

# ZAMBEZI SANDS

BY BATOKA

NESTLED INSIDE THE ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBEZI SANDS IS A LUXURY TENTED CAMP MADE UP OF 10 SECLUDED BEDOUIN TENTS DOTTED ALONG THE RIVERBANK OF THE MAJESTIC ZAMBEZI RIVER.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Electricity is provided by solar, supported by a backup generator.
- Located in a malaria zone – anti-malarial prophylaxis is recommended.
- The camp is not wheelchair accessible.
- All major credit cards are accepted.
- Cellphone coverage is available throughout.
- Complimentary WIFI.
- The camp closes annually from 3 January to 3 February.

## LODGE FACILITIES:

- The main lodge offers a dining room with a theatre kitchen, an indoor lounge and dining area, and a lounge bar with a shaded outdoor deck.
- On-site spa treatments are available with 24 hours' notice and can be enjoyed in-room, on your deck, or at unique bush locations.
- Smoking is permitted only in designated areas.

## OUR ROOMS:

Zambezi Sands offers 10 luxury tented suites, 6 Pool Suite Rooms and 4 Deck Suite Rooms. All rooms can be set up with twin or king beds and include a roll-out bed suitable for a child under 16. Rooms are spaced 10–20 metres apart.

<b>Room Capacity:</b>	Maximum 2 Adults + 1 Child (under 16)
<b>Lodge Capacity:</b>	20 Adults + 6 Children (under 16)
<b>Minimum Stay:</b>	2 nights (3 nights recommended)
<b>Check in/out:</b>	Check-in from 14h00 Check-out by 10h00 (flexible)

## IN-ROOM AMENITIES:

Each suite is equipped with ceiling fans (no air conditioning), a private bathroom with double vanity, bathtub, outdoor shower, bath robes, and complimentary toiletries. The bedroom includes mosquito netting over the bed and all openings,

a lounge area with complimentary luxury tea and coffee, mini-bar and a dedicated workspace. Additional features include an in-room safe, emergency air horn or whistle, and a private deck with covered seating and sun loungers. Pool Suites also have a private plunge pool on the deck.

No hair dryers or telephones are provided in the room. Strictly no smoking is permitted in the rooms – only in designated smoking areas.

## RATES INCLUDE:

- Accommodation in specified room type.
- All-inclusive stay (All meals and local beverages.)
- Private dinner on your private deck.
- Complimentary mini bars in the rooms.
- Return transfer to Victoria Falls Airport.
- Complimentary shuttle to Victoria Falls Town, guided tour of the Victoria Falls and park fees.
- Complimentary laundry service.
- Emergency medical evacuation cover.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Twice daily housekeeping services.

## RATES EXCLUDE:

- Premium brand European beverages (e.g. French Champagne)
- Gratuities, curios and all items of a personal nature.
- A private 4×4 safari vehicle can be pre-booked at an additional cost, rates are per vehicle per night (maximum 6 guests per vehicle) – currently charged at USD 250.00 per night (subject to change).
- Wellness retreats available – instructor can be arranged at an additional cost – must be booked in advance.
- Spa/Massage treatments – therapist can be arranged at an additional cost – must be booked at least 24-hours, in advance.
- Child-minding – must be booked at least 24-hours, in advance.

# VICTORIA FALLS & THE ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

Together, Victoria Falls National Park and Zambezi National Park span an impressive 56,000 hectares of protected wilderness in northwestern Zimbabwe. These two parks offer a breathtaking blend of natural wonder and rich biodiversity, making them a must-visit for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Victoria Falls National Park is home to the world-renowned Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. A unique feature of this park is the lush rainforest nourished by the constant spray of the thundering falls. This mist creates an ethereal atmosphere, often described as a “smoke that thunders,” and supports a rare ecosystem of ferns, palms, liana vines, and towering mahogany trees—vegetation not found elsewhere in the region.

Just upstream, Zambezi National Park offers a more tranquil but equally captivating experience. Though one of Zimbabwe’s smaller national parks, it is among the most scenic, with the mighty Zambezi River winding through mopane woodlands and savannah. The riverbanks are dotted with hippos and crocodiles, while the park’s interior is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including four of the Big Five—elephant, lion, buffalo, and leopard—as well as sable antelope, giraffe, and zebra. The park is divided into two distinct sections: the Riverine side, known for its water-based game viewing, and the Chamabonda Vlei, a hidden gem rich in plains game and predators.

## *Interesting Facts:*

The Zambezi River Game Drive route offers stunning views and frequent sightings of elephants, hippos, and crocodiles, especially during the dry season when animals gather at the water.

With over 400 recorded bird species, including the African skimmer, goliath heron, and lanner falcon, the park is a haven for birdwatchers year-round.

The Zambezi River is famous for tiger fishing, attracting anglers from around the world hoping to catch the fierce and fast tiger fish, along with over 75 other fish species.

The park is divided into two main sections: the Riverine side, which follows the Zambezi River, and the Chamabonda Vlei, a more open savannah area rich in plains game and predators.

## PARK GATE TIMES

### **Winter (March – October)**

Open 06h00 | Close 18h00

### **Summer (November – February)**

Open 05h00 | Close 19h00

**\*Strictly no access to the gate after closing**





# VICTORIA FALLS *Mosi oa-Tunya* The smoke that thunders

## *Interesting Facts:*

- Also known as ‘**Mosi oa-Tunya**’ (‘**the smoke that thunders**’)
- Positioned almost exactly halfway along the mighty Zambezi River’s 2700 km journey from its source to sea.
- Has the largest curtain of falling water in the world.
- One of the seven natural wonders of the world.
- Has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 75% of the falls are seen from the Zimbabwean side, with 16 viewpoints within the Rainforest from which to view it.
- Victoria Falls is roughly twice the size of America’s Niagara Falls.
- The spray from The Falls typically rises to a height of over 400 metres, sometimes even twice as high.
- The spray is visible up to 48km away.
- The falls never dry up, even at the height of the dry season, the main falls and devil’s cataract maintain the impressive, thunderous water flow.

## VISITING THE FALLS

### *When to visit*

The Victoria Falls is a year-round destination, every season brings something distinct to appreciate, even when the water levels of the falls are low, you will have amazing panoramic views and the opportunity to spot numerous rainbows above and right in the middle of the falls including perfect conditions for activities such as white-water rafting.

#### November to Early April / Rainy Season

- The Zambezi River fills up to dramatic levels.
- Spectacular views of the Victoria Falls.
- Thick mist-spray may be seen from kilometers away.

#### February to May / Flood Season

- The water level of the Zambezi River is at its highest.
- Highest and largest volume of water.
- More water than any other waterfall in the world.

#### May to September / Dry Season

- Best for game viewing.
- The days are mild and sunny.
- Wildlife can be more easily spotted as they congregate around water holes.

#### October to November / Hot Season

- Daytime temperatures exceeding 30 degrees.
- The perfect time to enjoy game viewing during the cooler hour of dawn and dusk of water.
- The falls have less spray.
- A clearer view of its staggering high rockfaces which are often obscured from view by the mist.



# WEATHER & WHAT TO PACK

## *Weather to expect*

Rainfall primarily occurs during December, January, February and March, the night-time temperatures begin to decrease in late March and by May most of the rainfall is gone. Nights in June, July, and August become much cooler, and the days are clear and often cloudless with game sighting improving continually, during this period we encourage guests to pack warmer clothing.

During September and October, the temperatures rise again, and guests can expect to see some fantastic game, as Zimbabwe's wildlife sightings increases around the Zambezi River due to limited water resources.

During November, despite being hot and dry, you can experience the season's first rainfall. Average high temperatures during the summer (December – February) are between 33–35 Degrees Celsius and average lows between 15–19 Degrees Celsius.

## WHAT TO PACK

- We encourage guests to choose clothing in neutral colors such as brown, khaki, stone or beige which attract less attention from animals. We recommend layering your clothing as this is the most practical way to cope with fluctuating day/night temperatures.
- Packing Essentials for Victoria Falls
- Suitable sunblock (SPF 15+)
- UV protection sunglasses and a protective case
- Comfortable sneakers/sandals/walking shoes for game walks
- Flip-flops or similar for pool or in-room use
- Protective cap or hat to keep dust/sun from your head
- Windbreaker/fleece jacket for layering during game drives in the evening
- Jeans (one or two pairs)
- Khaki or cotton pants/slacks, for dinner time
- Light weight rain jacket
- Comfortable shorts and T-shirts (daytime)
- Long sleeved shirts and trousers (nighttime)
- Insect repellent
- Moisturizer, lip balm
- Camera, film, or memory card
- Binoculars
- Reading and writing materials (journal)
- Bathing suit
- Socks
- Neutral clothing

## MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS

It is recommended that you visit your doctor, pharmacist, or travel clinic before you travel, and purchasing travel insurance is recommended. Zimbabwe has been identified as a country affected by Malaria, however there is no reason why you should not have a healthy trip to Victoria Falls.

### Herewith a few toiletries and first aid tips:

- Malaria tablet prescription – recommended anti-malarial prophylaxis tablets
- Antihistamine tablets if you suffer from allergies
- Anti-nausea tablets if you suffer from motion sickness

BATOKA HOSPITALITY  
HAS ACCESS TO  
PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL  
FACILITIES AND OUR STAFF  
MEMBERS ARE TRAINED  
FIRST AIDERS. NO OTHER  
SPECIAL MEDICAL  
PRECAUTION IS REQUIRED,  
OUR GUESTS NEED ONLY  
BRING THEIR PERSONAL  
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS.

# TRAVELLING TO VICTORIA FALLS

## *By Plane*

Victoria Falls town in Zimbabwe and Livingstone town in Zambia both have international airports, multiple airlines fly in per day from various destinations. You can also fly into Kasane Airport in Botswana and take an hour-long road transfer into Victoria Falls town (this transfer does involve a border crossing) which is an important factor to be included during decision making.

Likewise, Zambia's Lusaka Airport is roughly a ten-hour road transfer or an additional flight from Livingstone Town. Flying to these airports, therefore, would not be ideal if you want to get to Victoria Falls or Livingstone. Zimbabwe has two other international airports in Harare and Bulawayo; however, these are hundreds of kilometers away, and getting to Victoria Falls from there would require an additional flight, or a long road transfer.

## VICTORIA FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Welcomes daily flights from South Africa, mainly OR Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg) and Cape Town International Airport. Some major airlines that offer flights into Victoria Falls include, British Airways, South African Airways and Air Zimbabwe.

## HARRY MWANGA NKUMBULA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Formerly Livingstone Airport, is an international airport in Livingstone, Zambia. Welcomes daily flights from South Africa (Johannesburg, Cape Town, Nelspruit), Kenya (Nairobi) and Ethiopia (Addis Ababa). Some major airlines that offer flights into Victoria Falls include, British Airways, South African Airways, Kenya Airways, Ethiopia Airways. Some of our guests also fly via Kasane International Airport located in the North-West District in Botswana. We arrange transfers from Kasane at an additional cost and the transfer takes roughly 1 hour and 15 minutes. To book transfers to Zambezi Sands contact **Reservations – Tel: +27 77 201 6000 | Email: [reservations@batokahospitality.com](mailto:reservations@batokahospitality.com)**

## ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIME:

From Johannesburg — 1hr 45min  
From Windhoek — 2hr 00min  
From Cape Town — 3hr 05min  
From Nairobi — 3hr 10min  
From Addis Ababa — 4hr 40min

## *By Train*

Our guests may travel to Victoria Falls by train, namely the Rovos Rail. The luxury train trip guarantees a travelling journey as spectacular as its destination, travelling through some of the most scenic landscapes in Southern Africa. The three-night adventure begins in Pretoria, South Africa and winds its way through the Warm baths, named for its hot springs, and Nylstroom, named after the Nile River. The train then crosses the Tropic of Capricorn en-route to the border with Zimbabwe.

The next morning, the train travels towards Bulawayo, a major city of Zimbabwe. The following day sees the train travelling along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114kms – before reaching Hwange National Park, a diverse wildlife sanctuary where animals can be spotted from the train. The trip ends the following day when it reaches its destination at Victoria Falls.



# TRAVELLING TO VICTORIA FALLS

## By Car

Many guests often self-drive to Zambezi Sands Luxury Tented Lodge. We provide safe parking. The distance from Johannesburg via Botswana is 1201km and the distance from Johannesburg via Zimbabwe is 1300km. Travelling time is estimated at over 17 hours, therefore it is recommended to plan a stop along the way.

### Recommended Routes to Batoka Zambezi Sands:

#### FROM VICTORIA FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Estimated travel time (1hr 30min)

- Head east towards the A8.
- After 260m turn left onto the A8 towards Victoria Falls town and proceed for 19 km.
- Turn left onto Kazungula Road and proceed for 28 km to our private entrance to the Zambezi National Park.
- Here you will be met by a 4x4 vehicle to be transferred through the park to Zambezi Sands at the water's edge.

#### FROM KASANE (KAZUNGULA BORDER POST – BOTSWANA)

Estimated travel time (1hr 25min)

- From Kasane Airport / town proceed to the Kazungula Border Post to Zimbabwe.
- From the Kazungula Border Post travel on the road towards Victoria Falls for 41 km to reach our private entrance to the Zambezi National Park.
- Here you will be met by a 4x4 vehicle to be transferred through the park to Zambezi Sands at the water's edge.

#### FROM LIVINGSTONE (VICTORIA FALLS BORDER POST – ZAMBIA)

Estimated travel time (3hr 35min)

- Travel towards Victoria Falls town, cross the border post, cross the bridge and proceed straight through the town of Victoria Falls on Livingstone Way/Mosi-Oa-Tunya/A8 out of town.
- Turn right onto Kazungula Road and proceed for 28 km to our private entrance to Zambezi National Park.
- Here you will be met by a 4x4 vehicle to be transferred through the park to Zambezi Sands at the water's edge.

#### FROM VICTORIA FALLS TOWN

Estimated travel time (1 hour 10 min)

- Take Livingstone Way/Mosi-Oa-Tunya/A8 out of town.
- Turn left onto Kazungula Road and proceed for 28 km to our private entrance to the Zambezi National Park.
- Here you will be met by a 4x4 vehicle to be transferred through the park to Zambezi Sands at the water's edge.

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