Taj Pamodzi, Lusaka

A luxurious retreat in one of the fastest growing and most hospitable cities in Africa, Taj Pamodzi is the undisputed choice for business and leisure travelers to the sparkling Zambian capital. 22 kms away from the international airport, the hotel is set amidst tropical gardens in Lusaka’s central business district, with 192 contemporary rooms and suites ushering you into the good life.

Our food and beverage offerings take you on a fabulous world tour, featuring creamy risottos, Thai curries, Sichuan-style pork ribs, lamb biryanis, and homegrown classics like nshima and braised oxtail. The hotel exceeds expectations of global travelers at every turn, whether you’re socializing with Lusaka’s swish set over martinis and single malts at Marula Bar, working out at the fully-equipped fitness centre and squash courts or luxuriating in a wellness treatment at the award-winning Jiva Spa. We are also the city’s premier choice of venue for corporate meetings and glamorous soirees, with five all-equipped meeting rooms, a large ball room - perfect for wedding receptions - and immaculate, warm Zambian hospitality. Our concierge desk hand-picks itineraries that allow guests to explore the region’s best kept secrets, from the vibrant Sunday Market and bungee jumping at Victoria Falls to walking with cheetahs and boating amongst hippos at some of the best wildlife sanctuaries in the world.
ROOMS & SUITES

Superior Rooms
Our entry level 256 sq. ft. room is the ideal urban base to explore Lusaka and beyond. Chic and comfortable, it opens out to a private balcony with terrific views of the hotel pool or the impressive expanse of the city’s central business district. A queen sized bed, 32 inch LED TV with satellite connection, well-stocked mini-bar, tea and coffee maker and 24/7 Wi-Fi internet connectivity makes it a fuss-free contemporary retreat. Wall-to-wall carpeting and modish decor with minimalist furnishings and a touch of modern Africa, keep the ambiance elegant and stylish. Fool-proof electronic locks with indicator lights protect your privacy, even as our discreet housekeeping service is just a call away.

Executive Rooms
All of 256 sq. ft. opening out to a charming balcony with sweeping views of the verdant city skyline, our Executive Room has all you need for a pleasurable stay in Lusaka. Whether it’s the amenities – soft carpeting, 32 inch smart television, 24/7 Wi-Fi internet connectivity, electronic lock, mini-bar – the sleek, contemporary décor, perks like a 15% discount on laundry or thoughtful details like a fresh basket of fruits replenished daily, the room is designed to satisfy the demanding lifestyle of the business or leisure traveler.

Deluxe Rooms
Check into one of our 256 sq. ft. Deluxe Rooms for an unforgettable stay in the pulsating heart of the city. Choose from a pool or city view room for equally delightful panoramas, best enjoyed over an indulgent in-room breakfast or tea. There’s plenty to stay in for, including w all-to-wall carpeting, stylish furnishings, a fresh fruit basket replenished daily and a spacious bathroom with a bathtub and lavish bath amenities. Complimentary perks include access to our lively Executive Lounge and one-way airport transfer in the hotel shuttle. Should you want to step out for a snack or drink, access to our Executive Lounge is complimentary in addition to complimentary one way airport transfer in the hotel shuttle.

Junior Suite
Our 512 sq. ft. Junior Suites are spread across the 4th, 7th, 8th and 9th levels of the hotel. Separate sitting and bedroom areas promise a compact, yet luxurious stay. From the sleek bathtub to the well-stocked mini bar, tea/coffee machine, daily fresh fruit basket and roomy closets to the impeccable service and complimentary access to the Executive Lounge, the Junior Suite doesn’t skimp on any of the hotel’s haute treats.

Deluxe Suites
Basking in a vantage location on the 8th and 9th levels of the hotel, these 856 sq. ft. suites are designed for small families as well as jet-setting corporate honchos. Each suite has an elegant sitting room, dining area, bedroom and a separate work area. The four-fixture bathroom is dominated by a luxe bath tub, while premium bath amenities and top-of-the-line fittings create a sanctuary that you may never want to leave. The mini bar is well stocked and a fresh fruit basket is replenished during twice-a-day maintenance visits by our excellent Housekeeping team. Next-generation privacy features include an electronic lock with a power saver switch.

Presidential Suite
Exclusively occupying the 9th level of the hotel, our 1500 sq. ft. Presidential Suite is arguably the most enviable, contemporary guest residences in Lusaka, featuring a sitting room, dining area and a demarcated work space. Leather-backed chairs, hand-crafted wooden furniture and refined furnishings infuse the suite with tranquility and glamour. The pièce de résistance is the Jacuzzi in the balcony, inviting you to take in the beautiful city skyline with a glass of wine in hand and a selection of fine chocolates, fresh seasonal fruit and gourmet snacks from the mini bar. Top-notch privacy features and a discreet 24/7 valet service attending to your business and personal errands, leaves you with enough leisure time to unwind and revel in the royal lifestyle.
DINING
Borrowing from unique Zambian culinary traditions, global classics and a robust Indian legacy, Taj Pamodzi’s dining philosophy echoes Lusaka’s cosmopolitan energy. From bistro-style light bites to superlative fine dining experiences, our chefs lay out the world on haute platters, bringing you some of the most exquisite gourmet experiences in the city.

Jacaranda - All Day Dining
Our all-day eatery borrows its name from the striking purple blooms that line the streets of Lusaka. Casual, elegant and vivacious in equal parts, Jacaranda serves bistro-style à la carte meals and daily breakfast and lunch buffets. The extensive menu spans the globe, from European and American classics to authentic Indian cuisine and Zambian comfort food. Start the day with hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, waffles and made-to-order eggs; sate mid day hunger pangs with a juicy burger; impress business colleagues over an Indian meal that’s redolent with the flavors of Old Delhi or tuck into a rustic kudu steak with a side of soft, spongy nshima; every meal here is an occasion. The restaurant also offers customized wellness, vegan and children’s menus. Jacaranda’s Sunday brunches are legendary and offer a chance to sample a smorgasbord of international flavors paired with world-class wines, while socializing with the city’s cognoscenti.

Cuisine – Continental, Indian, Chinese, Zambian
Timing - 6:00 to 23:00
Signature Dishes – Fish and Chips (served with Tartare sauce), Risotto Asparagi e Pomodori (asparagus and oven dried tomatoes with a choice of penne, spaghetti or fusilli), Maffa Bite Pizza (a thin-crust delight with beef sausage, salami and peppers), Slow Fried Pork Ribs with Barbeque Sauce, Zambian Braised Oxtail, Gosht Rogan Josh (tender, delicate lamb curry from Kashmir), Murg Biryani (fragrant, long-grained basmati rice cooked with marinated chicken and vegetables, topped with caramelized onions and saffron), Village Chicken with Nshima (a Zambian staple of thick porridge made from finely ground corn meal), New York Cheese Cake

Marula Bar
Step into the city’s most refined lounge bar for a shot at time travel. Stately cherry wood furniture, live piano music and a breezy al fresco section with the glowing embers of bonfires transports you to a genteel time when great conversation flowed in sync with single malts and daiquiris. Equally adored by the city’s hipsters and an older, well-heeled crowd, Marula is where you can unwind over caramel-y Amarula Cream (derived from the citrus fruit of the African marula tree) served neat over ice and a platter of international bar nibbles - vegetable sambusas, empanadas and German meatballs - on the side, as the stars come out and the party gets going.

CUISINE – International
Bar snacks, Cocktails
Timing - 11:00 to 23:00
Signature Cocktails - Mai Tai, Blue Margarita, Tequila Sunrise

Steaks and Grills
A worthy inheritor of the African braai tradition, Steaks & Grills is arguably Lusaka's most exciting barbecue restaurant. The décor sets the tone, with large bay windows under an African-style thatched roof opening out to the hotel’s swimming pool. The open-to-sky section has individual barbecue stations that are fired up for dinner, as chefs inside a show kitchen work their magic on the freshest meats, seafood and crunchiest of vegetables. The menu is modern and international, featuring sizzling Indian, African, American and Continental grilled cuisine, from silken Reshmi Kebabs to exotic Crocodile Tail Brochette. The Indian pre-plated tasting menu is an all-season hot with locals and expats alike. Our steaks are legendary and the highly prized signature cuts - Porter House, Chateaubriand, Tomahawk, cooked to your choice and served with an array of in-house sauces – need to be ordered a day in advance. With live Afro-jazz bands and an inviting dance floor, evenings tend to be delectable in more ways than one.

Cuisine – International Grills
Timing - 18:30 to 23:00
Signature Dishes - Grilled Bream Fillet, Pink Salmon Steak (served with citrus fettuccini and pepper crème), African game meat (served with one-pot jollof rice), Moroccan Spiced Lemon Chicken, Holdi Mirch Salmon (turmeric-chilli-marinated and char grilled salmon steak), Shikampuri Kebab (minced lamb cakes filled with yogurt and caramelized onion), Amarula Panna Cotta, Chocolate Marquise (served with Kahlua cream sauce).

Piano Lounge
An elegant space on the lobby level, the Piano Lounge is designed for casual meetings over refreshments. Whether you’re in-between business appointments or relaxing with family before dinner, this is the space to unwind. Our pianist creates a tranquil, sophisticated ambiance as gourmet finger sandwiches and cold canapés are served along with a fine selection of international teas and coffees. Signature Dishes Roast Beef Sandwich, English Cucumber & Basil Sandwich, Smoked Salmon Sandwich

Timing – 09.00- 23.00

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Masks of Zambia
The art of mask-making is one of Africa’s most revered, diverse and fascinating traditions, one that has deeply influenced 20th-century artistic movements like cubism, fauvism and expressionism. Taj Pamodzi celebrates this unique heritage with a striking ‘Mask Wall’ near the lobby of the hotel. Guests are drawn to the exotic art, crafted from materials like wood, feathers and natural sisal fibre. Each mask has a genealogy and is a study in the tribal cultures of the country, from the cikungu, a symbol of leadership worn by the chieftains of the Chowke tribe to the complex nyau yolemba – large basketwork structures representing animals – worn by the Chewas. Our Concierge Desk is only too happy to guide you through the amazing stories and traditions behind the masks. Kids and adults alike are regaled with tales of the makishi masquerade, a unique pantomime performance at the end of the mukanda initiation ceremony for young boys in the western provinces of Zambia, where each mask represents a virtue or personality.

Braai under the Stars
A vibrant African twist to candlelight dinners, this Friday braai experience is for couples who are as fun loving as they’re romantic. The hotel’s poolside, surrounded by a lush tropical garden and the glowing embers of a warm bonfire, is lit up to provide the perfect ambience to pop a proposal, celebrate an anniversary, or simply toast to a beautiful stay in Lusaka. Our chefs customize a five-course menu with local game meats and succulent seafood, grilled to your choice and brought to table with a sizzling flourish. Paired with sparkling wines, the meal is as unforgettable as the entire ambience.
Walk with Cheetahs

Just 45 minutes away from the hotel, Chaminuka Nature Reserve – the first private wildlife park in Zambia – is an idyllic introduction to the country’s magnificent bush secrets. Our Concierge Desk organizes day trips to this paradise where open jeep safaris take you across 10,000 acres of pristine Miombo woodland and savannah. The wildlife is terrifyingly diverse, with over 72 species including lions, elephants, zebras, impala, blue wildebeest and indigenous feathered beauties such as Helmeted Guinea Fowl, Wattled Crane, Hammercrop, Secretary Bird and Saddle-billed Stork. Guests can opt for an exciting bush walk, birding trails or a spot of fishing in floating pontoons at the stunning lake. The most thrilling experience at Chaminuka involves the world’s fastest land mammal, an ace predator which can leave you transfixed with its hunting prowess. Chaminuka offers guests the rare opportunity of getting up close with the lithe and surprisingly gracious – cheetahs on a guided walk, an experience that is alone worth the price of admission.

Market-Hopping

Lusaka’s colorful, dusty and vibrant markets offer a peek into the city’s soul, as well as a crash course on high-voltage bargaining. Our Concierge Desk arranges for guided tours to markets that can otherwise seem too chaotic and unorganized to negotiate. The Pakati Sunday Market is highly recommended if you want to feel the laid-back vibe of cosmopolitan Lusaka. Organized in the car park at the Arcades Shopping Centre from 9 am to 6 pm on every Sunday Pakati is renowned for Zambian woodcarvings, handmade jewellery, paintings and masks. To pick up souvenirs of colourful patchwork chitenge textiles (worn as sarongs or scarves), your best bet is the Comesa Market. On Saturday afternoons, the Kabwata Cultural Village puts up traditional dances by local troupes between 1 to 4 pm. It’s otherwise a small and uncluttered market to buy small knick knacks, copper items and pottery work.
Lower Zambezi National Park—Hippoland

Occupying 120 km along the banks of Zambezi River opposite the gorgeous Mana Pools National Park across the border in Zimbabwe, this national park is a world heritage site renowned for fantastic game viewing. At just an hour and half drive from the hotel, it’s a day trip that wildlife lovers shouldn’t miss out on. Our Concierge Desk arranges for an open jeep drive and packed lunch for a day of game drives, walking safaris, canoeing and fishing. Bloats of hippos—Zambia holds the largest population of these heavyweight, herbivorous mammals in the world—are found lounging in the river along with crocodiles, while elephants and big cats prowl the land. Despite their size, hippos are excellent swimmers, and have eyes, nose and ears on top of their head, which means they can breathe while fully submerged!

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

An aristocratic location in the heart of the city’s central business district gives Taj Pamodzi an easy edge over other venues while hosting impressive events. With seven distinct and versatile boardrooms and banquet halls, the hotel is technically and aesthetically equipped to host a range of events from a corporate conference for a group of 50 people to a grand wedding reception for 500.

Amalila

Designed to host extraordinary weddings, our 3638 sq. ft. Amalila hall is at the hotel’s lobby level, perfectly poised to usher a maximum of 250 guests for a gala celebration. Whether it’s a sit-down white wedding or flamboyant Indian reception, the hall’s technical capabilities, along with immaculate in-house hospitality and catering services make organizing the event a dream run. Simply share your vision with our experienced Events team, sit back and relax—like any pampered bridal party must—as the smallest detail of your fairy-tale wedding is brought to life.
Boardroom
This contemporary 925 sq. ft. room on the first floor can host up to 40 people. It is ideal for a corporate meeting, executed with clockwork precision and comfort. A handsome centre table or multiple tables and elegant leather-back chairs can be arranged in a format to your liking, with the choice of a separate, well-manned area for refreshments. State-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, on-site technicians and WiFi internet are available on request.

Insaka
Located on the lobby level of the hotel, this richly appointed 732 sq. ft. hall accommodates up to 30 people. Spacious and adaptable, it can be done up to suit varying events, from a bridal shower or a business meeting to an intimate cocktail soiree. Whatever the occasion, expect superlative catering options from our global kitchens. Contemporary, minimalist design and impeccable service makes Insaka your go-to option for hosting small, flawlessly executed events.

Baobab
A sun-bathed 3272 sq. ft. hall on the lobby level with large French windows looking out at the hotel’s tropical gardens, Baobab is the preferred venue choice for mid-scale events, hosting a maximum of 200 people - that require flawless execution, like a black tie gala with live music, champagne and moreish hors d’oeuvres doing the rounds. Combined with Mupani I and Mupani II halls, Baobab can be extended to host a reception for over 500 people.

Mupani I
Occupying 1250 sq. ft. on the ground level, Mupani I is favored by families for cozy sit-down dinners and cocktails receptions and can house a maximum of 50 guests. Handsome furniture and custom-designed décor – whether your theme of choice is a pastel-driven Garden of Eden or Monochrome Minimalism – exceptionally good service and state-of-the-art facilities ensure that your family memories are picture-perfect.

Mupani II
At 2486 sq. ft., Mupani II can host a maximum of 150 guests and can be combined with Mupani II for larger galas. Offering flexible layouts and top-notch technical, décor as well as catering facilities, it’s designed for hosting impressive and memorable celebrations. Mupani II can be opened out on either side, to Mupani I and Baobab, to create a massive space for large-scale events.

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