

Chinzombo – the next generation of Zambian bush camps - Back in the 1950's Norman Carr dreamt of a unique way to experience the African bush; a way of interacting with the environment respecting both the natural landscape and local Zambian traditions - conservation through tourism. NCS is proud to take the next step in this continual process of innovation.

For architects Silvio RECH & Lesley CARSTENS, the visionaries behind such gems as North Island and Little Vumbura , Chinzombo represents another step in the continued evolution of their luxury bush-camp design philosophy. Here, for the first time, modernist architectural forms are combined with the organic geometry and regional materials of indigenous Zambian building methods to create an entirely new type of bush-camp on the site of one of Norman's original camps.

Six spacious villas – one of which is designed to accommodate a family of at least five are nestled within the shade of ancient trees on a wildlife rich ridge which follows a C-shaped bend in the Luangwa River just upstream of Kapani Lodge. The Chinzombo villas appear to float over landscape. A winding foot path connects the villas and lounge/dining area through the shade of the surrounding msikzi trees. The simplicity of the modernist steel framed structures in contrast to the natural materials used in the décor and interiors complements the surroundings in a unique way. Each villa is equipped with wifi and there is a yoga and exercise area, spa facilities and the most senior members legendary NCS guiding team will be based at Chinzombo.

Spacious living areas comprise large, cooled bedrooms, luxurious bathrooms and private plunge pools on shady decks overlooking the Luangwa. The design is ground breaking and original but the natural materials, locally produced leather, reedwork and canvas, the lack of concrete or brick and the recycled composite timber floors will complement the wilderness perfectly and allow the bush to speak for itself.

Décor will be simple and minimal, using raw linen, timber, copper and hand-made crockery within a simple, authentic minimal shelter with a respectful nod to Chinzombo's past history and Norman's legacy. A private viewing platform: a place that allows both wildlife and the natural vegetation to flourish, unhindered by vast tracts of landscaping, game fences, roads or any other man-made objects.

Quick facts:

- 6 villas, one of which is designed for families
- Opens March 1st 2013
- Open all year
- Only 1 hour from Mfuwe Airport
- Private access by boat to the South Luangwa National Park
- Situated in 60 acres of private pristine Luangwa river frontage
- Wi-fi in each villa
- Cooled sleeping areas
- Cutting edge green power and waste technology
- Only sustainably sourced or recycled and recyclable construction materials