An aerial photograph of the Kariba Dam in Rhodesia. The dam is a large concrete structure with water cascading over it, creating a large white plume. The reservoir behind the dam is a deep blue color, with several small islands and peninsulas. A small white boat is visible on the water. The surrounding landscape is arid and hilly. The text 'RHODESIA'S Lake KARIBA' is overlaid in a yellow box in the top right corner. The text 'Rhodesians Worldwide' is overlaid in the center of the image.

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***Lake***  
***KARIBA***

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*Left:* A view from Camp Hill, with Lake View Motel in the foreground and the Kariba Yacht Club in the sheltered bay below.

*Below:* Blue lake, sky and distant mountains are seen from the Lake Drive, which skirts the water's edge near Kariba.



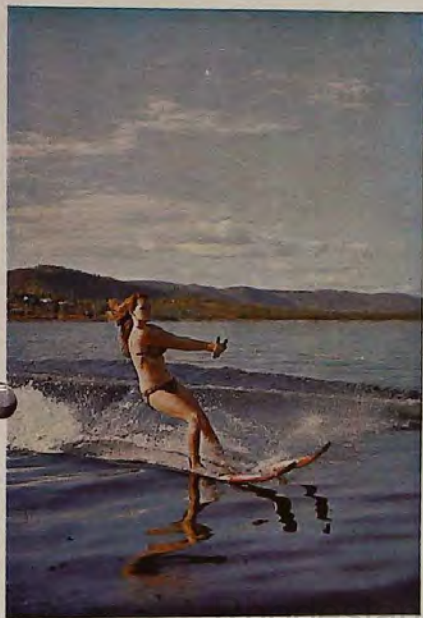
*Above:* The unique Roman Catholic church of St. Barbara is situated on Kariba Heights and has many features to interest the visitor.

*Below:* Kariba is the ideal place to acquire a tan, either on this private beach at the Venture Cruises Motel, or at the swimming pools at hotels and motels.



*Below:* Yachting is a joy on the vast waters of Lake Kariba, and regular regattas are held by the thriving Kariba Yacht Club. Visitors with their own boats are always welcome at the club, which has a fine lakeside clubhouse. Power-boating on the lake is also very popular.



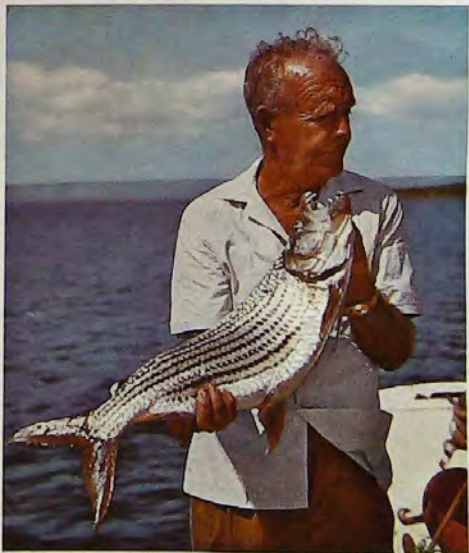


*Above:* From the gardens of the Cutty Sark Hotel the Matusadona Mountains can be clearly seen.  
*Left:* Tuition in the exciting sport of water-skiing is provided at several lakeside establishments.  
*Below:* Game-viewing trips are operated daily.



*Above:* The Kariba Hotel is situated 1,200 feet above the lake, and from its terrace and bedrooms views over hundreds of square miles of lake scenery are obtainable.

*Right:* A fine tiger fish, its huge teeth much in evidence. Such catches are not unusual and provide the sporting fisherman with a challenging fight.





*Left:* Elephants on the shore at Bumi Hills. The nearby Matusadona Game Reserve has a high population of wild life, much of which can be seen at the water's edge from passing boats.



*Left:* A journey up the winding Sanyati Gorge is most impressive. Fishing here is considered to be excellent.

*Below:* The interesting bays and inlets along the shoreline can be fully appreciated from viewpoints at Kariba Heights.



*Above:* A shady spot to park the caravan and camp at the Mopani Bay site, which is on the lakeshore.



*Right:* A typical sunset over the lake.

# KARIBA is many things

**K**ARIBA is many things. To the sight-seeing tourist the giant masonry that holds back the world's largest artificial lake is now one of Rhodesia's greatest sights, second, possibly, to the Victoria Falls; to the engineer, Kariba and its power station is one of the world's finest technological achievements, an example of the genius of modern man; to the fisherman, the waters of Kariba are a fabulous fishing ground, especially for the much-sought-after fighting tiger; and to the ordinary holidaymaker, Kariba is the place for a carefree holiday by the lake in hotel, motel or camp.

It should be noted that this guide is confined to the eastern end of Lake Kariba. The lake is so vast that other parts have not been included.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Lake Kariba can be reached by road and air.

**Road:** In Rhodesia the main road from Salisbury to Zambia is taken as far as Makuti, where there is a secondary road turning off to the left, which leads to Kariba. The road from Salisbury to Makuti, a distance of 180 miles, passes through Sinoia (72 miles) and Karoi (126 miles). From Makuti the road winds for 40 miles up to the Kariba Airport turnoff to the left, and continues another 10 miles to Kariba Township and another mile to the dam wall itself. Total distance from Salisbury to the wall—231 miles. In Zambia the shortest route is via a turnoff to the right from the main Kafue-Salisbury road, 11 miles north of Chirundu. The distance to the dam wall from the turnoff is 42 miles of secondary road.

**Air:** Air Rhodesia, the national airline, operates scheduled air services to Kariba daily, Monday to Friday, linking it with the country's main centres. Airline transport between the airport and resort hotels and motels is available at a nominal charge. A wide range of all-inclusive Flame Lily holidays, most of which include a visit to Kariba, are available from the principal centres of Rhodesia and from Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique and Mauritius. These holidays often include a launch or game-viewing cruise on the lake.

## BORDER FORMALITIES

Customs and immigration posts of Rhodesia and Zambia are situated on either side of the dam wall and are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. between April 1 and September 30, and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the other half of the year. Rhodesian customs and immigration authorities are on duty at the airport to deal with scheduled overborder flights.

## WHAT TO SEE AND DO

There is more to see and do at Kariba than viewing the wall, fishing and boating.

Wherever you are staying you will find it most rewarding to visit the resort sites. Each has its own atmosphere, outlook and amenities, which will add variety to your stay at Kariba.

A tour of Kariba township, 1,200 feet high on a hill overlooking the lake, should also be made by every visitor. The township is reached by a full-width, tarred highway that winds up through the hills, affording the visitor magnificent views over hundreds of square miles of lake scenery. Sunsets seen from this high vantage point are truly awe-inspiring. A visit to the Roman Catholic church of St. Barbara should certainly be made while in the township. Built by the Italian employees of Impresit, the main contractors for Kariba, in memory of those who lost their lives while the dam was being constructed, the unique design is perfectly suited to its surroundings. The central altar and statues of the saints of the national groups engaged at Kariba are of especial interest.

Small boats of all descriptions are on hire at most resorts for trips on the lake or for water-skiing. Instruction in this thrilling sport is also offered at several resorts. Game-viewing cruises along the eastern shore of the lake, where elephant can be seen, are also provided daily. There is also a 44-seater craft, the *Djaja*, which is liquor-licensed, operating cruises. A cruise across the lake and up the zig-zag Sanyati Gorge is most rewarding and provides excellent fishing.

## WHEN TO VISIT KARIBA

April to September, which are the dry winter months, is the most popular visiting period, although the whole year round the holidaymaker will find much to do and see. The hottest months are October and November, although the fishing is particularly good in these months and lake breezes counteract the seasonal rise in humidity.

## FISHING

Wherever you stay in Kariba you can hire boats, rafts or cruisers and set off on fishing expeditions with all the advice and assistance you require. Fishing tackle can be purchased at resorts.

The most sought-after fish at Kariba is the tiger fish, closely followed by the tilapias or "bream" family. The latter include the red-bellied bream (*Tilapia melanopleura*), the plankton-eating bream (*Tilapia macrochir*), and the

green bream (*Sargochromis codringtoni*). Other species of fish to be found are the chessa, n'kupi, bottlenose, Cornish jack, and (in the swampy areas) the lung fish. There are also barbel, electric barbel, the giant catfish (known to Rhodesians as vundu), squeakers (an excellent tiger bait), silverfish (*Laboe* species) and eels.

Each year in September the Rhodesia National Anglers' Union hold an international tiger fish team tournament at Charara that attracts entries from all over southern Africa.

#### WALL AND LAKE

The double-curvature concrete arch dam has a maximum height of 420 feet, a crest length of 2,025 feet and carries a 40-foot-wide road. It contains approximately 1,275,000 cubic yards of concrete. There are six flood gates, each 30 feet high by 31 feet wide, whose combined discharge capacity is 336,000 cusecs (2 million gallons a second).

The capacity of the lake when full is 149 million acre feet. The length from end to end is about 170 miles, the maximum width 20 miles, and the total area about 2,000 square miles.

The public are allowed on to the car park on the southern end of the dam wall where close-up views of the wall and gorge are obtainable. Permission must first, however, be obtained from the immigration officer at the border post.

#### ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

At Kariba there are two hotels, both offering air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms: the Kariba Hotel, 1,200 feet above the lake in the township, and the Cutty Sark, on the lake shore. Two motels, the Lake View on Camp Hill, and Venture Cruises on the lake shore, provide accommodation in an attractive setting, the Lake View particularly offering a range from air-conditioned, self-contained lodges to inexpensive fisher-

men's huts. The hotels and motels are fully licensed and their bars and restaurants provide for the "casual" visitor, as well as their own residents. A camping and caravan site is situated at Mopani Bay, where, as the name suggests, the large, level site is shaded by tall trees inhabited by mopani squirrels. Harbour and mooring facilities are provided at all establishments, except the Kariba Hotel. All hotels and motels have their own swimming pools and other recreational facilities, and at one there is also a chip-and-putt golf course.

Forty miles uplake, on the southern shore, is the Bumi Hills Hotel, which is situated on a promontory 400 feet above the lake. Game can often be seen on the shore below from the hotel verandah. The hotel can be reached by air or by boat.

At the western end of the lake, reached from turnoffs from the Bulawayo-Victoria Falls road are resorts at Binga and Msuna Mouth, catering mainly for the fisherman. There are at present no scheduled boat services traversing the length of the lake, but visitors can make the 170-mile journey in their own craft. All visitors embarking on any journey on the lake, other than coastal cruises, should notify the Lake Navigation Control Office and acquaint themselves with regulations and safety procedures.

#### MATUSADONA GAME RESERVE

A cruise to Bumi Hills takes you past the Matusadona Game Reserve situated between the Sanyati and Bumi rivers. This reserve is not at present open to the public, but much game, especially elephant, can be seen from the lake.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

Further detailed local information may be obtained from the Visitors' Bureau maintained at the Kariba Service Station by the Lomagundi Regional Development and Publicity Association.

