



TIGERS, LUXURY LIVING AND CHOBE GAME VIEWING



NGUNI RIVER VOYAGER

The Zambezi is the quintessential African river experience. It is however a huge river with vastly fluctuating water conditions and many, many moods. Jonathan Boulton has fished for Tigerfish on the Zambezi River system for over 20 years and this package is a culmination of this knowledge to bring you the very best of the River.



The trip is a split between The Nguni River Voyager, the most luxurious houseboat on the Zambezi, and Ichingo Island Lodge, located downstream in the Chobe Rapids. The Nguni Voyager operates on the Chobe and Upper Zambezi Rivers, known for their prolific game viewing and birding, but also some of the best tiger fishing in Africa.

Location Zambezi River, Namibia
Dates 27th June - 4th July
 4th - 11th July
 11th - 18th July

From late May through to early August, the floodwaters begin to reside off the Caprivi Floodplains. Small fish that have lived in relative safety are now pulled back into the main channel creating food concentrations for the voracious Tigers. This scenario, along with clear warming water provides the very best conditions for Tigerfish, and big Tigers at that. Nguni's unique situation is that unlike any of the lodges on the river, it is not bound to one place. It remains on the move staying at the most productive fishing grounds. At this prime time of the year fish concentrations are a good 40 kms upstream of Impalila Island.

Technical Cost Luxury Safari
R26,900 per rod
 includes 7 nights accommodations, all meals, 5 star luxury houseboat & lodge
 Excludes flights and gratuities

The houseboat moors right where the fish are, where as all Lodge based operations have to depart from the fishing grounds to make the long run back from hotspots like Golden Pond and Joe Joes.

Gear #7 - #9 single handed rods
Flights JHB to Kasane

Mavungana Tip!
 Practice your casting with sinking lines and heavy flies - he who casts the furthest, catches the most. Maximise your time on the river catching fish, not perfecting your cast.



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THE ULTIMATE LUXURY ZAMBEZI RIVER EXPERIENCE PERSONALLY HOSTED, COMBINED NGUNI RIVER VOYAGER AND ICHINGO ISLAND LODGE ON THE CHOBE

The low down:

This experience combines 5 star luxury with some fantastic Tiger Fishing. The food, the service, and the boat are second to none on the Zambezi, and great fishing action at this time of year is guaranteed. This trip is ideal for both die hard flyfishermen, or for couples, whether both fish, or only one. Dead keen husbands can be on the water at first light enjoying good tiger action, and then return for an excellent brunch on the viewing deck. The rest of the afternoon can be spent with the other half, leisurely sipping Gin and tonics while enjoying world class bird watching and spectacular African sunsets.

The Voyager comprises 5 spacious en-suite air condition cabins. Each cabin is allocated its own private tender boat and local skipper. Accommodation is located on the bottom deck, while the middle deck comprises private lounges with a small reference library, communal dining area and open galley, viewing deck and plunge pool. The top deck is the perfect setting for a fresh sundowner after a hard days battling tigerfish.

The other half of the trip is based at Ichingo Island Lodge on Impalila. The magnificent lodge is on an island set amongst the impressive Chobe Rapids. Colonial style safari tents with huge bathrooms en suite look over the water set amongst the ancient riverine forest. Fishing here is very diverse, slightly smaller fish than upstream but in greater numbers, exhilarating to hook in the faster flowing rapids, while dodging basking crocodiles and grumpy Hippos! Also hunting trophy fish in the busy, yet very productive Kasai channel. A short (20 minute) boat ride is the world famous Chobe National Park where gameviewing is spectacular and watching huge herds of elephant playing and drinking in the river from only a few meters is common place.

The fishing:

Our primary target for this fishing trip are the predatory Tigerfish. One of Africa's fiercest fish, these are some of the most exciting gamefish to catch on a fly rod. The take is absolutely exhilarating, like stripping your fly into a brick wall. A Tigerfish's mouth is nothing but teeth and bone, and setting the hook is always a challenge. Once that's done, the fish will go aerial and try to get rid of the hook in what is more often than not a spectacular display of snapping teeth and rattling fins.

The timing of our groups will ensure we have a good opportunity at the reputable Nembwe. This strikingly beautiful bream is very habitat specific, weight for weight pulls like nothing on earth, and attains weights of up to 7lbs. It also happens to make the most delectable bar snacks!





SOME OF THE BEST TIGERFISHING IN AFRICA

Whats in and whats not:

This trip is certainly one of luxury, and services, food and accommodation are of a world class standard. All meals, guiding, accommodation as well as local beers and South African wines are included. There is a fully stocked bar, however, you are welcome to bring your own wines and spirits. Road and boat transfers are included in your package. Flights and gratuities are not included.

Other Travel Info:

The Nguni is located and moves between the rivers of the Chobe and Upper Zambezi within North Eastern Botswana (Caprivi Strip) Our collection point is by tender boat from Kasane immigration where clients check out of Botswana and are then taken to Impalila Island where they check into Namibia for the duration of their stay onboard the Nguni and the Island Lodge.

Transfers between the house boat operation and the island are a scenic and exciting fast boat trip, taking about 3 hours, in the good company of a very healthy cooler box.

Weather:

Although its Africa, its our mid winter. Mornings and evenings especially on a fast moving boat are very cold. Long trousers, fleece, beanie (woollen hat) and gloves are the order of the day. One can always strip down as the African sun comes up. Daytime temperatures are comfortable t-shirt and shorts wearing 24oC. Sun screen essential, bugs negligible.

Communications:

Sadly there is mobile phone reception at certain points of the journey, but generally comms are infrequent. There is a satellite phone on the boat which can be used in emergencies.

Equipment List:

- #8 or #9 quality fast action rods with matching reels
- Tropically rated D17 or shooting head fly lines.
- 20lb - 25lb straight mono leader
- Thin piano wire trace material
- Assortment of Mavungana custom tied Tiger clousers and brush flies

Clothing:

- Warm fleece, tracksuit pants and woollen hat for the mornings and evenings
- Warm comfortable wear for meal times, Flats pants (zip offs) and shirts
- Buff and sunhat, swimming trunks, comfortable slops/crocs/sneakers for deck work and then stripping gloves.
- Cameras, Quality Polaroid sunglasses plus one spare pair
- Sun tan cream, no bug repellent needed
- Boga Grip (optional)
- Stripping basket (optional)
- Good quality pliers

