



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

# Chiawa Safaris

ZAMBIA

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
CLASSIFICATION	<b>PREMIER:</b> Chiawa Camp. <b>CLASSIC:</b> Old Mondoro. Open May – Nov annually.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	The concession in Lower Zambezi National Park is managed by Zambia Wildlife Authority and supported by Conservation Lower Zambezi. The park is just over 4,000 sq.km and confined between the Zambezi escarpment and the mighty Zambezi River.
OVERVIEW	Founded and run by the Cumings family, 5 <sup>th</sup> generation Zambians, Chiawa Safaris is comprised of Chiawa Camp and Old Mondoro, both ideally placed along the Zambezi River. In an area that is renowned for its abundant wildlife and variety of activities, Chiawa Safaris sets itself apart with its expert guides and tailored adventures.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW   MEDIUM   <b>HIGH</b>   VERY HIGH Grant Cumings, owner of Chiawa Safaris, co-founded Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ) to protect the wildlife and habitat of Lower Zambezi National Park. In addition, both camps are completely off-grid utilising solar only, and Chiawa Safaris is the first safari operation in Zambia to be “Climate Positive.” Each guest pays a daily Tourism Levy + Park Conservation and Carbon Fee.
ACCESS	FLY: From Lusaka International 40-minute ProFlight to Jeki Airstrip (JEK). For Chiawa: 15-minute game drive & 40 min boat ride. For Old Mondoro: 45-minute game drive transfer.
LODGE & CAMP	Chiawa Camp – 8 tents per person per night rate & 1 safari suite per suite per night rate. Old Mondoro – 5 chalets per person per night rate & 1 family house per house per night rate.
CHILDREN	Chiawa Camp – 8+ years. Old Mondoro – 12+ years. Childminding services are available at Chiawa Camp at an additional cost.
HEALTH	Malaria area – seek advice from your health professional. Full medical support available.

NEED TO KNOW	
ELECTRICITY	Solar with generator back-up.
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Chiawa Camp – Wi-Fi in rooms. Old Mondoro – N/A. Limited mobile signal at both (satellite only).
CREDIT CARDS	Available for payments USD 1 000 or more
SECURITY	On-site staff always available.
MAKE AN IMPACT	Chiawa Camp – Visit to Conservation Lower Zambezi.
GYM / KEEP FIT	Chiawa Camp – Gym and pool. Old Mondoro – Safari activities.
SPA / MASSAGE	Not available.
FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher.
OTHER FACILITIES	Star Bed at Chiawa Camp with photographic hide. Safari Shop at Chiawa.
ACTIVITIES	Daily morning and evening game drives, walking safaris,

## WEATHER

*Small potential of rain in May and October but otherwise expect clear skies during the safari season. Temperatures during the day can get quite hot, but they always cool in the evening, so layers are needed year-round on activities. Both camps are closed from mid-November to the beginning of May every year.*

### MAY – JULY

3 – 36 °C | 37 – 97 °F  
The bush is beginning to dry out. Evenings and mornings can be cold, but days are comfortable. Wildlife begins to move towards water sources and the animals become less dispersed in the park.

### AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

7 – 40 °C | 45 – 104 °F  
Daytime temps are increasing. Waterholes are close to dry and game concentrates along the rivers. Tigerfish begin biting, the carmine bee-eaters start nesting along the riverbanks, and the game viewing is at its peak.

### OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

13 – 43 °C | 55 – 109 °F  
The hottest time of the year, but still low on humidity until the rains begin. This is the best time of year for tiger fishing, and the game continues to concentrate along the water’s edge.



## CHIAWA CAMP

### CHILDREN 8+ YEARS

# TENTS	8 Tents & 1 Safari Suite. Max 20 adults, 16 kids	POOL	✓ Private bench wallow per tent. Unfenced   Unheated
EXTRA BEDS	✓	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✗
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✗
SHOWER	✓ In & Outdoors	FAN	✓
BATH	✓	MOZZIE NET	✓
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	✗

### STAR BED AT CHIAWA CAMP *(extra cost; pre-booking required)*

BED	Queen	MOZZIE NET	✓
BATHROOM	✓ Open to bedroom, with bathtub, basin and flushing toilet	EXTRAS	Red-filtered flashlight for nocturnal viewing; 2-way radio connected to guides

STAR DRIFT EXPERIENCE – 4-course dinner on pontoon, romantic bath and bubbles, then coffee/tea and continental breakfast delivered to you.

## OLD MONDORO

### CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# CHALETS	6 Chalets & 1 Family House. Max 12 adults, 2 children	POOL	✗ Outdoor bath
EXTRA BEDS	✗	IN-ROOM WIFI	✗
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✗
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✗
SHOWER	✓ Outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ Outdoor	MOZZIE NET	✓
HAIRDRYER	✗	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	✗

### FAMILY ROOMS

CHIAWA CAMP SAFARI SUITE  
1 main suite & daybeds. Ideal for 2 adults & 2 kids or as a honeymoon suite.

OLD MONDORO FAMILY HOUSE  
2 equal rooms, each with own entrance and interleading door. Ideal for 2 adults & 2 kids.

## ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

GAME DRIVES	<p>Twice daily. Guide and tracker (either ZAWA scout or trainee guide). Off roading for key sightings. Max 4 guests per vehicle. No age restriction.</p>
GUIDED WALKS	<p>1 Chiawa guide + 1 armed ZAWA scout. Max 6 guests per walk. Guests 12+ years. 1 walking group at a time.</p>
NIGHT DRIVES	<p>Conducted with red-light for nocturnal viewing.</p>
PRIVATE VEHICLES	<p>Offered as much as possible at no charge.</p>
CANOE SAFARI	<p>1 pro guide + 1 experienced paddler per canoe. 1– 2 guests per canoe. Guests 14+ years.</p>
BOAT CRUISES	<p>Available with no age restriction. Dining offered while on the boat.</p>
TIGER FISHING	<p>Seasonal from late Aug – mid-Nov, however fishing for other species is year-round. Catch and release.</p>



## WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD	✓			
CHEETAH			✓	
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO – WHITE & BLACK				X
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE				X
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE	✓			
WILD DOG		✓		
HYENA - SPOTTED	✓			
AARDVARK		✓		
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES		✓		
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Exceptional gatherings of elephants along the river, very good big cat sightings, prolific birdlife. Regular sightings of caracal, serval and genet cat.			
OTHER	A diverse safari experience with land and water-based activities underpinned by an ethos of exceptional guiding.			

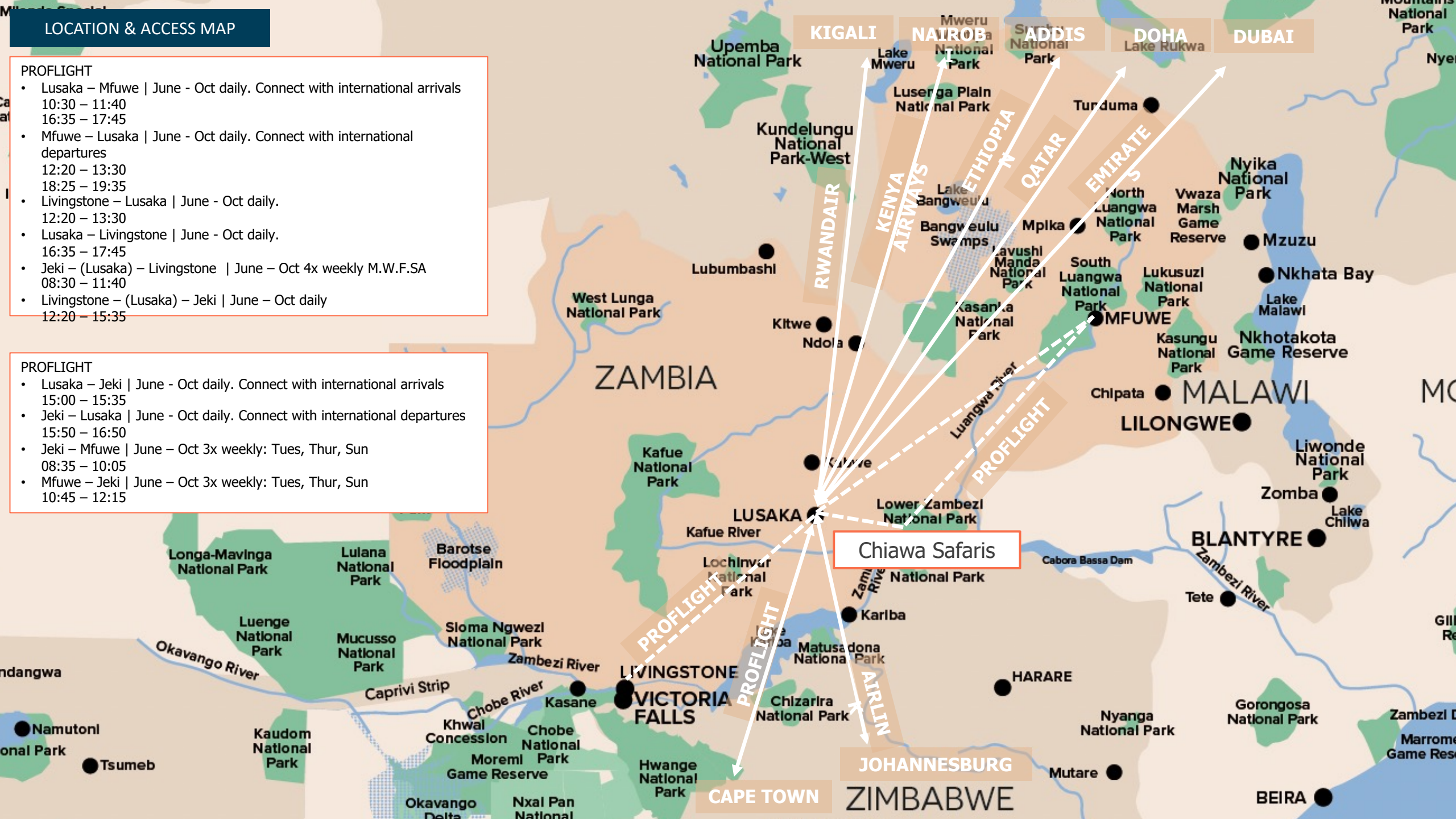
## LOCATION & ACCESS MAP

### PROFLIGHT

- Lusaka – Mfuwe | June - Oct daily. Connect with international arrivals  
10:30 – 11:40  
16:35 – 17:45
- Mfuwe – Lusaka | June - Oct daily. Connect with international departures  
12:20 – 13:30  
18:25 – 19:35
- Livingstone – Lusaka | June - Oct daily.  
12:20 – 13:30
- Lusaka – Livingstone | June - Oct daily.  
16:35 – 17:45
- Jeki – (Lusaka) – Livingstone | June – Oct 4x weekly M.W.F.SA  
08:30 – 11:40
- Livingstone – (Lusaka) – Jeki | June – Oct daily  
12:20 – 15:35

### PROFLIGHT

- Lusaka – Jeki | June - Oct daily. Connect with international arrivals  
15:00 – 15:35
- Jeki – Lusaka | June - Oct daily. Connect with international departures  
15:50 – 16:50
- Jeki – Mfuwe | June – Oct 3x weekly: Tues, Thur, Sun  
08:35 – 10:05
- Mfuwe – Jeki | June – Oct 3x weekly: Tues, Thur, Sun  
10:45 – 12:15



CHIAWA CAMP



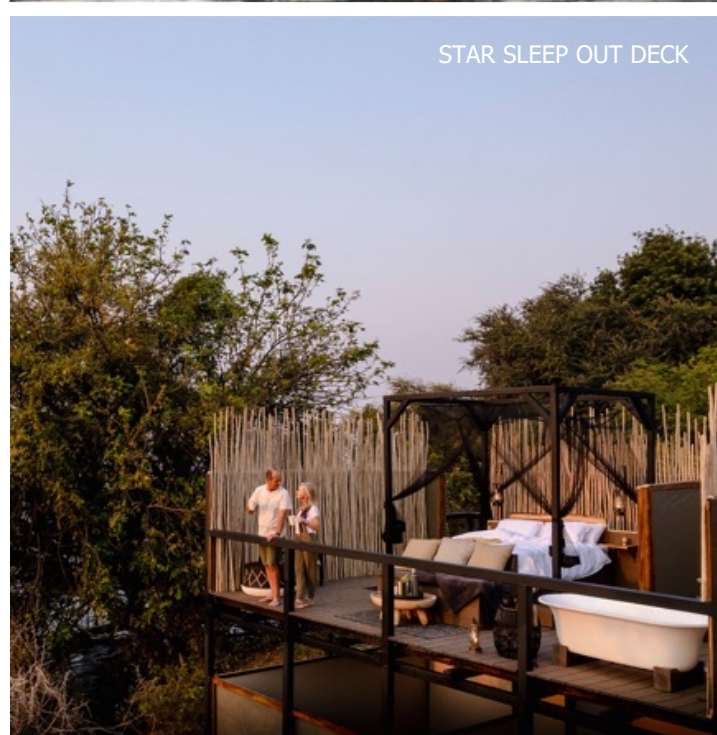
CHIAWA CAMP SAFARI SUITE



CHIAWA CAMP BATHROOM



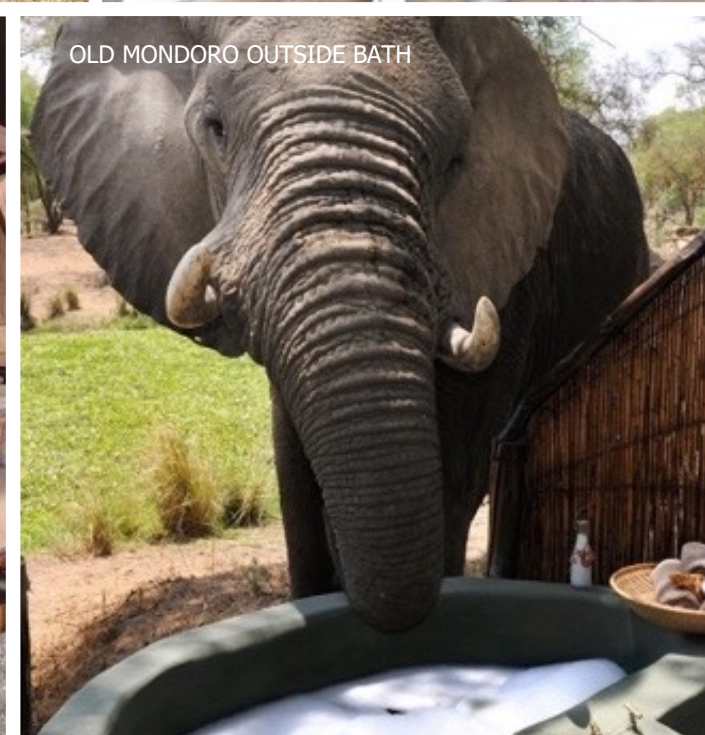
STAR SLEEP OUT DECK



OLD MONDORO CHALET



OLD MONDORO OUTSIDE BATH



CHIAWA SAFARIS	CHIAWA CAMP	OLD MONDORO
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER	CLASSIC
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	HIGH	
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	8+	12+
FAMILY ROOMS	✓	✓
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X	X
HONEYMOON OFFER	✓	X
LAND SAFARI	✓	✓
WATER SAFARI	✓	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	WALKING SAFARIS BOATING SAFARI CANOEING FISHING	
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	X	X
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	✓	X
EXPEDITION TRIPS	X	X
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	X	X

#### CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

#### IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- Transferability: What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- Removability: What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- Responsibility: To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- Fragility: How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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