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# Maramba River Lodge

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## VIP Guest – during March

Maramba River Lodge were privileged to host the Prime Minister of Liechtenstein and his wife for two nights. They were visiting Zambia to view the many aid projects the Liechtenstein government is supporting.

While staying with us the Prime Minister and his party took the opportunity to visit the Victoria Falls, the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park as well as enjoying a sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

## Bird Talk from Ulrich Mattheus, Tuebingen, Germany

I spent my Christmas holidays 2008 at the Maramba River Lodge in Livingstone, Zambia. I had seen all big and famous mammals before, so this time I tried to develop a new hobby: bird watching! The Maramba River Lodge holds a surprisingly prolific bird life. On short walks in the beautiful lodge grounds with its countless trees and shrubs I saw a large variety of birds such as Red Winged and Violet Backed Starling, three species of hornbills, smaller birds like Chinspot Batis, Firefinch, Blue Waxbills, and many many more. Even inconspicuous birds, for example Striped Pipit and Tawny Flanked Prinia are easily seen and identified. In just a couple of days I spotted well over 35 species of birds.

The relaxing pool provides brilliant opportunities to see more of the great-grandchildren of the

dinosaurs. Sitting next to the pool reading a book I was able to watch two Spectacled Weavers building their nest. Day by day I observed the construction progress of the tidy woven home swinging from a tree the branches of which shade the pool area.

At noon I saw Kingfishers catching their lunch while I had mine at the Riverside Restaurant.

When having a sundowner on the riverside deck close to the bar numerous Openbills and Herons were flying over me in search for a safe place to spend the night.

Where else can you be wakened in the morning by an African Grey Hornbill, slip into your afternoon nap while a Cape Turtle Dove coos above your tent and wake up again hearing the song of the African Flycatcher!



## Maramba revisited by Sue and Keith Bell, England

*Our travels have taken us across many countries in southern and central Africa over the last 20 years. In 2008 we decided it was time to revisit Zambia—our last visit was 7 years ago.*

*After planning a relatively hectic safari to South Luangwa and Kafue we were looking for a relaxing end to our 4 week stay in Zambia. Maramba River Lodge was the ideal place for this, and given its location, allowed us to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls once again. It was an excellent place to relax over Christmas and to meet up with old acquaintances that we have made during our previous travels to Africa.*

*There are many activities to be enjoyed in the area. On previous visits we have participated in the exhilarating white water rafting and also the more sedate elephant back safaris—all can be arranged from the Lodge reception.*

*Maramba River Lodge has undergone an amazing transformation since our first visit years ago. We would certainly recommend the Lodge to anyone looking for accommodation in Livingstone. During our trip we spoke to people in South Luangwa and Kafue who had also visited the Lodge and were impressed by the friendliness of the staff and the homely feeling they experienced during their stay. In addition there is the opportunity to view wildlife in the grounds of the Lodge—during our visit we saw hippos, crocodiles, a large variety of birds, a snake (!) and a family of bush babies living in the roof of our chalet.*

Russell Young, Managing Director of Maramba River Lodge will be at Indaba 2009 in Durban between the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May



He will be found at the Zambian stand. If anyone wishes to make an appointment please contact us by email.

The Zambezi river levels are rising and are predicted to be a forty year high. The Victoria Falls are most impressive at this time, though the thick spray may impede viewing of the intricate rock formations and gorges. Rainbows are abundant with Lunar rainbows at Full Moon.

Weather from April to June:-

	April	May	June
High temperature	30C(85F)	28C(82F)	25C(78F)
Low temperature	15C(59F)	11C(50F)	7C(42F)
Rainfall	2.4cm	0.6cm	0cm
Humidity	63%	58%	55%



Tourists will be able to enjoy productions and films at the newly refurbished Capitol Theatre in Livingstone. Originally the centre of the town's entertainment, the theatre ground to a halt in the 1990's. However, due to the vision of Peter Jones (also responsible for revitalising the Zambezi Boat Club into hosting amongst others Oxford and Cambridge rowing crews and playing a part in the refurbishment of the Livingstone Golf Course) the Theatre has been brought to life with the completion of Phase 1. A professional show called 'African Shoes' will run from April to October.

## Lusaka Hash House Harriers – 1500<sup>th</sup> Run 10 – 13 April 2009

### Livingstone, Zambia – Home of Victoria Falls

The Lusaka Hash House Harriers is celebrating its 1500<sup>th</sup> Run in Livingstone this year.

Contact Scott Simons, [scott\\_simons@dai.com](mailto:scott_simons@dai.com)

Travellers from Lusaka will be pleased to learn that the road to Livingstone has greatly improved reducing the journey time by two hours

We regret to inform you that Zambian Airways is no longer operational. There are several other airlines both International and Domestic flying in and out of Livingstone daily.

Please contact us for details

These photos show the three types of accommodation at the Lodge – chalets, luxury tents and tents



#### Where is Maramba River Lodge?

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

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Exchange Rates :-US\$ = 5,500 KW, UK£= 7,500KW, Euro= 6,500KW, ZAR =550KW

**ADVANCED INFORMATION:-** Watch out for The Livingstone Festival coming in August  
This Festival showcases Zambian talent in all areas of art as well as featuring acts from abroad

Do you know the answers to these?

What are the following used for?

- A concoction of hyena droppings and acacia roots
- Flowers of the scrambled egg bush ( Glaucous cassia)

Answers next Newsletter