



SUSSI & CHUMA LODGE

AN A&K SANCTUARY

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia



Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world

A riverfront treehouse sanctuary on the doorstep of Victoria Falls

All the drama of Victoria Falls, or the more evocative-sounding Mosi-oa-Tunya, “The Smoke That Thunders”, plays out just seven miles downstream for Sussi & Chuma Lodge – where its roar and rainbows can even be heard and seen. Yet the feeling at this hideaway, among ebony and jackalberry trees on the Zambezi riverbank, is one of seclusion and serenity. Guests here get to plug into the thrilling experiences associated with being on the doorstep of the largest curtain of falling water in the world – from sundowner cruises to rafting the rapids – and then retreat to their thatched hideaway, with its 12 treehouses, bar, fire-pit deck, open-air dining area and infinity pool, all angled towards the mighty river.

Six Reasons to Choose Sussi & Chuma Lodge



01



The lodge's impressive riverfront location

Just seven miles upstream from Victoria Falls on a quiet bend of the Zambezi River away from the crowds.

02



Binoculars at the ready for wildlife

The only lodge in the area offering guided walking safaris, plus you can go fishing or rafting, and enjoy a sundowner cruise on the river.

03



Widescreen views from the deck

Enchanting treehouse accommodation to charm adventurers aged six years and over.

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An unforgettable rhino encounter

Animals to spot in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park include impalas, zebras, giraffes, hippos, wildebeest, crocodiles, elephants, buffalo and rhinos.

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There are plenty of corners for relaxing

Numerous communal spaces for guests to enjoy, including a cozy lounge, dining area, bar and a striking swimming pool.

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A&K Philanthropy supports Chipego Bike Shop

Established philanthropy project at Nakatindi Village including the school, bike shop, hospital and bead-making workshop.

The Lodge



Romantic cocoons for big kids; wildly exciting hideouts for little kids - the 12 treehouses at Sussi & Chuma Lodge will delight all ages. With thatched roofs, exposed timber frames and elegant safari-chic styling, they put a contemporary spin on a classic treehouse, and are joined by wooden walkways among the trees along the Zambezi. Each one has a private semi-enclosed deck delivering dramatic river views and a rushing river soundtrack – look out for the abundant birdlife that also dwells in the canopy.

In the main lodge, the communal areas are just as strategically positioned. The bar, fire-pit deck, open-air dining area and infinity pool are all designed to maximize river frontage – guests can even gaze across the Zambezi during a revitalizing spa treatment. There's also a viewing deck for 360-degree views of the awe-inspiring setting, as well as an Explorer's Lounge for downtime and a Bush Boutique showcasing vibrant local crafts. Of course, what makes Sussi & Chuma Lodge stand out from the safari pack is its sublime location upstream from Victoria Falls, within the surrounding national park: Mosi-oa-Tunya or "the Smoke that Thunders".

The pared-back bar amid the trees



"Big kids and little kids alike will love the lodge's treehouses, set above the rushing Zambezi."



Timbe and thatch give an authentic feel

The Lodge



FIREFLY BAR

This convivial, open-sided space is where guests gather to swap tales of the day's adventures over pre-dinner drinks.

SUNSET DECK

This wooden deck with 360-degree views is a place for sociable sundowners or simply taking time to relax and soak up the energising riverfront setting.

SWIMMING POOL

In a separate area of the lodge, an infinity pool overlooking the river is the perfect place to cool off after lazing in the Zambian sun.

EXPLORER'S LOUNGE

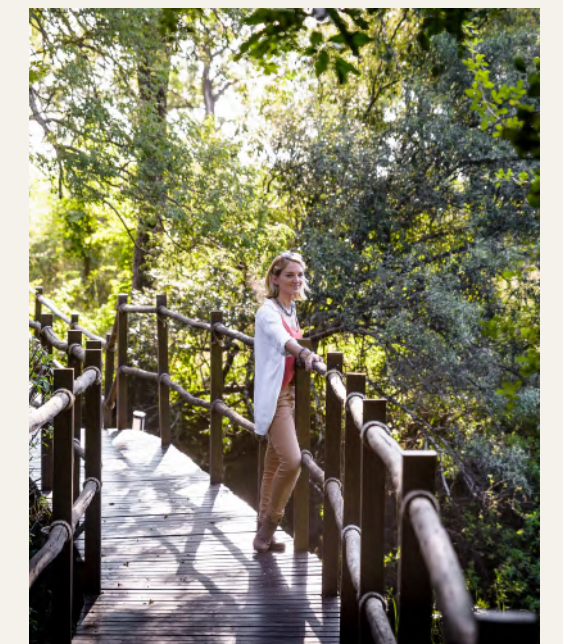
When nature is all around, any rustle of a leaf or whoop of a bird is worth investigating, so the Leica binoculars supplied to guests will come in handy, as will the interactive maps and books in the Explorer's Lounge.

SPA

Of all the locations to unwind, an outdoor treatment room on stilts overlooking the Zambezi River must rank somewhere near the very top of the list. To connect guests further to these spoiling surroundings, all the rejuvenating treatments on offer at this serene spa use all-natural, organic Healing Earth products.

BUSH BOUTIQUE

The curated selection of African-crafted items in the on-site Bush Boutique means guests can take home more than just memories from this incredible place.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

The riverfront deck is a suntrap

As evening falls guests gather at the fire pit

Wooden walkways link the treehouses

The Lodge



GPS Coordinates GPS 17° 51' 17.63" S, 25° 47' 18.87" E

Open Year Round Yes

Number of Rooms 12

Maximum Number of Guests 24

Child Policy Children aged 6 and over are welcome. Children under 15 must share with an adult

Guide/Pilot Accommodation Yes, 1

Wheelchair Accessible Limited Access

Power Supply Main grid power with generator

WiFi Available Yes, in all areas

Binoculars Provided Yes; Leica binoculars provided for every guest

Lodge Fenced Yes

Credit Cards Accepted Visa, MasterCard, and Amex

Currencies Accepted USD, Pound, Euro, Zambian Kwacha and South African Rands

Swimming Pool Yes

Spa/Treatment Room Yes



Enjoy an outdoor spa treatment

The swimming pool on the water's edge

The Treehouses



Guests at Sussi & Chuma Lodge get to hunker down in 12 towering treehouses overlooking the Zambezi. With their white walls, thatched roofs, exposed timber frames and panoramic terraces, they are a sublime grown-up take on the much-loved childhood den. The look is one of contemporary elegance, with some indulgent touches – ceramic bathtub, sumptuous color-pop rugs, soft cotton robes, four-poster bed, plus the sounds of the rushing river and calling birds outside.

A deep bathtub for soaking

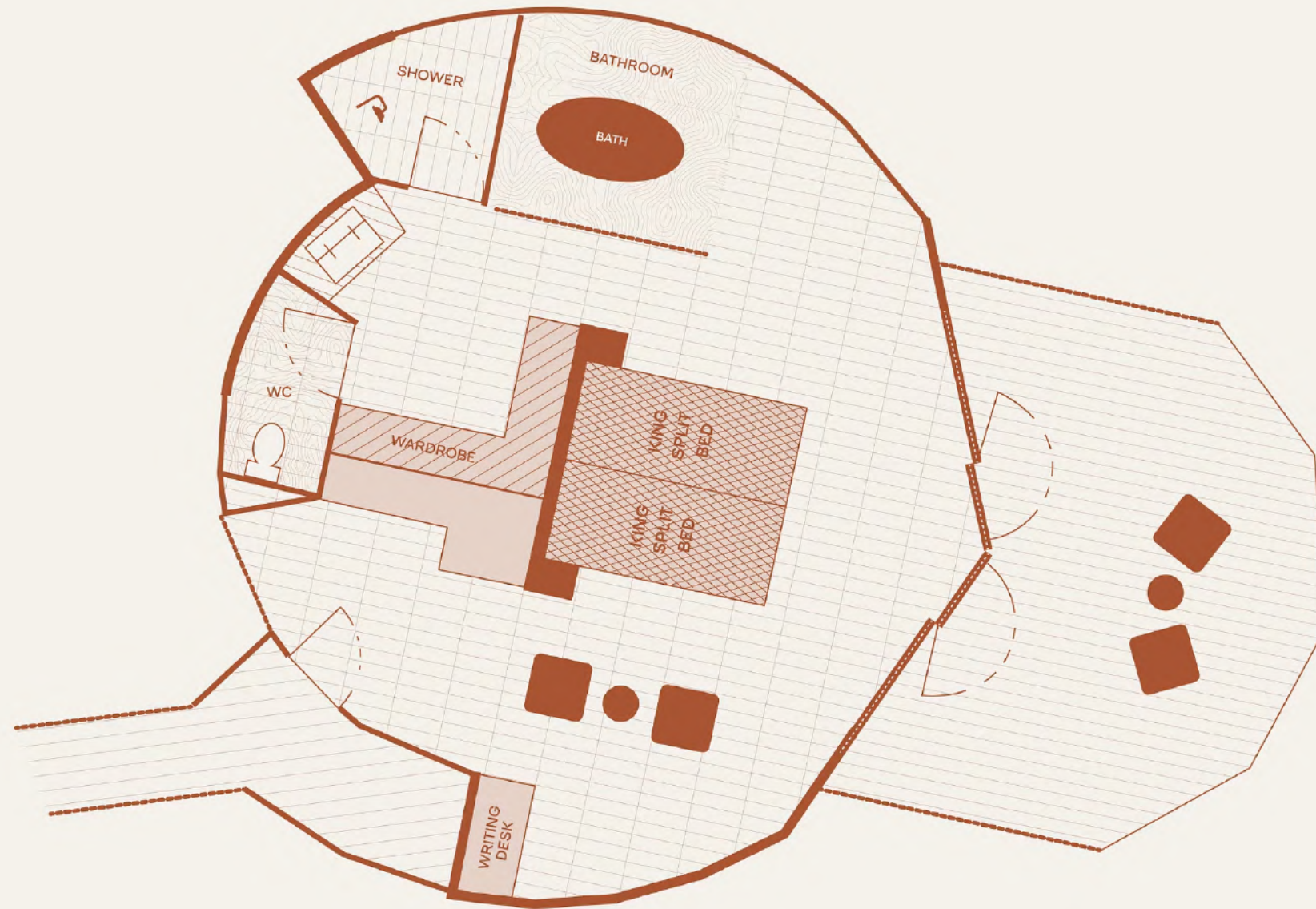


"The elegant design and indulgent touches make this the most unique stay on the Zambezi."



Each treehouse has a four-poster bed

The Treehouses



TREEHOUSE | SLEEPS 2 | 60 SQM

Each air-conditioned circular treehouse has a thatched roof, a mosquito-netted four-poster bed, a standalone bathtub, a writing desk, and a private semi-enclosed deck with prime river views.

Rooms Size	60m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	Yes; subject to availability
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	Yes
Mosquito Net	Yes
Plug Type	Type G Plus, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes
Indoor Shower	Yes
Outdoor Shower	No
Hairdryer	Yes



Food & Drink



Local farmers in Livingstone supply the freshest ingredients to the excellent kitchen team at Sussi & Chuma Lodge. The delicious result is a menu that combines African and international flavors – crocodile curry and impala stew are a couple of standout dishes – served in a romantic riverside setting. For guests looking for more privacy, dinners can be arranged on their deck. But everyone will likely want to gather for convivial drinks in the Firefly Bar to swap tales of the many thrilling experiences available in this unique corner of Zambia. As with all A&K Sanctuary lodges and camps, food and drink is included.

- A continental or English breakfast is served at the lodge before the morning activity.
- Back at the lodge, lunch is a leisurely affair showcasing the freshest local ingredients.
- Sundowners might be shaken up on a tucked away riverbank while guests are on a sunset cruise, or on the lodge’s waterfront deck.
- Rounding off each day are pre-dinner drinks – perhaps a cocktail in the Explorer’s Lounge or in the Firefly Bar – followed by a three-course dinner.

Local farmers supply the fresh ingredients



Meals are served in the light and airy dining area

Lodge Location



The world's largest falling curtain of water makes a constant roar and is accompanied by a spectacular cloud of spray where the 1.7 kilometre (just over 1 mile) wide Upper Zambezi drops up to 107 metres into the Lower Zambezi. An average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummets over the edge of Victoria Falls – named by explorer David Livingstone in honour of Queen Victoria in 1857. The spray from the falls typically rises to a height of more than 400 metres (1,300 feet), sometimes even twice as high, and is visible from up to 50 kilometres (30 miles) away – hence the brilliantly evocative name for the falls and the surrounding national park in the Kololo or Lozi language: Mosi-oa-Tunya, “the Smoke that Thunders”. While rainbows are

a near-constant kaleidoscopic treat here, it's also possible to see the rare phenomenon of a moonbow on clear nights when the moon is full.

On the doorstep of all this drama, Sussi & Chuma Lodge is seven miles upriver from Victoria Falls, in a blissfully peaceful spot on a bend in the Zambezi within Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, surrounded by leafy jackalberry trees and majestic phoenix palms. Although it's one of the smallest national parks in Zambia, it packs quite a punch for flora and fauna, and is home to an abundance of antelopes, zebras, giraffes, elephants, warthogs and a variety of birds. Since there are no predators, wildlife here is very relaxed, making for amazing photo opportunities.

The lodge is on a quiet river bend



Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park stretches towards the horizon

Getting There



Exploring the leafy setting



Lusaka Airport to Livingstone Airport / Kasane Airport to Livingstone
Airport

1-hour flight / 25-minute flight



Livingstone Airport to Sussi & Chuma Lodge

25-minute drive

Please note, luggage restriction for light aircraft is 20kg/44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag,
including hand-luggage.

Experiences



Guests are immersed in their wild setting on twice-daily game drives and on walking safaris – a particular Zambian speciality – in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (there's even a chance to track rhinos on foot). With the mighty Zambezi right outside there are many water-based activities on offer too: fishing, white-water rafting, sundowner cruises. Of course, a trip to Victoria Falls will be top of everyone's agenda, but there's also the option to soar above them – and spot hippos and crocs in the river far below – on a scenic helicopter flight. After all that activity, guests can regroup back at the lodge, where pampering spa treatments and cooling dips in the pool beckon.



Expert guides know all the best corners

GAME DRIVES

Set off in the early morning and late afternoon with Sussi & Chuma's expert guides deep into the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, where the rich diversity of wildlife includes antelopes, zebras, giraffes, elephants, warthogs and a cacophony of birds.



Take a motor boat to the perfect sunset spot

SUNDOWNER CRUISES

In a small but agile motor launch, navigate a series of Grade 2 rapids – guided by highly skilled professionals – before finding the perfect spot to come ashore for a refreshing sunset cocktail.



Zambia is known for its thrilling walking safaris

WALKING SAFARIS

Walking safaris are among the most thrilling seasonal activities at Sussi & Chuma Lodge, with two of the best walking-safari guides in the business, Luckson and Elijah, on hand to reveal the natural wonders of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park.



Trips to Victoria Falls are a highlight

VICTORIA FALLS EXCURSIONS

Experience the roar, the spray, and the sheer scale of Victoria Falls from both the Zambian and Zimbabwean sides on a guided walking tour. Raincoats provided.

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Track rhino on foot in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

RHINO WALK

Follow endangered white rhinos on foot, remaining at a safe distance, as part of a 4x4 safari in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. Once trackers have located the animals, guests are briefed about safety protocols and rhino behavior before setting off on a thrilling two-hour walk.



Keen anglers will enjoy fishing in the Zambezi

FISHING

The Zambezi offers a fantastic angling experience, and the team at Sussi & Chuma will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. Fishing is strictly seasonal and conducted on a catch-and-release basis.



Get an eagle’s-eye view on a helicopter flight

FLIGHT OF ANGELS

The extraordinary magnitude of Victoria Falls comes into perspective on a scenic helicopter flight above the tumbling water. Also look out for the area’s rich wildlife – from grazing zebras to lurking crocodiles. Note that this activity is available at an additional cost.



Wild rides await when white-water rafting

WHITE-WATER RAFTING

Guests with a taste for adventure can book an adrenalin-pumping Grade 5 rafting experience. Note that this activity is available at an additional cost.

Wildlife & Nature

The Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park is one of Zambia's smallest parks but, with its riverine forest and woodland habitats, provides loads of game viewing and is rich in birdlife. Some 400 bird species call the park home, and these include vibrantly colored lilac-breasted rollers, swooping birds of prey such as African fish eagles and leggy waterside dwellers (skimmers, herons and lapwings). The lack of predators makes for a more relaxed atmosphere for the resident animals, and guests can spot elephants, buffalo, zebra, giraffes, impala, crocodile, hippo, baboon, vervet monkeys and more.

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park holds Zambia's entire population of endangered white rhino, and encountering these mighty creatures is a highlight. Guests may also be lucky enough to experience a rare sighting of the wild dogs that on occasion pass through the park.

Endangered white rhino call the park home



A curious monkey in the trees

Your Sussi & Chuma Lodge Safari



Golden hour on the Zambezi

Days at Sussi & Chuma Lodge deliver pulse-quickening adventure as well as serene moments to simply soak up the incredible nature all around. The lodge's expert team of guides and support staff cleverly choreograph every detail – from action-packed morning game drives to sundowner cruises on the Zambezi.

A TYPICAL DAY MIGHT INCLUDE:

- **Wake-Up Call** - Enjoy a tea or coffee on your own deck as the soft morning light illuminates the riverbanks.
- **Breakfast** - A fresh, hearty breakfast served on the deck, with birdsong echoing through the canopy.
- **Morning Activity** - Set out with binoculars primed to spot elephants, hippos, giraffes and a variety of birdlife.
- **Lunch** - Return to the lodge for a delicious lunch of safari-style dishes.
- **Afternoon Activity** - Another opportunity to explore with the expert guides.
- **Drinks and Dinner** - The moment to sit back and swap stories of the day's adventures over cocktails and a three-course dinner.

The Details



HONEYMOONS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Romance and luxury are woven into each of our stays, but our Sussi & Chuma Lodge team adds an extra sprinkling of magic when it comes to special occasions. From a surprise rose-petal-strewn bubble bath, set up after guests return from an afternoon activity, to a private dinner on the sunset deck when the weather permits, the team creates once-in-a-lifetime experiences that celebrate a visit to the unique Zambezi River setting.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Sussi & Chuma Lodge welcomes children aged 6 years and older. Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with an adult.

INCLUSIONS

- All meals, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages (including premium brands)
- Transfers to/from Livingstone Airport
- All game viewing activities, plus sundowner cruise on the Zambezi, walking safaris, local village tour, fishing, and a tour of the Victoria Falls in either Zimbabwe or Zambia
- Emergency medical evacuation
- Laundry services
- Park fees

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights, landing fees
- Road transfers to and from other camps and lodges
- Victoria Falls Heritage Fees
- Travel insurance, boutique purchases, spa treatments, gratuities, and all other items of a personal nature



Downtime on the sunset deck

Travel Tips



WHAT TO PACK

Clothing should be cool and comfortable; and colours should blend in with nature as much as possible. Jerseys and heavier jackets are required for winter mornings and evenings. Long sleeves and long trousers are advised for mornings and evenings due to mosquitoes. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential, as are open sandals for the falls excursions.

Accessories: Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The lodge provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure. We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria.

MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, Mastercard and American Express cards. US dollars are also accepted; however change will be given in the local currency.

GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping and gratuities remain entirely at your discretion.

The lodge's elegant treehouse interior



A pair of elephants cools off

Climate



While it's impossible to predict the weather, guests might find it helpful to learn how a visit to Sussi & Chuma Lodge might differ from one month to the next: from the secret perks of the rainy season to the best time for pulse-quickenning white-water rafting.



March is a good month for rainbows

JANUARY–MARCH

The low crowds of February make it the best time to view the falls – though rainbows, and moonbows, are more common in March. The early months of the year are also a great time to spot the national park's thriving birdlife, with the presence of European migratory birds and many species in their colorful breeding plumage.



Water levels change with the seasons

APRIL–JUNE

Victoria Falls is at its fullest, and rainbows remain common. June is the start of the dry season with water levels beginning to drop at the falls, meaning rock formations can be seen more easily – as can elephants, which cross the Zambezi to Zimbabwe at this time.



This is the time for white-water rafting

JULY–OCTOBER

As the flow of the Zambezi lessens, white-water rafting is possible, with the Devil's Pool (a rockpool on the edge of the falls described as the ultimate infinity pool) opening in late August. It's also a good time for adventurous activities such as zip lining.



Two rhino on the dry plains

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER

The rains begin, bringing dramatic thunderstorms and stunning sunsets on the river. Sparse vegetation in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park makes for excellent game viewing.

A&K Philanthropy Initiatives in Zambia



Community connection is at the heart of A&K Philanthropy

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE

The A&K Philanthropy nonprofit network now spans 24 countries on all seven continents, positively impacting hundreds of thousands of lives and helping preserve some of the world's most precious ecosystems. Our initiatives focus on education, enterprise, health and environment, aiming to support and empower local communities to facilitate the protection of their surroundings, and to ensure that the people in the places where we travel are also benefitting directly from tourism.

BIKE ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Operating in Zambia's Nakatindi Village since 2015, Chipego Bike Shop was created from two shipping containers filled with nearly 1,000 used bikes that AKP paid to collect and ship. Since then more than 6,500 bicycles have been saved from landfill, renovated and sold by the women who manage and run the shop. All have full bike mechanic training, skills that are valuable in the region. AKP's bike shop program is now operating in Egypt, Jordan, Zambia and Uganda, with each woman-owned bike shop established as an independent social enterprise.

BEAD ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

At Sishemo Studio, a jewelry-making business in the community of Nakatindi in Zambia, an 11-strong team of women melt down glass from discarded bottles to make beads. They create necklaces, earrings and bracelets that they sell to visitors of A&K Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma Lodge, not far from Nakatindi. AKP has worked in partnership with local organizations around the world to launch multiple bead projects. Together, they deliver training on basic accounting, record keeping, sales and marketing and saving to ensure staff reap the long-term benefits.

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NAKATINDI SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

At the heart of the ongoing partnership between AKP and the Nakatindi community is the Nakatindi school. Previously, the school was dilapidated and hard to use. The addition of four new classrooms, funded by AKP in 2017 as part of our wider collaborative program in this area, has transformed the school and the education it provides. In early 2025, AKP celebrated the completion of a new 2-story classroom block. There is now sufficient space and resources to educate more than 1,200 pupils and to offer additional learning opportunities in topics such as vegetable growing and conservation alongside the academic curriculum. Guests on a Tailormade Journey in Zambia can visit the school and eat a meal with the students and teachers.

PROJECT CURE

AKP's global medical assistance program has been created in collaboration with U.S. nonprofit Project C.U.R.E to bring essential medical equipment and healthcare supplies to resource-limited communities. Funded by AKP, containers are filled with donated medical supplies and equipment in the U.S. and shipped overseas to one of our partner facilities in Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda and Cambodia, where the supplies are then distributed to local hospitals, health centers and clinics.

NAKATINDI CLINIC AND MATERNITY WARD

With perinatal transmission of HIV posing a serious threat to the community, the people of Nakatindi in Zambia partnered with A&K Philanthropy in 2013 to construct the Nakatindi Health Clinic. This 24/7 resource, staffed by 20 trained healthcare professionals supported by the Zambian Ministry of Health, has since expanded to include a maternity ward and spaces for prenatal and postnatal care. Thanks to early diagnosis, access to antiretroviral drugs and regular treatment, more than 550 babies have been born HIV-free in the clinic's maternity ward since its opening in 2018. Guests staying at nearby Sussi & Chuma Lodge are welcome to experience this inspiring program firsthand with a tour of the clinic, maternity ward and other village projects.

SAFE WATER FOR SCHOOLS

Since 2017, A&K Philanthropy has partnered with LifeStraw, makers of an accessible water filtering and purification device, to provide safe water to thousands of children in India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia. AKP has funded and distributed 829 filtration systems in schools, with each filter serving up to 100 children for a period of five years. Guests in the areas where LifeStraw has been installed can see firsthand how this simple device makes a great impact on the community's overall health and wellbeing.

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

AKP has partnered with local communities throughout Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia to provide daily nutritious lunches to local students. Since the project began in 2017, it has provided daily lunches to more than 12,000 students in 16 schools spanning the communities from the Maasai Mara to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and from Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to the Purros Conservancy. With support from our guests and local communities, AKP has also built 19 kitchens employing over 60 food service workers, improving the school facilities while providing much-needed job opportunities. These efforts have proven the power of school lunches, with one school seeing a staggering 270% increase in student enrollment since the program's inception.



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