

VICTORA FALLS FOR DUMMIES

"MOSI OA TUNYA"

The smoke that thunders.

BOOK YOUR TRANSFER AT RECEPTION

YOU WILL GET SOAKING WET!!

Take dry clothes to leave in the bus. Take plastic bags for your passports and cameras. Take drinking water with you. The Victoria Falls are fantastic, but the Town Victoria Falls can be quite a rip-off. My advice can be ignored if you wish, and if you have suggestions/comments let me know

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2/3 hours is enough to walk the Falls, but If you want to walk the Falls only, then of course you can spend your entire day there.

Need help? If you struggle to walk, our driver will assist you to get to Vic Falls Hotel/Shearwater.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Our Driver must reserve space for activities. Bookings are essential. Tell him the moment you drive into Vic Falls town to reserve space at Shearwater.

You can do credit card payments.

Activities can also be booked at Senyati's Reservation office in Advance.

People who want to do the white-water rafting must book the night before as they depart very early.

JUST A THOUGHT: (Please ask our driver's cell phone number, (should it be necessary) or about an activity booking.

ACTVITIES and PRICES

1. Helicopter Ride (FLIGHT OF ANGELS)13-15 Minutes (US\$150)

Named after David Livingstone's famous quote, "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by Angels in their flight.". After take-off they head straight for the Falls. After doing a figure of eight over the Falls, which gives you the best views possible, they head upstream and fly over the Zambezi National Park where you get the opportunity to spot game from the air.

2. Helicopter Ride (ZAMBEZI SPECTACULAR) 25 Minutes (US\$284)

Combine the beauty and thrills of the Flight of the Angels with a flight downstream over the Batoka gorge and additional time over the Zambezi National Park, where you have another opportunity to spot wildlife. This flight gives you the opportunity to view the magnificent Zambezi in its three states: the meandering peaceful river above the Falls, the Falls themselves and the rapids and white water of the Zambezi below the Falls. This flight should not be missed.

3. Bungee Jumping (US\$160)

Ready, set, jump! 111m of bungee that means you have a 4 second, adrenalin-fuelled, free-fall. 4 seconds that'll change your life forever.

4. Bridge Slide/Zipline 10 Minutes (US\$45 Solo | \$68 Tandem)

For an equally spectacular experience, with a little less adrenalin, pick the zipline. This unforgettable activity takes you from Zambia into Zimbabwe, the only zipline in the world covering two countries. Enjoy this magical experience alone or go tandem with a friend.

5. Bridge Swing (US\$160 Solo | \$240 Tandem)

Launching from the same iconic bridge as the bungee, here you get a 70 meter free-fall. Swing alone or go tandem and share the experience with a friend.

6. Big Air Experience (Bungee, Swing & Jumping) 30 Minutes (US\$210)

Can't decide which to do? Do them all. The Big Air Combo lets you experience all three activities with a massive saving of \$155.

7. Rafting Experience Day Trip (US\$120)

TAKE ON THE BIGGEST GRADE 5 RAPIDS IN THE WORLD.

Their guides are the best in the business as they've been on this river during all seasons and know the rapids better than anyone. No one can match their unrivalled experience, knowledge and focus on safety.

Low water season is between August and December, you start right in the Boiling Pot in the spray of Victoria Falls. You get an unrivalled view of the Falls and the Bridge, then navigate rapids 1 - 19 in some of the most intense grade 5 rapids known to man. If you're with us between January and

April, depending on rainfall, you'll normally start at rapid 11, 10km downstream from the mighty Falls, and will continue to rapid 23.

- 8. Walking over the bridge to the Zambian side: For those who still has energy left after seeing the falls, you can cross the bridge for free. Exit the Vic Falls Park then turn left (away from Botswana's direction) walk until you get to a border post. Ask them there where you get the pass to walk the bridge. Get the pass, walk the bridge (again you will get soaking wet), and come back. You do not have to go into the border at the Zambian side, though you will "get to Zambia".
- 9. For the best **curious shopping** ask where the "black market" is. When you get out from the Victoria Falls park, turn right, continue right, walk past the Kingdom hotel, and before you get to the Shearwater Restaurant, turn right. If you are not sure, ask for BLACK MARKET, it is a huge market with loads of curious Remember you should pay ½ or less of what they ask you to pay.
- 10. **Vulture Feeding** at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge: At 1pm every day there is a vulture feeding attraction. A sight not to be missed. When there are around 100 vultures fighting over pieces of meat the smell and the dust are overwhelming.
- 11. We **do not recommend** the "Walking with Lions" as these are lions that are later used for canned hunting (after they have been made used to humans).

Snacks/Lunch:

• Take some snacks and drinks along.

• Not a Tight Budget:

If you want to have a fantastic lunch and is not on a budget, I can recommend that you go for **lunch or high tea at the Vic Falls hotel**. This hotel was visited by the Queen Mother and other Royalties. And it is stunning. Expect to pay about USD70 for 2 people for lunch and three drinks each...I would say it is worth it IF you are not on a too tight budget. Or you can go for lunch at the **LOOK OUT DECK** (Directions Below) where you have a fantastic view of the gorge.

A Medium Budget

We recommend that you pack a picnic basket and go have a picnic at a park, or we recommend Chicken Inn. This is a fast food joint that sells delicious food at a reasonable price, and the facilities are clean. In one shop, there are different "shops" there is a coffee corner, pies, pizza's, chicken and Ice cream & waffles

• A very tight budget:

Go to Ok Bazaar (Directions Below) and buy yourself some of their read-made food. It is excellent and cheap.

WHERE TO EAT?

- 1. **LOOKOUT DECK:** At Victoria Falls Park, turn right and then soon turn left again into the "LOOKOUT DECK" Restaurant overlooking the gorge with a fantastic view. The Crocodile/beef/chicken Kebabs they serve there are superb. It is wonderful just to go and have drink there and then go for lunch at the Vic Falls Hotel, just lower down into town. See below directions. If you eat at the Lookout Deck, you will not be able to eat at the Vic Falls Hotel again. IF the Lookout Deck is full, continue to the Victoria Falls Hotel.
- 2. VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL: An old Colonial-style 5-star hotel which entertained guests such as the Queen Mother overlooking the falls and Old Bridge. Having a drink/lunch here is worthwhile. About 15 minutes slow walk from Falls to this Hotel. Turn right at the exit of the Victoria Falls Park, continue right over the bridge at the bottom bent of the road, until you see the Kingdom Hotel (a fake kind of Sun City) and turn left at this corner. Continue (on your right there is a park) and the magnificent Victoria Falls Hotel will be in front of you. You can even go for lunch/swim in the Moroccan Style swimming pool area. Note the hand-cut tiles on the floor. There are changing rooms at the pool area. The swimming pool is located down the steps, to the right, from where lunch is served. It is not crazily expensive for what you get and especially when you compare it to other places in Vic Falls.
- 3. VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE. The Victoria Falls Hotel and Victoria Falls Safari Lodge are two separate places. You cannot walk to the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, so if you want to go please ask our driver to take you there. You must be there at 1 pm when there is a wonderful activity (for free) -- Vulture restaurant (fantastic for bird lovers) when hundreds of vultures descend on the left-over meat from the kitchen. This is also very educative, and kids love it. They serve lovely burgers. Our driver will pick you up again on his way out of Victoria Falls. Please make sure that you arrange a time.

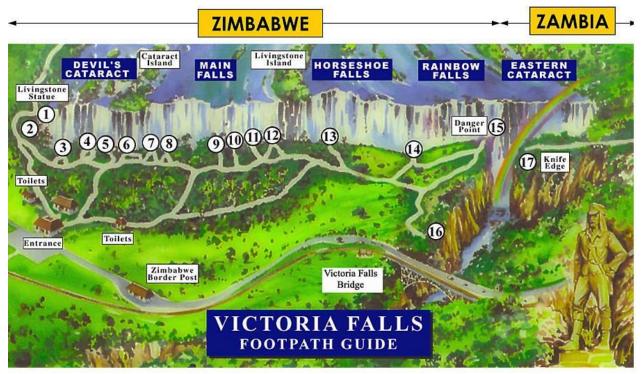
- 4. **PICNIC IN THE PARK across the street from Victoria Falls Hotel**. Prepare your food before departure, or guy something at OK and have lunch in the park, across from Vic Falls Hotel.
- 5. **OK BAZAARS** have lovely pre-prepared dishes for take-out. I love the Zimbabwean prepared sugar beans with white rice (like baked beans but much tastier), and it is perfect for Vegetarians.

TIME SUGGESTION

- 1. 6 AM Depart Senyati and arrive at falls at 9 am.
- 2. Driver goes to Shearwater office and book all activities for guests. All guests allocated times. (Shearwater will pick up guests from Shearwater office and drop them there again after activities.)
- 3. Drop guests at Vic Falls.
- 4. FIRST GO FOR BREAKFAST AT LOOKOUT DECK then walk falls.
- 5. Guests walk Vic Falls, go for lunch, activities and meet driver again. But departs at 4pm ON THE CLOCK in om parking lot of Vic Falls (where you were dropped) or at Vic Falls Hotel (please arrange with him.)
- 6. Time to be arranged according to activities, start making the way home

REMEMBER: Driving in the dark is not recommended at night due to the wild animals. Kindly see that you do not depart from Vic Falls later than 4.30 pm.

ENJOY YOUR TRIP AND BE PREPARED TO GET SOAKING WET! Renting a poncho is a waste of money... DON'T FORGET TO TAKE WATER WITH YOU!



- 01: Top of Devil's Cataract and Livingstone Statue
- 02: Devil's Cataract view. 73 steps but worth it
- 03 05: View of Devil's Cataract (70m depth)
- 06: View of Devil's Cataract, Cataract Island & Main Falls
- 07: View of Main Falls which are 93m High and 150m Wide
- 08 & 09: Main Falls (93m depth)
- 10 & 11: View of Main Falls. Opposite Devil's Pool
- 12: View of Main Falls. Livingstone Island & Horseshoe Falls.
- 13: Horseshoe Falls (95m depth)
- 14: Rainbow Falls (108m depth)
- 15: Danger Point, Easter Cataract view (101m depth) No rails here so watch your step!!
- 16: Boiling Pot Bridge view
- 17: The "Knife Edge" can be reached from the Zambian side of the falls



