



Victoria Falls Extension

Preliminary Itinerary

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

5 Days / 4 Nights

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September 29, 2027 - October 3, 2027



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Continue from South Africa with Lily Maynard, to **Victoria Falls**, Zimbabwe, where the Zambezi River carves through a dramatic landscape of mist, gorge, and riverine wilderness. Settle in along the river and experience a slower rhythm, with time to take in one of Africa's great natural wonders while continuing the trip's focus on wildlife, conservation, and the landscapes that sustain them.

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Duration
Palm River Hotel	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	Sep 29	Oct 3	4 Nights

Price

\$4248 per person, sharing a double room

\$4897 Single Rate

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Included

- Roundtrip airfare Johannesburg – Victoria Falls – Johannesburg
- Accommodation for 4 nights
- 5 meals: 4 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Private transportation for the described itinerary
- Entrance fees for all activities as described in the program
- 1 x 500ml bottle of water per day in the tour vehicle
- Airport/hotel portorage
- Gratuities for included meals, local guides, drivers, hotel staff and other local services, except as noted below

Excluded

- International airfare and baggage fees to/from South Africa
- Passport and other entry-related fees
- Optional tours and activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, including communication fees, room service, beverages other than included
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages not specified as included in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Early check-in or late check-out
- Excess baggage fees for regional flights
- Gratuity for the safari driver/guide during the Stanley & Livingstone Private Game Reserve game drive, suggested at \$10 per person
- Any other services not specifically listed as included

Day 1: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Wed, September 29)

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe is a captivating destination in southern Africa, renowned for its dramatic landscapes, abundant wildlife, and rich cultural heritage. The country is home to some of the continent's most iconic natural attractions, including Victoria Falls, one of the world's largest waterfalls, where the mighty Zambezi River plunges into a deep gorge in a spectacular display of power. Wildlife enthusiasts can explore Hwange National Park, famous for its large elephant population and diverse game viewing opportunities, or visit Mana Pools National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its walking safaris, canoeing adventures, and close wildlife encounters. Lake Kariba, one of the world's largest man-made lakes, offers scenic boat cruises, excellent fishing, and breathtaking sunsets. Combining adventure, natural beauty, and authentic safari experiences, Zimbabwe remains one of Africa's most rewarding travel destinations.

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya—"The Smoke That Thunders"—Victoria Falls is one of the world's great natural landmarks. Straddling the Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe, it forms a vast curtain of water that fills the air with mist and sound. The Zimbabwean side grants the most dramatic views, where mist rises like ghostly curtains and rainbows arc through the spray. Measuring about 1,708 metres across, it is regarded as the largest single continuous sheet of falling water on Earth. The adjacent town of Victoria Falls provides a convenient base for exploring the region, with a wide range of activities from scenic flights and microlight trips to white-water rafting, bungee jumping, kayaking, and safaris into Chobe National Park.

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FLY FROM JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

After the Johannesburg visits, transfer to OR Tambo International Airport for your scheduled flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

On arrival at Victoria Falls International Airport, meet your local guide and transfer to the **Palm River Hotel**, set along the banks of the Zambezi River among indigenous trees, just outside the town of Victoria Falls.

Settle and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure. The hotel's riverside setting provides a relaxing introduction to the landscapes of the Zambezi and a convenient base for the days ahead.

Lunch and dinner are at leisure.

Overnight: Palm River Hotel

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The 5-star Palm River Hotel is set along the banks of the Zambezi River, surrounded by indigenous trees and just four kilometres from Victoria Falls. Its 73 rooms combine contemporary comfort with expansive river views and a relaxed, private setting.

Guests can enjoy easy access to the many activities available in Victoria Falls or simply spend time along the river, where wildlife is often part of the landscape. The family-run hotel also incorporates sustainable practices and supports the protection of local wildlife and the cultural heritage of the region.



Excluded

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Thu, September 30)

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VICTORIA FALLS & SUNSET ON THE ZAMBEZI

9:00 a.m.: Meet your local guide for an exploration of **Victoria Falls**, known locally as *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, “The Smoke That Thunders.” Stretching more than a mile across the Zambezi River between Zimbabwe and Zambia, Victoria Falls is one of Africa’s great natural landmarks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Follow the footpaths through the rainforest along the Zimbabwean side of the Falls, stopping at a series of viewpoints overlooking the cataracts and deep gorge below. Mist rising from the Falls supports a distinctive rainforest ecosystem along the rim and, depending on water levels and sunlight, often creates rainbows above the gorge. Your guide will introduce the geology, ecology, and cultural history of the Falls as you experience their scale from different perspectives.

Following the tour, you’ll have time for lunch on your own, at The Lookout Café, dramatically situated above the Batoka Gorge. Return to the hotel.

Later this afternoon, walk to the hotel jetty and embark on a **sunset river cruise on the Zambezi**. Travel upstream through a landscape of river islands and riverine forest while watching for hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and the varied birdlife along the riverbanks. As the afternoon light fades, enjoy views across the river before returning to the hotel.

Dinner is at leisure.

Included

Breakfast

Excluded

Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Fri, October 1)

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THROUGH THE EYES OF AN ELEPHANT

9:30 am: Depart the hotel and transfer to **Through the Eyes of an Elephant**, an educational encounter offering a closer look at the lives, behavior, intelligence, and social relationships of African elephants.

Meet experienced elephant caretakers and learn about the individual animals in their care, the bonds within an elephant herd, and the physical and behavioral adaptations that make elephants such extraordinary animals. The program also provides an opportunity to observe the elephants moving and interacting in their environment while learning about the challenges facing elephants and the conservation work being undertaken on their behalf.

Following the experience, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Return to your hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon and evening free to enjoy the hotel, explore Victoria Falls independently, or simply relax along the Zambezi.

Dinner is at leisure.

Expert Tips

There are numerous possibilities to make the most of Victoria Falls, based on your personal interests. The hotel concierge can assist with reservations and arrangements. Possibilities include a scenic helicopter flight over the Falls, high tea overlooking the Zambezi, spa treatments, browsing local galleries and craft markets, a guided walking or photographic outing, a tour of the historic Victoria Falls Bridge, additional wildlife activities, or simply relaxing by the river and enjoying the Palm River Hotel's grounds and facilities.

Included

Breakfast, Lunch

Excluded

Beverages with lunch; Dinner

Day 4: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Sat, October 2)

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WILDLIFE OF STANLEY & LIVINGSTONE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Rise early this morning to depart for a game drive in **Stanley & Livingstone Private Game Reserve**, a protected wildlife area located just outside Victoria Falls. Morning is an especially rewarding time in the bush, when temperatures are cooler and many animals are active.

Travel through the reserve in an open 4x4 safari vehicle with a professional safari guide, exploring varied habitats in search of endangered black rhino, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, sable and other plains game, with the possibility of encountering elephant, lion, leopard and abundant birdlife.

Your safari concludes with a **bush breakfast** in the reserve before returning to your hotel.

The balance of the day is at leisure. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

Included

Bush Breakfast

Excluded

Lunch, Dinner and Gratuity for the safari driver/guide.

Day 5: End of Itinerary (Sun, October 3)

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DEPARTURE

Check out of the hotel and transfer to Victoria Falls International Airport for your scheduled flight to **Johannesburg**.

On arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, proceed to check in for your independently arranged onward connections.

Expert Tips

Please schedule your departure flight from Johannesburg (JNB) to the USA after 6:00 p.m.

Included

Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
29 Sep	Scheduled		OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]			
3 Oct	Scheduled		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]			

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

Deposit: \$1,000 per person

Final Balance Due: May 23, 2027

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