

# ZAMBEZI QUEEN

## LUXURY AFRICAN RIVER SAFARI

BY MANTIS

### Sample Itinerary - 3 Nights

*Experience the Zambezi Queen's selection of complimentary morning and afternoon activities, designed to let you tailor each day to your interests. From wildlife encounters to moments of pure relaxation, every experience offers a unique perspective of the Chobe and ensures your journey is truly unforgettable.*



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#### Day 1 : Embarkation

##### Welcome Cocktail & Dinner

Upon arrival at the Kasane Immigration Office, you will be warmly greeted by our dedicated Zambezi Queen Collection representative, who will assist with your luggage and guide you through the passport control process. From there, you'll board a tender boat for a short crossing to the Namibian Immigration office. Our team will be with you every step of the way, ensuring the border formalities are simple and stress-free. Once your passport is stamped, enjoy a scenic cruise to the Zambezi Queen - your first glimpse of life along the Chobe River.

On board, you'll be welcomed with a refreshing drink and a relaxed introduction to the vessel. Lunch is served until 14h00, with a light snack provided for later arrivals. The afternoon is yours to unwind as the Zambezi Queen begins her gentle cruise (weather permitting). In the evening, gather for a map talk that introduces the Chobe region, followed by a 4-course dinner and the quiet beauty of the river at night.

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#### Day 2 : Chobe River Safaris by Boat

Each day, guests may choose and enjoy – up to three complimentary two-hour activities. Options include guided water-based game viewing, birding excursions, fishing trips, cultural tours, and photographic safaris. For those seeking relaxation, the spa on the landing deck offers a selection of treatments at an additional charge.

Start your day with a cup of coffee or tea served from 06h00 on the top deck. Take advantage of the optimal morning conditions for exciting activities like tiger fishing or birding. Indulge in a hearty buffet breakfast served from at 07h30. After breakfast, immerse yourself in the local culture with a village tour, followed by a game cruise alongside Chobe National Park aboard a tender boat. Indulge in a delicious onboard lunch and take time to relax by the splash pool or dive into a good book. Later in the day, revel in the panoramic surroundings with another thrilling tender boat safari before the vessel returns to its mooring point for dinner. End your day enjoying the sights and sounds of the African bush, and enjoy a night cap under the stars with friends, new and old, after a delightful dinner.



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### **Day 3 : Chobe Sunrises Are Like None Other**

Awake to a sunrise that will stop you in your tracks - best enjoyed with a steaming cup of coffee or tea on the top deck. Early mornings on the Chobe are alive with bird calls and the gentle stir of wildlife, making it the perfect time to head out for tiger fishing, birding, or a peaceful photographic safari.

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll have the unique opportunity to explore further - whether that's joining a post-breakfast tender boat safari into the quieter channels of the river, or opting (at an additional cost) for a land-based game drive in Chobe National Park. The drive offers a fascinating contrast, as animals behave differently away from the water, often slower and more reserved, while along the riverbanks, they're at their most active and at ease.

Return to the houseboat for a delicious buffet lunch and some downtime - perhaps a spa treatment on the landing deck or a dip in the splash pool. In the late afternoon, embark on your final water safari, soaking up the golden glow of the Chobe River. Your last evening is marked by a festive touch: enjoy traditional African dancing before gathering with fellow travellers for a memorable farewell dinner beneath the stars.

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### **Day 4 : Disembark**

Start your morning with a fresh juice or freshly brewed cup of coffee or tea. Be on the lookout for wildlife as you enjoy a morning cruise during your buffet breakfast.

After breakfast, prepare to disembark the Zambezi Queen. A tender boat will transfer you to the Namibian Immigration office for passport control before crossing back over the river to the Kasane Immigration office on the Botswana side. If you're flying onward, a short road transfer will take you directly to Kasane Airport. For those continuing their African adventure, your transfer representative will meet you at Kasane Immigration for a seamless road transfer to your next destination.



### Please Note:

- All fishing done with the Zambezi Queen Collection is strictly on a catch and release basis only.
- Please note Zambezi Queen is not a cruise from point A to point B, but a luxury floating hotel that traverses a stretch of 25km on the Chobe River, along the banks of the Chobe National Park.
- Please note that the timings above should be used as a guideline only as all services are dependent on weather & wind conditions.

### What To pack for your Zambezi Queen Stay:

- Passport and travel insurance documents
- Sun block, sunglasses, sun hat, swimming costume
- Comfortable shoes and sandals
- Camera, cell phone and chargers
- Medication you may need (limited medical assistance available)
- Evening dress is smart casual
- We provide hairdryers, pool / bathroom towels and standard hotel amenities

### Important Information

#### Passport Control:

The Zambezi Queen traverses along the Chobe River, which is a natural border between Botswana and Namibia. In order to board the Zambezi Queen from Kasane Immigration Office, you will need to exit Botswana and enter Namibia. Our team will arrange all boat transfers required. The process will take around 45min to 60min from the time of arrival at the Kasane Immigration Office.

- You as the traveller and/or your travel agent are responsible for determining what documentation is required, as well as ensuring any such documentation including passports, visas, medical certificates and unabridged birth certificates are up to date and have been obtained before travel.
- Due to constantly changing visa requirements, it is recommended that travellers and or/travel agents contact the appropriate embassy for accurate and up-to-date information.

\*Please Note: Both the Botswana & Namibia immigration offices close at 16h30 thus all passengers must arrive before 16h00 at Kasane Immigration Office on the Botswana side of the Chobe River.

### Kasane Immigration Office Details

Regional Immigration Office Kasane, Botswana  
GPS co-ordinates are S 17° 46' 48" / E 025° 11' 23"

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