



A KOSHER EXPERIENCE ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

KOSHER CUISINE AT THE CLUB 2019



The history of Zambia’s small Jewish community is a personal passion for Peter Jones, an owner of The River Club. His enthusiasm for the subject has led him on a journey from the past to the present. Along the way, Peter decided The River Club would offer an opportunity for those seeking to visit the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls, while remaining observant.

KOSHER CUISINE & CULINARY OPTIONS: Dedicated Kosher or Kosher ‘Lite’

Our Kosher ‘Lite’ Kitchen offers a variety of mouth-watering menus – you won’t find ‘chazerei’ here. The Lite kitchen has been set up to follow the laws of Kashrut and guests are invited to view the set-up, or to visit during meal preparation times.

A Dedicated Kosher kitchen is available, under the supervision of the Johannesburg Beth Din, and requires a qualified Mashgiach to be present for preparation of all meals for strictly observant guests. As Livingstone does not have a resident Jewish community, should you wish to make use of this option we can put you in touch with the kitchen’s manager to arrange for a Mashgiach and kosher chef (quotes available on request). We offer the Dedicated Kosher option to groups of four or more guests staying for 3 or more nights; smaller groups are welcome to request more information regarding costs.

KOSHER STAYS: 10 JAN 2019 – 11 JAN 2020

KOSHER LITE Cuisine following laws of Kashrut	US\$ 40 per person per day surcharge on standard accommodation rates
DEDICATED KOSHER Full kosher experience	Minimum 3-night stay, minimum 4 guests (guest numbers may be limited) Kosher Lite Supplement applies (US\$ 40 per person per day) US\$ 1050 once-off charge per 3-night stay for use of the licensed kitchen (US\$ 300 per day kitchen usage fee thereafter)
MASHGIACH OR KOSHER CHEF Required when using the Dedicated Kosher kitchen, please enquire for recommendations	US\$ 210 per night for guide room accommodation for the Mashgiach/Kosher chef (inclusive of 3 Kosher meals per day) – not included in kitchen-use rates As Livingstone does not have a resident Jewish community, we would be delighted to assist with putting guests in touch with our Dedicated Kosher kitchen manager to assist with recommendations, travel costs, service fees and additional costs for a Mashgiach or Dedicated Kosher Chef
CORKAGE FEES (Kosher wines only)	US\$ 3/btl of Kosher wine (we have a limited selection available at US\$ 30/btl)

Sample menus are available. For these and full accommodation rates, please enquire with our team.

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JEWISH HERITAGE IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

EXPERIENCES AND HISTORY FOR KOSHER GUESTS



JEWISH HERITAGE IN LIVINGSTONE

Amongst the earliest European settlers north of the Zambezi were Jews from the Baltic states of the Russian Empire, now Lithuania and Latvia. Jewish traders played an important role at the Old Drift on the Zambezi riverbank and the, then new, town of Livingstone which was laid out in 1905. During that year, the Czar of Russia had an attempt on his life and, as a result of the heavy-handed follow up by the secret police on various communities, another wave of Jewish immigrants came from Lithuania.

There were a great number of Jewish people in Livingstone by this time, and so a Hebrew Congregation was established. Once the Soviets gained power in Russia, the 1920's saw the arrival of more people in Africa and the Jewish communities in Livingstone grew further and the foundation stone of the synagogue, now the Church of Christ, was laid in 1928 by Eli Susman.

Livingstone's Jewish population increased in the late 1930's with an influx of German-Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi regime. Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) was one of only two countries in the world not to refuse visas to Jews at the time. There was an even larger influx of Polish refugees during the Second World War, and a community of Polish Jews was founded upstream of our Lodge.

TOURS & HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES

There are three historical tour options available, the Railway Jewish Museum, Livingstone Museum and Livingstone Town. To experience the best of Livingstone's historical highlights, we recommend booking the Historic Tour Combo (which includes visits to all three locations). The tours usually begin with a discussion about the reasons for the Jewish communities of other parts of the world came to this part of Africa. The talks move through the foundation of Livingstone town, the arrival of the Jewish people under persecution, their role in the community and the where they have moved on to today. Take time to explore the museums, cemetery and town to gain further insight into the fascinating heritage of Livingstone.

HISTORICAL TOUR OPTIONS (book prior to arrival)

	PRIVATE	SHARED
RAILWAY JEWISH MUSEUM TOUR Includes transfers and entry	\$ 85	\$ 70
LIVINGSTONE MUSEUM Includes transfers and entry	\$ 75	\$ 60
LIVINGSTONE TOWN Tour of the town and Jewish areas	\$ 65	\$ 50
HISTORIC TOUR COMBO Combine the Railway, Jewish and Livingstone Museums (includes transfers and entry)	\$ 115	\$ 100

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