



VICTORIA FALLS | LIVINGSTONE | ZAMBIA

# Maramba River Lodge

Newsletter 5

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## Staff News



Theresa Lerner receives and answers all your queries as she is the Reservations/ Guest Relations Manager. Born in Choma, she previously worked for Bush Tracks



Here is a picture of Barbara Bolton – the new Food and Beverage Manager. We mentioned her in our last Newsletter.

Its a year since we started our quarterly Newsletter. We would be grateful for feedback, so that we are providing you with the information you require.

Zambia is the perfect country for Bird Watching – its huge expanses of wilderness means that birding is rewarding wherever you go and every roadside stop is potentially exciting. Maramba River Lodge is the place to begin with over 35 species identified. Exploring the Zambezi upstream from the Victoria Falls, the majestic African fish eagle, the African finfoot, rock pratincole, and the African skimmer can be seen. While downstream in the gorges, the black eagles and peregrine falcons can be spotted. Details of a further 13 top birding locations in the country can be found in Pete Leonard's book 'Important Bird areas in Zambia' and further information can be obtained from The Zambia Ornithological society [www.wattlecrane.com](http://www.wattlecrane.com). A useful reference book is 'Birds of Zambia' by Dowsett, Aspinwall & Dowsett – Lemaire.



For those who have had their fill of bird watching, elephant gazing or swimming in the natural pool at The Lodge, there is entertainment in the form of Chess, Snakes and Ladders and Dominoes to while away the time (see photos over the page)



Views of elephants from the restaurant and along the drive



The Lodge pool- for a refreshing dip after a visit to the Falls



## SPECIAL OFFER for International Clients

From October 1st to December 18th 2009

Full Inclusive Rates for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

With Airport Transfers

Contact Theresa:-[maramba@zamnet.zm](mailto:maramba@zamnet.zm)



**CHESS**

Carved by Maramba staff, the pieces are suitably linked to the Lodge's environs:-  
 King – Lion  
 Queen - Lioness  
 Bishop – Elephant  
 Knight – Buffalo  
 Castle/Rook- Rhino  
 Pawns - Hippos



**DOMINOES**



The hot season, from September to October, is the best season for wildlife viewing but not so good for viewing the Falls as the river is very low and little water runs down; and the wet season, from November onwards, is when some national parks are closed, some roads are closed and animals are hard to spot, but rates are good and you basically have the parks to yourself.

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. Other vantage points include the Falls bridge and the Lookout Tree which commands a panoramic view across the Main Falls. Watch out for the solitary browsing bushbuck with its rich chestnut coat and delicate white markings.

**WEATHER FOR THIS PERIOD**

	October	November	December
High temperature	34C	33 C	30C
Low temperature	18C	19C	19C
Rainfall	25mm	70mm	169mm
Humidity	42%	55%	71%



**Clients travelling from Lusaka**

To break the journey, call in at the delightful Choma Museum which is almost half way to Livingstone. A real oasis, one can picnic in the grounds ( note the huge balls which were used to clear the land forming Lake Kariba in the 50's) or have a filtered coffee before looking at the displays of Tonga culture, beadwork and basket making. Progress is slow along the Zimba Road but eventually it will be finished!

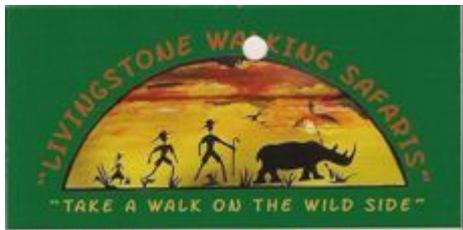
Exchange Rates:-1\$ =K4,623  
 1£=K7,500, 1Euro=K6,787  
 1ZAR = K617

**Where is Maramba River Lodge?**

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

**Contact Details?**

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Book a 3 hour **Walking Safari** at the Lodge, where you will be picked up. A professional guide will lead you through the African bush in the Mosi O Tunya National Park just upstream of the Victoria Falls.

You will experience close encounters with wildlife including the endangered rhino, touch and even taste the flora, have fascinating insights into how the local people use the habitat in their daily living and have homemade snacks and refreshments.

Extra:- Fully catered meal on the banks of the Zambezi at the end of your safari.

