

LODGE FACTS

In Summary

- 8 en-suite river facing chalets (double rooms) overlooking the Mambova rapids
- Situated on Impalila Island at the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi rivers, where Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe meet
- Main activities – Game viewing by boat, sundowner boat cruises, guided island walks, fishing
- The Chobe National Park and Victoria Falls are in close proximity
- Magnificent bird watching with many rare and endemic bird species in the area
- Rich and varied birdlife endemic to the area such as Rock Pratincole, Pels Fishing Owl, Pygmy Geese, African Skimmers and Schalows Turaco
- Game cruise in the Chobe National Park on the Chobe river – elephant, hippo, crocodile, puku, lechwe, roan, sable, lion
- Impalila has trained guides for those wishing to fly fish for the challenging tiger fish

Advisory

- Impalila Island Lodge is not equipped for wheelchairs.
- Children 6 years and older welcome.
- As our lodges are in wildlife areas, children should be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times.
- **Please note that during rainy season (1 November – end April/ May) no fly ins can land at the Impalila landing strip and all fly ins have to land at Kasane Airport. A road transfer can be organized via our reservations office.**

Accommodation

8 river facing wood and thatch chalets, which can be either double or twin bedded.

2 guide rooms (not the same standard as a guest unit)

Each chalet is equipped with:

- Wooden deck with a river view
- En-suite bathroom with toilet, shower and hand basin
- Ceiling fans, gauze screen doors and mosquito netting
- Small safe
- 220 volt AC electricity is supplied by generator, with standard South African three-point plugs in each chalet
- Daily laundry service is complimentary

Facilities

- Thatch roofed main complex consists of an elevated deck built around an ancient baobab
- Dining area with individual tables



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- Lounge and bar area
- Rim-flow pool and fire pit
- Small reference library
- Curio shop

Activities

- Guided walks on the island including afro-botanical walks, cultural village walks and a walk to a 2,000 year old baobab.
- Game cruises to the Chobe National Park on the Chobe river
- Sundowner boat cruises
- Bird watching walks and boat cruises
- Fishing on the Zambezi River with spinning tackle as well as fly fishing

Exclusive activities (must be pre-arranged)

- Day trips to Victoria Falls by charter, including a “Flight of the Angels”, can be arranged at an additional charge. Road transfers can be arranged to see the Falls from either the Zambian or Zimbabwean side
- Charter over the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers and Impalila Island – at an additional charge
- Game drives into the Chobe National Park

Community Development Fund

- N\$ 40.00 is donated for each guest that stays at our Caprivi lodges – included in nightly rate.
- This is placed in a community development fund which is utilized for local community upliftment projects over and above what the lodge contributes.
- Islands in Africa, in conjunction with the tribal authorities, determines the priority of the projects which need funding.

Conservation and community initiatives

- Impalila Island Lodge initiated projects in an effort to involve local communities in conservation practices on the island.
- Local lifestyles have been positively affected through employment and skills training since Impalila’s opening in 1994.
- The community development fund has assisted in school and clinic improvements, providing a shop for supplies, a postal and transport service, a kindergarten, sports sponsorship and special group functions organization.
- In return, animal populations are increasing in the area; the large crocodiles occupying the rivers have more protection, and our hippo families are now a permanent fixture.
- Guests visiting Impalila have shown great interest in community activities. As a result we introduced the traditional village visits and our Afro-botanical walk, which is a fascinating on-site study of the production and uses of traditional medicines derived from trees and plants.



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Bar Purchases

Unless otherwise specified, soft drinks, local brand beers and house wines are included in our rates. Furthermore, we offer a selection of cellar wines, imported beers, spirits and liqueurs.

Children

Children aged 6 years and older are welcome. As our lodges are in wildlife areas, children should be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times.

Communications

Cellular communication is possible at all our lodges.

Credit cards

All major credit cards accepted.

Dietary requirements

Our cuisine is al fresco fusion style, and our chefs are happy to cater to any requirement. We have a breakfast buffet as well as hot breakfast menu, 2 course lunch and 3 course dinner. Please inform our reservations of any special dietary requirements and we will do our utmost to oblige.

Drinking water

Tap water is not recommended for drinking. You will find a flask of drinking water in your suite.

Electricity

The electricity is generator supplied, and runs on 220Volt AC with standard South African three-point plugs in each chalet. A torch is provided for use when the generator is switched off during the night.

Emergencies

All guests are automatically covered by a medical rescue policy that covers evacuation to the nearest appropriate medical facility. In the event of an emergency– please contact us on +27 11 234 9997 or on our afterhours numbers – JHB office: +27 79 0373131 or Windhoek: + 264 81 1404471

Impalila Island Lodge: +267 71303418

Ntwala Island Lodge: +267 71315054

Susuwe Island Lodge: +264 85 5555877

Emergency Items

If you have left behind or run out of an essential item, please ask the manager who will have a supply of most essential items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving kit, deodorant and the like. Each suite is equipped with a hairdryer.

Fire Hydrants

A fire extinguisher is placed outside the door to your suite



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Fishing

We offer a wonderful fly fishing experience for tiger fish, nembwe and other endemic species and the lodge is equipped with tackle. We adhere to our catch and release policy. Please refer to our fishing notes.

Gratuities

If you are well satisfied with the service you have received, any gratuity that you may wish to leave for the staff will be greatly appreciated. We pool all these gifts of appreciation and divide them equally. This is entirely at your discretion. Any currency is acceptable but please note that local banks do not change foreign coins. We do accept Master and Visa credit cards for gratuities.

Immigration formalities and visa requirements

Please contact the relevant authorities to confirm current visa requirements and to ensure that travel documents are in order for the countries travelled through to get to us. It is important to ensure that arrival and departure times coincide with border times. Namibian immigration facilities are on Impalila Island.

Laundry

If you have laundry please place it with the laundry list into the laundry bag which can be found in your wardrobe. Weather permitting it will be returned to you the same day. Laundry is complimentary and part of our service.

Languages

English and Afrikaans

Life Jackets

Life jackets are available on request for all water activities.

Malaria

Anti-malaria tablets are advisable all year round. We recommend you check with your physician for prophylaxis advice. Mosquito repellent sprays are provided, and we recommend that long sleeves and pants are worn in the evenings and early mornings.

Safe keeping

Each suite is equipped with a lockable safe in which valuables can be stored.

Swimming Towels

Swimming towels are provided for at the pool deck.

Impalila GPS coordinates

17 45 07.20"S

25 10 08.55"E