome** as well !!!

Mel and Bill Wood write *'At the back of the Vatican in a tiny sandwich shop the owner of the shop had a Zambian mother and Italian father ( I asked him where his accent was from as it was unusual). He told me that he knew Maramba River Lodge and had friends who have enjoyed camping there!'*

**Are you interested in sponsoring a child?** The Acacia School , Livingstone ( details over ) 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.



The Acacia School was founded in 2003 as an international Primary School in Livingstone, Zambia. It offers a broad and balanced curriculum, primarily based on the British tradition and designed to suit the needs of the individual child. It has recently moved into its purpose built premises on the Kasangula Road. Truly a multicultural school with a diverse

group of students from 18 months to age 11, it has grown from its early beginnings in 2003 to being a positive force in the community. The Headmaster, Brychan Gilbert, has more than 13 years experience in international education and is impressed by the spirit of enthusiasm that drives the school. The Chairman of the Board, Chris Hopes, says ' The school serves as an example of how a shared vision, determination and collaboration can benefit a community



The school's recent production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat'

New innovations at the Lodge

both now and in the future'

- \* Work has commenced on a new Jungle Gym for Children – Photos next Newsletter
- \* The Lodge is purchasing a 20 seater bus for Airport Transfers to start in April. More information next Newsletter.
- \* Construction of Tour Guide accommodation of four separate rooms with attached bathroom to be ready on March 1st.



Tour guide accommodation being built

WEATHER FOR THIS PERIOD

	January	February	March
High temperature	30C	30 C	30C
Low temperature	19C	19 C	18C
Rainfall	174mm	141mm	80mm
Humidity	75%	77%	72%



**WHAT ABOUT JET BOATING ?**

*Where else can you find yourself in a specially designed high speed jet boat, travel through a uniquely formed gorge which is a world heritage site, power up some of the most famous white water rapids in the world, pass beneath a bridge of great historical & engineering value, and then find yourself at the foot of the most spectacular of the seven natural wonders of the world? This is the world's greatest jet boat adventure. The 30 minute jet boat trip can be combined with a spectacular helicopter flight (from a heli pad by the river) through the gorge flying just above the water level and then over the Victoria Falls. This dramatic heli flight is available either in to / out of the gorge.*



*Details and booking at the Lodge*

**Where is Maramba River Lodge?**

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

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**Website full of information and photos**

**Exchange Rates**

1\$ = K4770

1£ = 7435

1Euro +6360

1ZAR =712



Elephants enjoying the Maramba River