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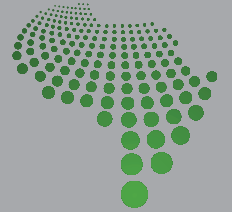


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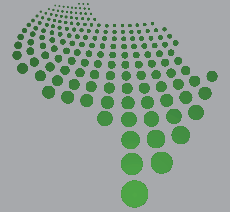


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Livingstone, named after the Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone, is the tourism capital of Zambia. Located just 10km from the world-famous, spectacular Victoria Falls and the starting point for a number of adrenalin activities and sightseeing adventures, Livingstone has earned its title as the Adventure Capital of Africa.

Briefly the capital of Northern Rhodesia, as Zambia was previously named, from 1911 to 1935, the town of Livingstone is quaint with a colonial feel. The main street is lined with classic Victorian buildings, the wooden verandas and tin roofed houses serving as classic examples of English settler architecture. Livingstone is relatively compact, so easy to navigate on foot. There are also a variety of activities in and around the town which will make a trip to this destination more than memorable.

When David Livingstone first glimpsed the majestic Falls in 1855, he claimed "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight" and named them after Queen Victoria. The force of the falling water produces high clouds of spray, which gave the falls their African name: Mosi-oa-Tunya - "the Smoke that Thunders".

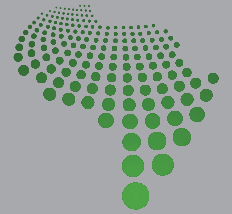


Livingstone and the Falls are also located close to the Botswana border, so a trip to famous Chobe National Park, just 80kms away, is also recommended. With world class hotels, a plethora of adventure activities and the drawcard of safari on your doorstep, Livingstone is a must see destination to visit in this beautiful part of Africa.

access information

Johannesburg in South Africa is the most effective gateway for all international arrivals in the region. There are daily scheduled flights from OR Tambo International Airport (RSA) to Livingstone Airport (Zambia) on local airlines such as SAA and BA/Comair. The flying time is approximately 90 minutes.

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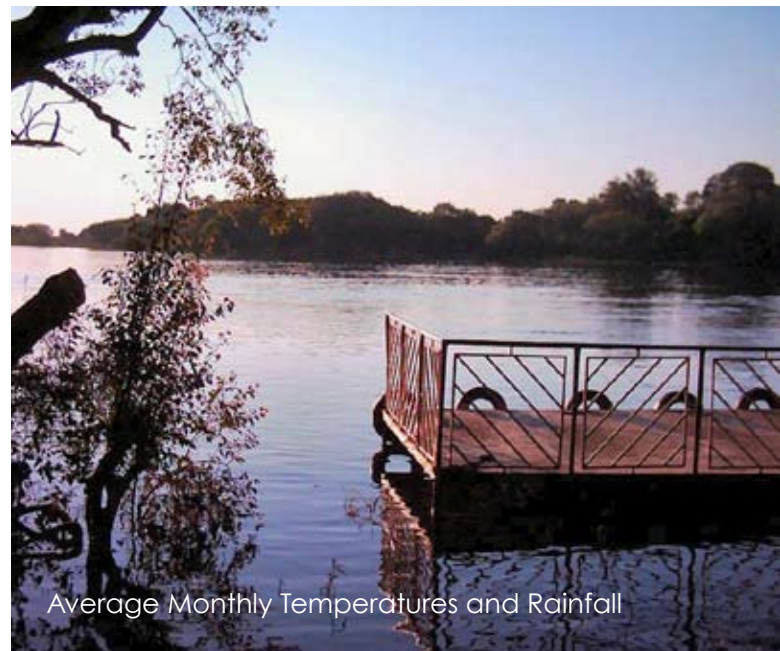
Zambia Climate

Although Zambia lies in the tropics and is therefore subject to humidity in certain areas, it is also located on a plateau, which ensures a fairly moderate climate overall. Zambia has three distinct seasons which will provide visitors with different perspectives of the country.

The cool, dry winter season from April to August is when the Zambezi is at peak flow, and the Falls are at their most impressive, with thick spray spinning high into the air, often reaching heights of 500m.

The hot, dry season is from September to November and the water level is at its lowest.

Whilst the Falls are not at their zenith, the entire scope of the Falls can be viewed, as and intricate rock formations and gorges are more easily visible. The rainy season runs from December to March, and the Falls change from low to peak flow during this period.

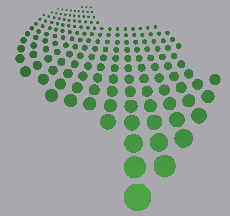


Average Monthly Temperatures and Rainfall

Temperatures remain high during the rainy season. Bird viewing is better in the rainy season although road access in areas such as the Lower Zambezi becomes more difficult. Game viewing is best in the dry months from June to October.

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Averages	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max Temp	°C26.1	26.5	25.4	23.0	20.3	18.1	17.5	17.8	19.2	21.3	23.5	24.9
Min Temp °C	15.7	15.6	14.2	11.9	9.4	7.8	7.0	7.5	8.7	10.6	13.2	14.9
Rainfall mm	15	17	20	41	69	93	82	77	40	30	14	17



Royal Livingstone Hotel | 5* 173 rooms: www.suninternational.com

Located on the verge of the mighty Victoria Falls, the exquisite and unique style of the Royal Livingstone Hotel evokes a colonial air from bygone days. The spectacular scenery includes a view of zebras grazing in the lush gardens, an inviting Victorian styled swimming pool overlooking the Zambezi River and a sundeck viewing spot, perfect for sipping sundowners in a romantic setting.

The hotel's 173 en suite rooms are divided between a series of villas and each room has a private veranda overlooking the river. Unwind in the spa, enjoy a romantic dinner under the stars, dine on superb meals, relax in the bar lounge or take part in one of the famous adventurous activities associated with the Victoria Falls and Zambezi River area.



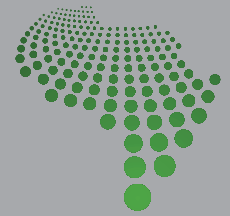
Zambezi Sun | 4* 212 rooms: www.suninternational.com

With a comfortable, casual ambience, the Zambezi Sun is unpretentious, fun and welcoming. The hotel is situated adjacent to the eastern cataract of the Victoria Falls and within walking distance of the Royal Livingstone hotel.

The design of the Zambezi Sun was inspired by an African walled village with warm, earthy architecture and rooms decorated with a handcrafted fusion of African inspired designs, Zambian artworks and bright mosaics.

The hotel boasts conference facilities for up to 430 people, a ballroom as well as two bomas, a restaurant and swimming pool with pool bar.





David Livingstone Safari Lodge & Spa | 4* 77 rooms: www.dlslandspa.com

Built on the banks of the Zambezi, 8kms upriver from Victoria Falls, the regal David Livingstone Safari Lodge & Spa provides a backdrop of grandeur in this beautiful area.

With a private balcony attached to each room, the lodge also benefits from a large thatched conference centre with infinity pool and large private deck area. The pool deck is a relaxed, casual meeting place with excellent views, offering a gastronomic experience. Alternatively, enjoy afro-arabian fusion dishes in the main lodge restaurant, where contemporary meals are served in a traditional setting. To experience Africa in a unique way, climb aboard The Lady Livingstone, a 3-deck river cruiser.

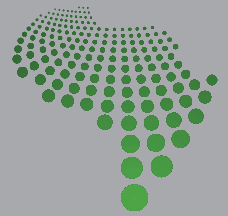


The River Club | 5* 10 chalets: www.wilderness-safaris.com

Set amidst lush, manicured gardens with the Zambezi River on its doorstep, the River Club epitomises comfort and hospitality in a luxurious setting, with dappled shade, uninterrupted vistas and glorious sunsets.

The River Club is located 18kms upriver from Victoria Falls. It comprises a well appointed Edwardian styled main residence area, a comfortable lounge, large dining room, impressive library, a wide veranda, secluded deck, swimming pool and wellness centre. The 10 luxurious private chalets are spread along the river's edge and each has one side completely open to the river.





Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma Lodge | 5* 12 tree houses: www.sanctuarylodges.com

Sussi & Chuma is named after explorer David Livingston's two faithful companions. With its intimate, secluded accommodation, the lodge can be found 9kms upstream from the Falls area. The 12 private tree houses are built into the lush, riverine habitat and have stunning views of the Zambezi from their private decks. The area is rich in birdlife and wildlife and Sussi Lodge is the perfect getaway destination if peace and tranquillity are of paramount importance. There are also two luxurious houses available, ideal for family groups.



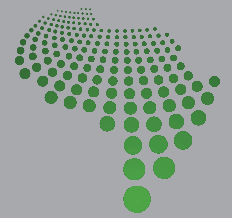
Thorntree River Lodge | 5* 8 chalets : www.thorntreelodge.net



A quality bush experience is the order of the day at Thorntree River Lodge. Situated 14kms upstream from the Falls, the main lodge is perfectly positioned on the banks of the Zambezi to offer unparalleled views. The spacious, comfortable rooms are secluded yet have fantastic views of bush and river from their covered verandas.

Whilst staying at Thorntree River Lodge, take part in an experience not to be missed – an elephant back safari – with the exciting opportunity to interact with your elephant after the ride.





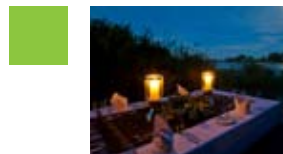
Tongabezi | 5* 11 rooms | **Sindabezi** | 5* 5 rooms: www.tongabezi.com

Tongabezi is a luxury lodge near Victoria Falls on the banks of the Zambezi River. It was founded in 1990 by Ben Parker and the late Will Ruck-Keene, pioneers of eco-tourism in Zambia.

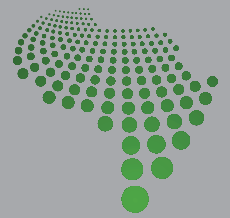
Privately owned and run, Tongabezi combines romance and exclusivity with warm and attentive service. Each house and cottage has its own valet who takes care of guests throughout their stay and act as a private concierge.

There is no set pattern to days at Tongabezi.

Guests can do as much or as little as they wish, with game drives, bush walks and boating trips all included in the price. The majestic Victoria Falls can be viewed either by boat or helicopter. Guests can also stay on the private island, Sindabezi, an exclusive camp on the Zambezi.



Adjacent to the lodge is the Tongabezi Trust School which was set up by Vanessa Parker. The school opened on 1 May 1996 and due to its huge success it has been growing ever since. The school provides education to the Tongabezi staff children, as well as children from the local community, in an area where educational funding and material are scarce. The school welcomes visit by guests and all donations are welcome.



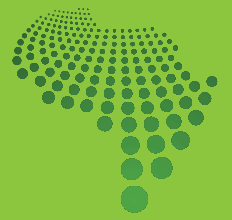
Royal Chundu Zambezi River Lodge | 5* 14 rooms: www.royalchundu.com

Livingstone's latest luxury lodge, is located 30km's upstream from the Victoria Falls. Situated a short drive from Livingstone, on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls, the lodge sits secluded on the banks of the Zambezi River .

The main lodge has 10 spacious, thatched suites perched on the banks of the Zambezi, whilst the private Katombora Island, a mere 10minutes boat ride away, boasts four extremely private villas with own lounge, dining and pool area. Meandering teak walkways lead to the main lodge, where traditional and international cuisine can be savoured. Choose to dine indoors in true ethnic elegance, or experience open-air dining in the Chiefs boma, where you will be treated to an authentic African barbeque and traditional song and dance.



Additional services on offer include a curio shop, Spa treatments, a library, Internet and office facilities, full day bush drive and boat cruise, Authentic village tour and Canoeing trips – these allow for unobtrusive, close up game viewing and bird watching along the river banks.



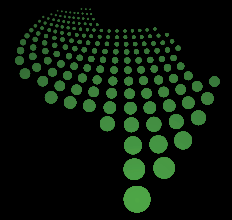
Livingstone Highlights

- Victoria Falls – prepare to be soaked by the mist rising from this awesomely majestic spectacle (April – July). We provide the raincoats at the Falls
- Game Drives – enjoy a diversity of wildlife in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a wildlife sanctuary on the banks of the Zambezi, or visit the magnificent Chobe National Park, just across the border in Nearby Botswana. Chobe is home the world's largest Elephant population – close on 140 000 Elephant
- Livingstone Island – enjoy a lunch on the World Heritage site which is limited to only 10 guests at any one time. The island is situated on the lip of the chasm, from which David Livingstone first saw the Falls. For the brave at heart try a swim in the Devil's Pool. Please note Livingstone Island is only accessible between August to mid-March
- The Livingstone Museum – the oldest museum in Zambia containing many interesting displays and memorabilia belonging to the man himself



- Maramba Market – a visit to this colourful market in Livingstone for crafts and curios is worth including during a tour of Livingstone
- Makuni Village – take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet the Makuni chief and residents and see how local people live in a working village

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unique activities

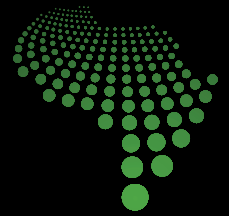


- Flight of the Angels – put Victoria Falls into perspective by seeing it from the air. Enjoy the stunning views of this area from the comfort of a modern helicopter
- Elephant Back Rides – follow trails through riverine bush alongside the Zambezi and enjoy the advantage of game spotting from the back of an elephant
- Horse Trails – one of the finest ways to experience the bush is on horseback
- Adrenalin Fuelled Adventure – choose from white water rafting, jet boating, kayaking, gorge swinging, bungee jumping and abseiling to name but a few of the action packed activities on offer



- Canoeing, followed by Lunch on the banks of the Zambezi. Set off with expert guides down a river steeped in the romance and legend of exploration and discovery to your stunning lunch spot on an unspoilt, tranquil stretch of the Zambezi. Savour the sounds of Africa, the solitude of nature! Sitting at a properly laid table you're in total harmony with nature as you relish your lunch and gaze at the unique setting surrounding you.





- The Lion Encounter

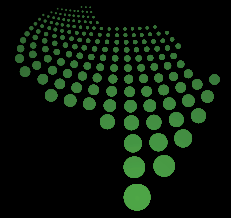
Lion Cubs, ranging in age from 3 to 16 months of age, now resident at Thorntree, offer guests an unparalleled experience of the behavior of this majestic species in Africa. Guests interact with 2 or 3 lion cubs for a period of approximately 1 and ½ hours. The lions roam free with guests in the African bush in the riverine vegetation and beautiful scenery situated on the banks of the Zambezi River. Guests may even be lucky enough to experience the young cubs on a stalk on some of the wildlife species that occur on the property. The experience offers a once in a lifetime insight into the behaviour and social aspects of Africa's most sought after photographic opportunity – The African Lion. No leashes, no collars – just a natural African wildlife experience.



- Royal Livingston Express

Fulfill your romantic fantasy, escape on a late afternoon train journey amidst the untamed natural Zambia bushveld. The Royal Livingstone Express is a unique dining experience combining the luxury of Sun International's Royal Livingstone hotel with the charm of rail travel. The train is an all inclusive luxury rail experience rooted in the nostalgia of a bygone era. Passengers travel leisurely as the sun sets.

This is a journey into a timeless world of grace, elegance and romance, where the natural splendour will stir your imagination and the luxurious comfort soothes your soul. The train provides fine wining and dining as you travel through the picturesque Zambezi Valley in Pullman style coaches which have been lovingly restored to their former glory.



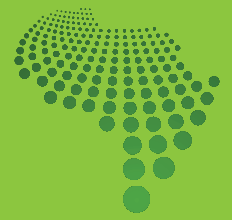
The Royal Livingstone Express consists of 5 air-conditioned carriages, 2 dining cars, a club/kitchen car, lounge car, and an observation car. One of the dining cars, The Wembley, was built by the Birmingham Railway Carriage and Wagon Company, and went on display in London at the British Empire Exhibition in 1924. It was shipped to the Union of South Africa and entered service on 19th May 1926 and hence acquired the name - The Wembley.

The journey begins when you're collected from the Royal Livingstone Hotel at 17h00 and transferred to the old Mulobezi Line Offices, where guests board the immaculate vintage first class Lounge carriage.

There are two dining cars with a seating capacity for 92 passengers and a fully equipped kitchen car to produce a 6-course gourmet dining experience. From departure the train moves directly onto the old Mulobezi Line, which has also been restored. It was once the largest privately owned railway network in the world and was set up by the Zambezi Sawmills in 1916.



The journey commences through Dambwa suburb towards the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, running parallel to the Zambezi River. Guests have the opportunity to catch glimpses of white rhino, buffalo, elephant and other wildlife. From there, the train crosses out of the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park over the Sinde River and comes to pause some 17 kilometres from Livingstone. By this time darkness would have descended on the Zambezi Valley and guests will be invited to dinner by the train manager in the dining cars. The train will then slowly push back to the Sinde 'run around' to afford the locomotive driver a good view of any obstacles in his path for the return journey in darkness, including of course elephants! The journey finishes back at the old Mulobezi Siding at approximately 21h30.



Eating out!

World class fare with African flair is how best to describe the unique meal opportunities you will experience whilst visiting this region.

The lodges and hotels in the area almost outdo each other with delicious, luxurious and varied recipes to suit all palates, often made from locally sourced fresh produce such as fresh Bream from the river.

To add to this variety, what counts is the way in which you take your meal....

Sip a cool cocktail and enjoy on light canapés from the deck of the African Queen as she cruises the rolling Zambezi at sundown or explore the islands and waterways from a high-speed semi-Jetboat.

Savour an "Out of Africa" bush breakfast, a royal afternoon tea or a moonlit dinner aboard an historic steam train as it chugs over the Victoria Falls Bridge and through the surrounding bush.

Step back in time with a colonial style lunch on an island in the middle of the river.

