



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Fothergill

ZIMBABWE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER: 2 camps. Open all year. Privately owned
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Matusadona National Park is managed by African Parks, and together in collaboration, Fothergill is focused on restoring the land and its wildlife.
OVERVIEW	Named for Rupert Fothergill, Rhodesia’s Chief Game Warden and leader of the courageous wildlife rescue mission Operation Noah, Fothergill offers a distinctive safari experience blending water and land, ideally situated between Hwange National Park and Mana Pools.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH Matusadona National Park, overseen by the Matusadona Conservation Trust partnership between African Parks and the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, aims to rejuvenate the park into a top safari destination. The Fothergill team strongly supports this mission by contributing funds, practicing sustainable fishing, and implementing solar-powered infrastructure. Their commitment is further evident through rigorous controls on fishery and water-based activities, as well as active participation in anti-poaching efforts. Each guest pays a daily Conservation, Park & Tourism Levy.
ACCESS	Victoria Falls (VFA) Int’l Airport / Harare (HRE) Int’l Airport / Mana Pools / Hwange – Scheduled charter access with Mack Air directly to Fothergill airstrip, plus 5 min drive to camp. Lusaka, Zambia – Tar road transfer to Kariba (3.5 hrs), plus 45 min boat ride to Fothergill.
CAMP	Suites – 5 suites. Rates are person per night Family Suites – 2 family suites. Rates are per person per night. Little Fothergill – 3 suites. Exclusive use rate.
CHILDREN	All ages welcome. No professional child minding is available (daytime kids activities on offer).
HEALTH	Malaria area. Seek medical advice. Full medical support available

NEED TO KNOW

ELECTRICITY	240V Mains with off-grid solar
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	WiFi in main area only. Limited mobile signal.
CREDIT CARDS	Yes. – Visa and Mastercard.
SECURITY	Full fencing around the camp for complete wildlife safety.
MAKE AN IMPACT	Guests’ Conservation, Park, and Tourism Levy supports many projects led by Fothergill.
GYM / KEEP FIT	Lakeside gym with amazing view & running track.
SPA	No
FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. No Kosher / Halaal on request.
OTHER FACILITIES	Various dining locations, main pool, archery and running track
ACTIVITIES	Daily morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris, boating safaris, fishing, children’s activities, and Kariba City Tour.

WEATHER

Matusadona National Park features a warm to hot climate. September – March are the hottest months, with afternoon rains falling from November – March. The dry season (May – October) is marked by bright, sunlit skies. Fothergill is open all year.

JANUARY – MARCH 21 – 32 °C 70 – 90 °F Peak rainy season. Great birding as the migratory birds arrive. The lush green landscapes offer excellent photography.	APRIL – MAY 12 – 31 °C 54 – 88 °F The rains end and temperatures begin to decrease. Ideal climate for walking safaris.	JUNE – SEPTEMBER 12 – 34 °C 54 – 93 °F Comfortable day temps with cool mornings and evenings. Peak dry season with wildlife congregating around water.	OCTOBER – DECEMBER 23 – 37 °C 73 – 99 °F Temps begin to climb and as the rain starts, the humidity level rises. Sept – April is the best fishing, incl. Tigerfish.
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LAKE & BUSH SUITES

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# SUITES	7 (2 Family Suites) Max 18 guests.	POOL	✓ Private per suite & main shared pool. Unfenced. Unheated.
EXTRA BEDS	✓ On request	IN ROOM WIFI	✗
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✓
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✓ Cool breeze cooling system
SHOWER	✓ Indoor with some outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ Outdoor tub in some suites	MOZZIE NET	✓
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✗ Office safe	DISABLED	✓

Both Lake Suites and Bush Suites have lake views. The difference in location is that the Lake Suites have more open grass around, while the Bush Suites are in the bush scrub.

LITTLE FOTHERGILL

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# SUITES	3 Exclusive Use Max 8 guests	POOL	✓ Main area pool. Unfenced. Unheated
EXTRA BEDS	✓	IN ROOM WIFI	✗
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✓
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✓ Cool breeze cooling system
SHOWER	✓ Indoor with some outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ Outdoor tub in some suites	MOZZIE NET	✓
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✗ Office safe	DISABLED	✓

CHECK IN: 14:30

CHECK OUT: 10:00

Fishing on Lake Kariba is a must-do while at Fothergill. With experienced guides and an array of fishing equipment and boats, this activity can be enjoyed by everyone, young and old, amateur to expert. **All fishing is conducted in a sustainable and ethical manner, following strict catch and release guidelines.**

FISH SPECIES
Tilapia, Cornish Jack, Bottlenose, various catfish species including Vundu, and of course, the Tigerfish.

ROD SELECTION
A selection of premier range Shimano and Explorer rods and reels are available for all species and disciplines of fishing, including fly-fishing.

BOAT SELECTION
2 x Large twin engine 115hp Discovery Pontoon Boats for a max 12 guests.
2 x Large single engine 300hp Conquest Speedboats for a max 10 guests.



ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

GAME DRIVES	Twice daily. Off roading for key sightings. Max 6 guests per vehicle. No age restriction.
GUIDED WALKS	1 armed guides. Max 6 guests per walk. Guests 16+ years.
PRIVATE VEHICLES	Little Fothergill included. Lake & Bush Suites extra cost. <i>Book in advance.</i>
BOATING SAFARIS	Morning or evening. No age restriction.
FISHING	Equipment provided. Guided, by boat. Available with no age restriction.
EXTRA	Archery, running track, and gym.
KARIBA CITY TOUR	Accessed by boat. Guided. Available with no age restriction.
KIDS ACTIVITIES	Lawn games, balls, crickets, and more.
BOAT TRANSFERS	Included for all flights landing at Kariba Airport



WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION		✓		
LEOPARD			✓	
CHEETAH				X
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO – WHITE & BLACK				
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE				X
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE	✓			
WILD DOG				X
HYENA - SPOTTED		✓		
AARDVARK			✓	
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Lions, hunting crocodiles, and a large array of migratory bird species.			
OTHER	Lake Kariba is a fantastic fishing destination for a variety of species including giant catfish (Vundu) and Tiger fish.			

LOCATION & ACCESS MAP

SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

Seasonal access with seat in rates from April – middle of November

- Mack Air flies into the Fothergill Airstrip from all corners of Zimbabwe, including Victoria Falls, Harare, Mana Pools, and Hwange National Park.
 - Additional access is possible to Kariba airport, followed by a 45-minute boat ride with Fothergill (included in the rate).
- Flights to/from Fothergill outside seasonal access times are offered on a private charter basis.

ROAD & BOAT ACCESS

- Tar road transfer from Lusaka (Zambia) to Kariba: ± 3.5 hours, followed by a 45-minute boat ride to Fothergill (included in the rate).





GAME DRIVES



LITTLE FOTHERGILL SUITE



FISHING



DINING



LAKE SUITES

FOTHERGILL	FOTHERGILL SUITES	LITTLE FOTHERGILL
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER	
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	MEDIUM	
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	ALL	ALL
FAMILY ROOMS	✓	✗
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	✗	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	✗	✗
LAND SAFARI	✓	✓
WATER SAFARI	✓	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	FISHING, BOATING SAFARIS, FAMILY SAFARI	
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	✗	✗
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	✗	✗
EXPEDITION TRIPS	✗	✗
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✗	✗

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are 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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