

The Victoria Falls 2016 Rafting + Safari trip



Helicopter Tour



Rafting



SUNSET CRUISE



Chobe Safari



Rainbow Hotel

You are absorbed by the melody of the African Music as you slide out of Victoria Falls Airport.



HIGHLIGHTS:

Spend 2 nights under the beautiful African stars inside the Batoka Gorge of the Zambezi River in Victoria Falls. Sleep right on the river's shoulder at our amazing sand beach camps - fall asleep to the sound of the rapids. Swim under the spray of the Falls. Wake with a swim in the clear waters below the falls.



Day 1



Guests should be in Victoria Falls Village at least one day before the first day of the raft trip. Pre-departure briefings are on the day before the trip. This will give you a chance to meet your raft guides, discuss the adventure that lies ahead of you and ask any last minute questions and also get things like dry bags and sleeping bags.

Evening – enjoy the nice sun set cruise Above the Victoria falls with complimentary drinks, beers and snacks

Day 2 (start Rafting)



Guests are collected from their hotels at around 9:00am and should have had breakfast prior to departure. Guests are driven to our office where they are given the safety briefing and asked to sign an indemnity form. The first part of any rafting experience is very much a learning exercise, get a chance to swim just below the falls and after a few practice runs we nudge our boats into the current and drift down-stream to challenge the legendary rapids of the Zambezi. There is no gradual build up; this 28 km stretch on day one is by far the wildest section of river that will be covered on the 3-day trip including many class 5 rapids. Some of the rapids on day one are Land of The Giants, The Devil's Toilet Bowl and many more. We will reach our beach campsite at rapid #21 at about 4. 00pm

All meals included.



Day 3 (Rafting)



We rise as the sun illuminates the towering walls above, to the smell of bacon and eggs on the fire. Once again all the equipment is harnessed down tightly for the voyage down stream, a long day lies ahead. our world will become one of exhilarating action and scenes of remarkable beauty. The Songwe Gorges, home to the threatened Taita falcons, are spectacular. Vertical walls give way to a wider valley at times and white sandy beaches dazzle in the sunshine. There is now more time between major rapids, than on day one, a chance to relax in the sun as we drift down calmer stretches. On day three we shall negotiate rapids such as The Narrows and Let's Make a Deal, Chimamba Falls arriving at Moemba Falls beach camp for the second night.

Upper Moemba rapids is one of the most spectacular on the river and with so many of these rapids it has a perfect platform for photographs and we can stand within meters of the action. In our approach the river disappears to a roar not unlike a jet engine and a cloud of spray. Our rafts slide over the lip of the drop and into several huge crashing waves that appear to swallow them completely. The entire Zambezi at this point is squeezed into a narrow cataract.

All meals included:

Day 4 (Rafting)



it's a hard working day portaging around Moemba Falls which is a class 6 rapid. We will then raft 2 rapids before we arrive at the Dam site around 11 am where we will have the second portage then start that long walk to the top of the canyon ice cold soft drinks and beers will be waiting. Our lunch will served at the top of the canyon before driving back to town which will take about two hours. For those taking a helicopter flight back to town, we will have our lunch at the top of the canyon and then enjoy flying back to town viewing of the canyon & rapids that you would have done and final get to see the Victoria falls above the air.

Breakfast and Lunch included

(Day 5 & 6) Chobe Safari Trip



Transfer from Victoria Falls at 0730hrs to Botswana border. 08h30 Clients are met at Kazungula border by operations company, assisted through Immigration Zimbabwe and Botswana side by guides and transferred to the jetty. This includes all transfers to/from Chobe National Park - Botswana, lunches, park entrance fees and all local refreshments.

Chobe National Park, in northwest Botswana, has one of the largest game concentrations in Africa continent. The Chobe National Park offers the chance to see any and / or all of the big game species including elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, kudu and hippo.

This is also the country's first national park.

Each day in Chobe you will do 2 safaris, one in a jeep and another one in a boat and spend a night in one of the local lodge near Chobe River. On the following day you will continue doing more safaris and in the evening you will be transfers back to Victoria Falls.

All meals included while on Safari.



Day 7- (Tour of the Falls, followed by a free afternoon)



Free day people can go visit the Victoria falls and choose to do other activities in the afternoon such as Bungi Jump, Elephant Back Safari, Helicopter Flight, Horse Back Safari, Lion Walk Safari, Gorge Swing and many more.

Breakfast included





Day 8: Departure day. Breakfast included.

COST: US\$2095.00

Itinerary includes

- ❖ All transfers from these airport Victoria falls & Livingstone
- ❖ 2.5 Days Rafting on the Zambezi river (All meals included)
- ❖ Botswana Chobe Safari 2 x Jeep game drives + 2 boat Safari
- ❖ Accommodation Sharing (Kwalaphe Lodge Bed & Breakfast)
- ❖ VIP Signature Deck - Sunset cruise (full bar & snacks)
- ❖ Professional rafting guides plus a professional Safari Guide
- ❖ Camping equipment (dry bags, Tents, sleeping bags and mosquito nets during rafting)
- ❖ Accommodation Sharing (Rainbow Hotel Bed & Breakfast)
- ❖ National Park entrees fees for Sunset Cruise, Rafting & Safaris

What's not included

Air tickets

Visas for Zimbabwe (You will need double entry visa)

Lunch & Dinner on your free day (7) & also during your hotel / lodge stay

National Park fees for visiting the Victoria Falls \$30

2016 DEPARTURE DATES

No dates set for this package, please send us an email and request for a date and we will check the availability especially if travelling as group / family.

EXTRA INFORMATION

Visa

Under the new system, tourists will acquire visas at ports of entry and we recommend you buy a double entry visa so that when we go to Chobe in Botswana and you don't have to pay re entering Zimbabwe.

Currency and Banks

You may use Visa Credit card in most of the shops, offices and also cash is available from local bank and you will receive it in US\$. Note that Master cards are not used in Zimbabwe at the moment only hotels accept them.

You may carry a little of cash in order for you to pay for your visa fees.

Health

Nearly all safari lodges will carry a comprehensive medical aid kit. In the unlikely event of serious accidents while on safari you're likely to be treated by MARS (Medical Air Rescue Service), a very professional and experienced company.

Most of your travel service providers will subscribe to MARS and the chances are your own travel insurance taken out in your resident country will be linked with MARS to cover any treatment required

Travellers have advised the use of bottled water to avoid any possible stomach complaints. Be sensible about exposure to the sun and the heat in general as this may cause heat stroke or exhaustion – eat salt on your food, drink liquids regularly and wear protective sun creams and clothing.

If you suffer from allergies, bring your own prescriptive medicine. Other useful medical aid kit items to bring along are: antihistamine (insect bites, itches, allergies),

Medical insurance

You are well advised to obtain medical insurance before arrival. Please bring any personal medicines that you may require with you, as they may be hard to find.

If you wear prescription glasses we recommend that you also bring a spare pair.

Bring your own small medical kit, including band aids, some disinfectant spray or gel and aspirin, or your own preference in pain killers, as well as antacids, and doses of antibiotics.

Avoid walking barefoot. Any cut, bite or sting, can easily get infected in the dust and humidity.

Victoria Falls has both public and private clinics that are experienced in malaria treatment and tropical diseases.

What to carry

In the Southern Hemisphere, mid-summer is at Christmas and winter lasting from May to August. Generally mild winters but night time and early morning temperatures can be low so take at least one warm jacket, if only for early morning and night game drives. Otherwise take comfortable, casual, wash-and-wear clothing.

Sept and October are the hottest months both day and night. Definitely light cotton clothes and shorts/light skirts are the most comfortable. A cotton wrap is most useful when rafting or kayaking to protect against the sun. Please take soft bags as these are easier for packing in the vehicles and aircraft.

Evening dresses are not necessary. In the bigger hotels gentlemen may wear a jacket for dinner.

Luggage is restricted to 20 kg maximum per person for travel depending on the Air lines.

Most commonly used quality flights for the last hop between South Africa cities and Victoria Falls are British Airways, South African Airways.

Packing check list recommended by Shockwave Adventures

Passport, Emergency Info, Towel Shaving Kit

Credit Cards, Insurance Info, Contact Lens

Preparation

Luggage Tags

Credit Cards (US or € Cash)

Malaria Pills Lotions/Skin Creams Camera & Accessories

Health Documentation Sunscreen - lots of it, Toothbrush & Paste Film /Chips

Airline Tickets, Insect Repellent, Fingernail Clippers Photocopies of important documents

Money Belt/ Neck pouch for Passport, Binoculars [Good pair]Extra Batteries, Swiss

Army Knife, Cell phone, Sunglasses/Case/Strap Bird and animal books

Flashlight & Extra Batteries, Travel Alarm/Watch

CLOTHING: Think light, durable, breathable & layers - cotton, wool, silk & polypropylene.

Sun hat long sleeved shirts: underwear and socks

Tracksuit, T-shirts as many as you can.

Sweater pairs or jeans / trousers 1 pair of sandals

Warm jacket pairs of shorts 1 pair of good walking shoes

Above all we carry First Aid Kits and communication radios with all our rafting and safari trips.

Cell phones work at European standard frequencies. Using dual band or triple band cell phones is recommended. Coverage is quite well in and around the village of Victoria Falls

Internet is available at reasonable speed through the affiliated internet cafe at the shopping centre of Victoria Falls, immediately near our booking office.

See you in Victoria Falls

Please visit us on trip advisor (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g293761-d3653028-Reviews-Shockwave_Adventures-Victoria_Falls_Matabeleland_North_Province.html) and see comments from our guest who have done 2.5 upto 6 days rafting with us.