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DESTINATION SHOWCASE
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World

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Map of Zimbabwe



Introduction



Boasting the largest single curtain of falling water on earth, aptly named the "smoke that thunders", Victoria Falls has always been one of the most powerful adventure destinations on the planet! Green Route Africa pioneered international incentive travel to this region way back in 1992. Now that Zimbabwe is starting to find its feet again we are at the forefront of the travel revival to this African wonderland. Victoria Falls is a world heritage site and a premier incentive destination in Africa.

It offers several stunning lodges and hotels to suit all budgets, a wide choice of meeting and function facilities as well as countless ways to really go wild! The Falls area has always been a safe and popular tourist destination, unaffected by the turmoil witnessed in other parts of the country in past years. Let the astounding natural beauty, friendly hospitality and world-class adventure opportunities of Victoria Falls entice and astound you!

Easy Access



With over 20 international flight connections to Victoria Falls weekly from Johannesburg and Windhoek, Namibia as well as daily flights from the capital Harare, easy access is assured.

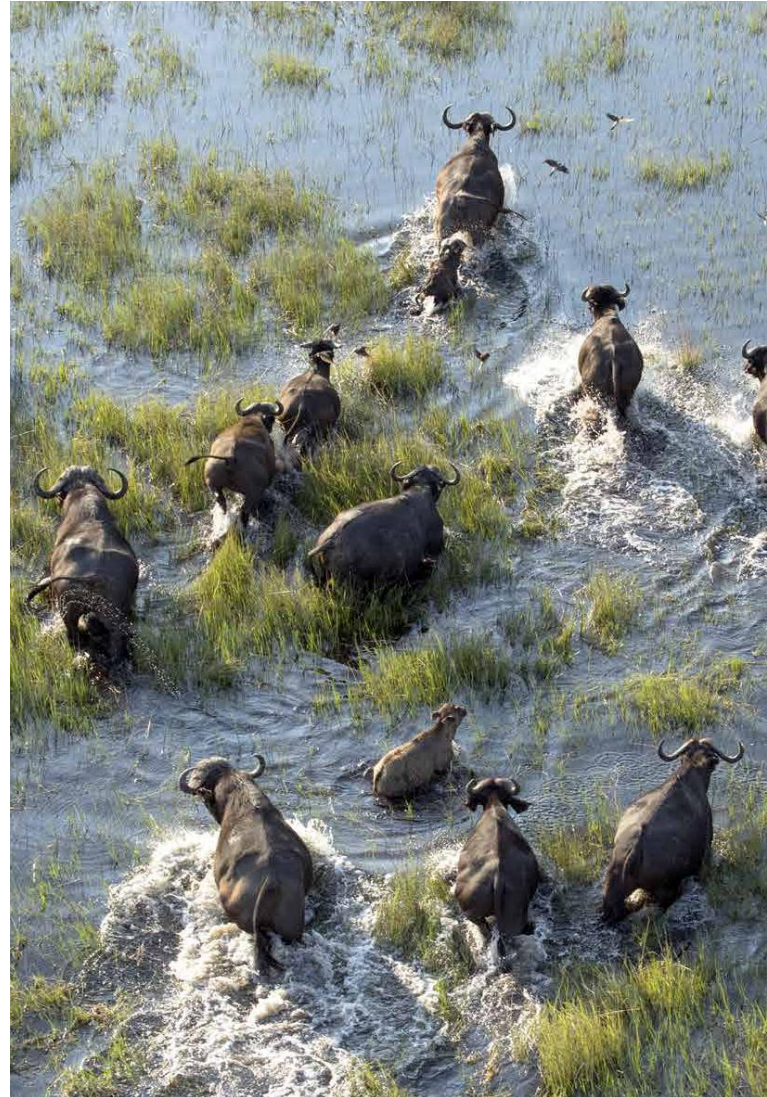
Flights to Livingstone (Zambia) and Kasane (near Chobe National Park in Botswana) offer other options of accessing the region. A good road network connects the Victoria Falls area to Livingstone, just 15 minutes drive away, as well as to Chobe Game Reserve, a 90 minute transfer by road.

With the completion of the new Victoria Falls Airport there are now also scheduled flights between Cape Town and Kenya offering further access options. A number of international airlines are now considering this airport as a viable stop.

Climate

The summers in Zimbabwe range from November through to April and are long, hot and characterized by dramatic, short heavy rainfalls. By comparison, spring, autumn and winter are usually dry, sunny and cool. Come April, at the end of the rainy season, the Falls are at their peak and most impressive. Certain river activities can be curtailed between March and June due to the height and force of the river.

The dry season is from May to November and is the optimum time to view game in the region. During springtime, in September and October, there is less spray at the Falls, allowing for better photo opportunities, although the torrent can be slightly less impressive.



ZIMBABWE

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	30	29.4	30	29.3	27.4	25	25	28	32	33.4	32	30
Min Temp °C	18	18	17	9.4	9.4	6.3	5.6	8.2	12.8	17	18	18
Max Temp °F	85.4	85.4	85.4	84.5	81.3	77	76.6	82	89.2	92.1	89.2	85.4
Min Temp °F	64	64	62.6	57	49	43.3	42	46.7	55	62.6	64	64
Rainfall mm	98	126	70	24	0	0	0	0.3	2	27	63	95

HOTELS

VICTORIA FALLS RIVER LODGE



Hotels



Victoria Falls Hotel | 5* Property | 161 rooms | www.victoriafallshotel.com

- Standard Rooms - 64
- Central Deluxe Rooms - 46
- Stables Signature Wing Rooms - 42
- Suites - 9

This classic, five-star hotel, built in 1904, combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. It is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semitropical shrubs, it provides the tranquility and seclusion that many guests seek.

The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel's private pathway, and "the smoke that thunders" or "Mosi-oa-Tunya" in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark. The hotel is 30 minutes from Victoria Falls Airport.

Facilities on site include a swimming pool and tennis courts, lounges, library, spa and hair salon.

Grand dining in colonial style is offered at the opulent Livingstone Room. The Jungle Junction offers a more relaxed outdoor-style type dining. Stanley's Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge, connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia, is renowned for its cocktails and afternoon teas.

The Victoria Falls Hotel Conference Facilities (The Pullman Suite and the plush Centenary Room) are best suited for small and exclusive meetings for up to 40 guests.



Exterior



Guest room

Hotels



Ilala Lodge | 5* Property | 73 rooms | www.ilalalodge.com

- Classic - 28
- Classic Double - 6
- Deluxe Twin - 12
- Classic Suite - 2
- Executive Suite - 3
- Stratheam Suite - 1

Ilala Lodge is a family-run hotel that offers luxury and comfort in the heart of Victoria Falls. Built around attractive gardens, the well-appointed hotel is a mere eight-minute walk from Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, making it ideally located for easy access to all the historical sites, restaurants and activities available in Victoria Falls. Just 30 minutes drive from Victoria Falls Airport.

Spacious rooms with teak furnishings leading onto a patio or balcony, en suite bathrooms with separate shower, air conditioning, overhead fan, satellite TV, tea and coffee facilities. The rooms on the upper tier open out onto a private balcony, while the lower floor rooms open onto the lush manicured gardens where you can watch the warthogs graze from the hotel lawn.

The award-winning Palm Restaurant at Ilala Lodge is famous for its delicious gourmet cuisine. Diners can see the spray and hear the sounds of Victoria Falls, locally known as the 'Smoke That Thunders', while they enjoy dining under the starry African skies.



Poolside



Guest room

Hotels



The Elephant Camp | 5* Property | 12 tents | www.theelephantcamp.com

Standard Luxury Tented Suites - 10
Family Luxury Tented Suites - 2

Situated in a wildlife sanctuary downstream from Victoria Falls, this small intimate lodge has awesome views of the Masuwe River, the Batoka gorges and the sky-high spray of the Falls. Despite its close proximity to nearby attractions, it is sufficiently secluded to allow for close wildlife interaction. Just 15 minutes from Victoria Falls Airport and 20 minutes from Victoria Falls town.

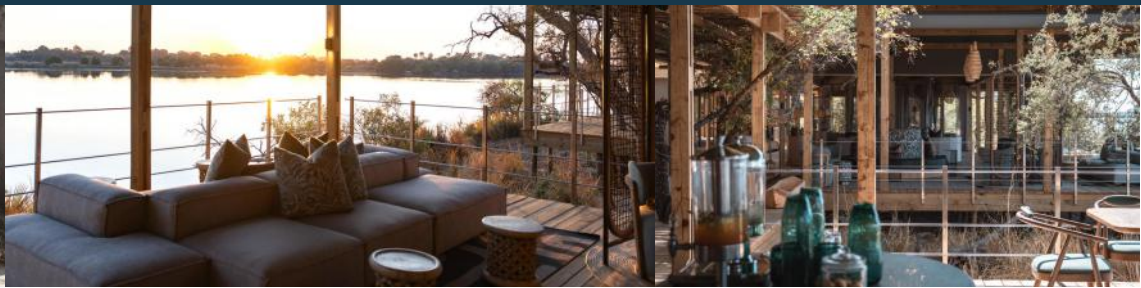
The lodge features 12 luxury tents whilst Elephant Camp West offers an additional four exclusive tents for smaller groups. Each mosquito-proof tent has a decked veranda overlooking the gorges and is equipped with a fan, bath and outdoor shower.

The panoramic views of the Falls are breath-taking from the central area and the west wing of the camp whilst the Batoka gorge yawns before one from the rooms in the east wing. The Elephant Camp overlooks a waterhole that is fed by natural streams in the rainy season that rush down to meet the Masuwe River, and the Zambezi gorges below the Falls. Walks and birding for guests supply boundless photographic opportunities in addition to the variety of activities that are available in Victoria Falls.

The Elephant Camp's chefs are dedicated to creating a fine dining experience that can be equated to Africa on a plate. The flavor of each dish is enriched using fresh seasonal ingredients and herbs grown in the camps gardens. Traditional African dishes and accompaniments, such as Sadza (African-style polenta) and Chakalaka (a hot, spicy relish) further enhance the luxury game lodge experience by giving diners a taste of authentic African cuisine.



Hotels



Victoria Falls River Lodge | 5* Property | 27 rooms | www.victoriafallsriverlodge.com

Luxury Tent - 8

Superior Family Tent - 2

Luxury Family Tent - 5

Island Treehouse Suite - 4

Starbed Treehouse Suite - 2

Malachite Tented Suite - 6

Victoria Falls River Lodge is the first private game lodge set in the Zambezi National Park. This luxury 13-tent lodge is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River - so close to the Falls you can see the spray in the distance. It is approximately 40 minutes' drive from Victoria Falls Airport.

Erected on raised decks, under vast thatched roofs, each spacious tent has been tastefully decorated in earthy hues and offers a larger than king-size bed, freestanding bath, comfortable sitting area as well as both indoor and outdoor showers.

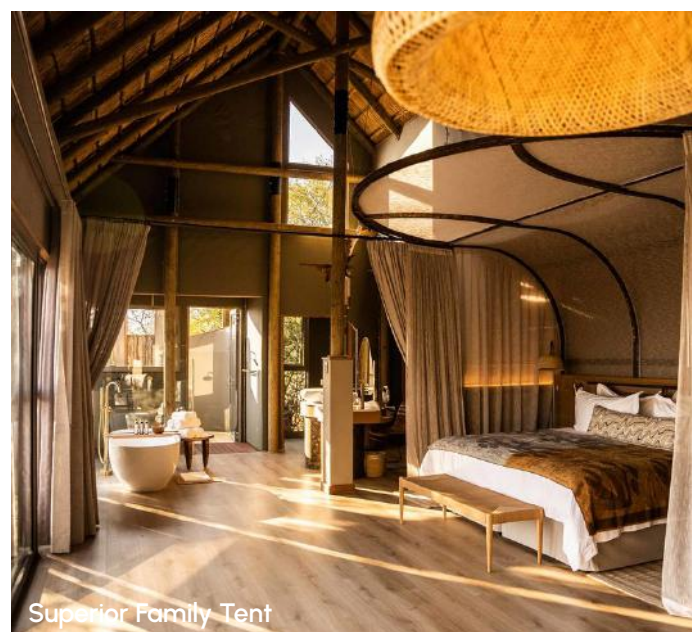
Each private viewing deck affords spectacular views of the river and surrounding natural flora and invites guests to sit back and relax while watching the hippos wallow. Several tents offer private plunge pools and guests can also relax at the central infinity pool which overlooks the river.

Victoria Falls River Lodge's spacious, open-plan design offers cool sanctuary from the African sun. Positioned meters from the river's edge, guests are invited to relax, unwind and enjoy the panoramic views over the Zambezi River after an adventure-filled day.

Stylish regional cuisine is mostly served in the distinctive thatched riverside dining area. Decorated with an Afro-Chic flair, the spacious open-plan seating of the dining area flows out to a sundowner deck and into the airy lounge creating a perfect space for any occasion.



Exterior



Superior Family Tent

Hotels



Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel | 5* Property | 16 suites | www.more.co.za

Suites - 16

The Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel's elegant-yet approachable design is a fresh take on the colonial style, and its spaces - a lounge, bar, restaurant, terrace and pool facing onto the neighbouring reserve's waterhole - encourage guests to settle in and unwind.

The surrounding wilderness is abundant in wildlife and a safari destination to rival any on the continent. Conserving 2 500ha (6 200 acres) is the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve. This is the only privately-owned reserve within the immediate vicinity of the Falls which is home to the Big 5 (Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo), and offers a very special safari experience with the chance to see the rare and critically endangered black rhino. There are two accommodations on the reserve. The Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel and Ursula's Homestead. Both offer tranquil retreats in one of Africa's most visited destinations. The hotel features 16 luxury suites, each with: a private terrace, en-suite shower and bath, air conditioning, mini-bar and satellite television.

Other facilities include:

- A bar and lounge, opening onto the outdoor dining terrace.
- A spa, with a pause area, couple's treatment room, steam room, his and hers changing rooms and showers.
- A gymnasium, with state-of-the-art equipment.
- A swimming pool, set within the landscaped gardens and overlooking the waterhole.
- Complimentary scheduled transfers between the hotel and Victoria Falls town.

*Ursula's Homestead offers an additional four rooms.



Hotels



Matetsi Victoria Falls | 5* Property | 22 rooms | www.matetsivictoriafalls.com

- River Lodge - 16
- River House - 4
- Family Suites - 2

Set on a private 15km stretch of the mighty Zambezi -meaning "The Great River" in the local Tonga language - you will find this award-winning safari lodge and luxury villa. Just 40km upriver from the rush and spray of the Falls. Matetsi Victoria Falls offers both world-class safari experiences and an idyllic oasis from which to explore, adventure, relax and recharge. Approximately one hours' transfer from Victoria Falls Airport and 30 minutes from Victoria Falls town.

Five-star services rivaled only by the natural wonders surrounding Matetsi River Lodge and River House. Guests, accompanied by knowledgeable, conservation minded guides, are invited to explore Matetsi Private Game Reserve's 55 000 hectares (135900 acres) of protected and unspoiled wilderness on foot, by vehicle and by boat, while great herds of elephant, buffalo and plains game delight and amaze.

Matetsi River Lodge has two intimate camps made up of nine river-facing suites each, including two family suites. Each camp also features its own wide-spaced guest areas, dining spaces, kitchen, bar and boma, or al fresco dining area around a blazing fire bowl under starlit skies.

River House is an exclusive-use, 4-bedroomed private villa featuring en-suite bathrooms, its own kitchen, open-plan indoor and outdoor living and dining areas with wide verandas and a sparkling private pool overlooking the Zambezi.



Hotels



Victoria Falls Safari Lodge | 4* Property | 72 rooms | www.africaalbidatourism.com

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is set on a high plateau offering uninterrupted views of the surrounding veld and spectacular African sunsets. It is centrally located for easy access to town, the Falls, adventure activities and safari experiences. Just a 40 minute transfer from Victoria Falls Airport.

The lodge is built of thatch and timber and rises several levels, giving the impression of a vast open-plan tree house, with all 72 rooms, facing towards the outdoors, glass doors open to from a light spacious interior onto a private balcony.

The newest addition to the lodge are the four two bedroom suites and two three-bedroom suites. All the safari suites are split-level and fully air-conditioned.

Dining options include the fine dining Makuwa-Kuwa Restaurant, the famous Buffalo Bar and the 'must-do' Boma - Dinner and Drum Show.



Victoria Falls Safari Club | 5* Property | 20 rooms

This premium facility has four Club Suites and sixteen Club Rooms, all with a modern layout and elegantly decorated in earthy tones to blend harmoniously with its surrounds.

The Safari Club have additional complimentary services - afternoon tea and pastries are served in the Safari Club lounge from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, sundowner cocktails and canapés served on the viewing deck from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Hourly shuttle service to the town center, craft markets, and the Victoria Falls Rainforest is available.



HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights

Walking Tour of Victoria Falls

It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is nature's supreme masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight.

The Victoria Falls reaches its zenith in about May each year. Clients will be accompanied through the Rainforest by qualified Guides who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist clients with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.

Sunset Cruises

The Zambezi Sunset cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Zambezi River. There are great photo opportunities against often-spectacular African sunsets. Flocks of birds skim the waterline as the sun sets behind the African skyline.

Clients may have the opportunity to see a variety of game; including hippo, crocodile, and elephant as well as enjoy the many different bird species. The Sunset cruise includes light snacks, beer, wine, local spirits and soft drinks.

There are a variety of boats to suit all group sizes and budgets.



Highlights

Day tour to Chobe, Botswana

Chobe National Park is well known for its large herds of elephant that frequent the Chobe River on a daily basis.

Apart from the herds of elephant, Chobe also has lots more to offer. The Park has lion, leopard, buffalo and a whole host of antelope like sable, puku, kudu, eland, roan and many others which you can get to see. The river is filled with big pods of hippo and some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa.

This is a full day activity - leaving early in the morning and returning early evening. It includes a morning 4x4 land safari, lunch at a local lodge and then an afternoon boat-based river safari.

Game Drives

The Victoria Falls Game Reserve is situated a convenient 10 minute drive from Victoria Falls Town. The reserve is home to the Big Five. Guided by knowledgeable rangers you will go in search of the Big Five and experience the sights, sounds and smells of Africa.

Morning game drive concludes with a bush breakfast. The afternoon game drive is never complete without a stop with snacks and drinks as you watch the sun set behind the Africa bush.



ACTIVITIES

VICTORIA FALLS CANOPY TOURS



Activities

Flight of Angels

The spectacular helicopter flight over the Victoria Falls is known as the 'Flight of Angels'.

David Livingstone famously wrote on seeing the Victoria Falls for the first time in 1855 that "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight". Little did he know that 150 years later he could have exactly that opportunity.

The best way to appreciate the true splendour of the Victoria Falls is to view them from the air. The helicopters have specially designed 'bubble shaped' windows perfect for panoramic viewing and great photographic opportunities from all seats.

Elephant Encounter

The encounter affords guests the opportunity to interact with some of the biggest personalities in Africa. Set in a pristine wilderness environment overflowing with raw natural beauty. The elephants will be one of the highlights of the trip.

Guests will have an opportunity to talk to guides that have journeyed – physically and metaphorically. They have covered incredible distances with these elephants, and learn more about the complexities of the individuals and the herd structures.

After the encounter with these amazing creatures guests will be offered a selection of refreshments in the cool of the Elephant Wallow.



Activities

Adrenalin Activities and Water Sports

Being the number one adventure destination, the options at Victoria Falls are endless.

From white water rafting, canoeing, bungee jumping and boogie boarding on the Zambezi to a gorge swing, flying fox or abseil above it, to name but a few!

Victoria Falls Canopy Tour

The Victoria Falls Canopy Tour is a new eco adventure in the Victoria Falls area, offering a network of slides, trails and rope bridge walkways within the canopy of the hardwood forest of the Zambezi gorges.

The Victoria Falls Canopy Tour consists of 9 different slides, varying in length (with the longest being approximately 92y and the shortest being 43y) and 1 cable bridge walkway. The activity duration is 2 to 2.5 hours.

Victoria Falls Tram Bridge Tour

Steeped in history, the Victoria Falls Tram Bridge Tour is a unique journey into the adventure and romance of a bygone era. Both morning and sunset tours begin with a stroll down the red carpet path, which links the iconic, 108-year old Victoria Falls Hotel to the train platform at Victoria Falls Station.

The 19th century-style tram begins its gentle, twenty minute meander through the vibrant town of Victoria Falls ending on the bridge.



Dining

Apart from a vast range of hotel-based restaurants, Victoria Falls boasts some fantastic off-site dining venues for incentive groups, where friendly hospitality competes with traditional flavors and superb cuisine.

Rainforest Café

Victoria Falls' Rainforest Café is located at the entrance of the world famous Victoria Falls. After a long, yet awe-inspiring walk along the edge of the magnificent Victoria Falls, visitors can sit and relax in the natural beauty. The powerful roar of the Victoria Falls in the distance enhances the ambience.

The restaurant offers basic, yet delicious meals. Look forward to a wide selection of all-day meals and fresh salads, breakfast options, mid-morning tea/coffee with a variety of tasty cakes to choose from.

The Boma – Place of Eating

Located at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge. A unique cultural experience combining a feast of delectable Zimbabwean dishes with traditional dancers and interactive drumming. This partially open air restaurant can seat between 230 and 300 guests and is well worth the visit.

The Elephant Wallow

A fun, relaxed venue that overlooks a watering hole. It is the perfect place for a refreshment or light lunch before or after this wonderful safari experience. It is also ideal for a private, yet relaxed, dinner event.

The Lookout Café

The Lookout Café offers fresh, tasty dining with a spectacular view. It is perched 120m above the turbulent rapids of the Zambezi River, overhanging a giant chasm of the Batoka Gorge, just down from the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge, which forms part of it's spectacular backdrop. The semi open air café offers a range of refreshing beverages as well as an extensive cocktail menu.

Zambezi House Bar & Canteen

Victoria Falls has a hip new hangout on the banks of the Zambezi River. With a mix of retro furniture, African artifacts and lush plants it seem as if it's been there forever.

