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Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

Tandala No Kwangala - Islands Of Siankaba Lodge - Livingstone - Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park - Zambian Package - 3N & 4D

Livingstone (Victoria Falls)
4 Days / 3 Nights
Group Size: 2-20 pax
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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Islands Of Siankaba Lodge	Livingstone (Victoria Falls)	FB+	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 1: Islands Of Siankaba Lodge, Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Located a few kilometres from the Zambezi River in southwestern Zambia, the bustling town of Livingstone is famous as the home of the magnificent Victoria Falls. One of the original natural wonders of the world, the World Heritage Site is known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders'. This spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and is an ideal place to combine game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial whitewater rafting in the world. Visitors can hike around the falls or try ziplining or the bridge swing. Those seeking more leisurely activities can take sunset cruises along the river, with champagne and snacks included, meander through the vibrant local Livingstone Market, or discover the region's history and archeology at the Livingstone Museum.

Day Itinerary

- The host will coordinate activities during your stay and will plan with you on what activities you will be involved in. Below is the suggested list of activities.
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- Victoria Falls Tour on Zambian and Zimbabwean sides
- Mukuni Village Tours
- Curio Markets visit
- Museum tour
- Horse back trails
- Quard bike trails
- Micro Flights
- Helicopter Flights
- Elephant Rides
- Lion or Cheetah Encounter
- Sunset Cruise :16:30-18:30
- half a day or Overnight rafting experience level 5 rapids (lunch and ovenight camping on the banks of the zambezi River)
- Game Drive 05:30 and 15:00 hrs

Overnight: Islands Of Siankaba Lodge

The Islands of Siankaba luxury lodge is located on two private islands in the middle of the mighty Zambezi River situated between the 'Seventh Wonder of the Natural World', the magnificent Victoria Falls, and the world famous Chobe National Park. This lodge has been developed as a luxurious retreat with outstanding cuisine and exceptional levels of personal service to exclusively sleep just fourteen guests. Each of Siankaba's seven secluded chalets have been uniquely designed to maximize comfort and privacy whilst offering spectacular views of the Zambezi River. The unique feature of the lodge is the series of walkways and bridges that link the two islands together. The quirky design incorporates the use of natural materials that blend in with the feel of the surrounding bush while taking full advantage of the beauty of the riverine setting. The Islands of Siankaba is the perfect retreat for discerning travelers who wish to witness the wonderful Victoria Falls yet also escape the crowds and enjoy being in an area of natural beauty with quiet, unspoiled surroundings.

In-house activities offered by the camp include a trip to either the Zambian or Zimbabwean side of the Falls per stay and curio marketing shopping at top of the Falls, Sundowner cruises, Fishing (catch and release), Mokoro trips, Guided Nature Trail walk, Picnic Island Lunches, Cultural Tour of Local villages on foot or bamboo bike or a visit to a community nursery school.

Islands has a wonderful team of staff, most of whom are from the nearby village, and have been with the lodge from when it was first built.





Activities

Afternoon Sunset Cruise

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Included

- All Accommodation
- All Meals
- Mineral Water
- All activities
- Park fees
- Transport

Excluded

- All alcoho;ic drinks
- Visa
- International flights
- Items of a personal nature

Day 2: Islands Of Siankaba Lodge, Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Activities

Morning	Mukuni Village Tour
Afternoon	David Livingstone Museum
Morning	

Mukuni Village Tour

Mukuni village is close to the border gate and is home to about 6?000 people from the Leya community, who have lived in the Falls area for many generations. Guides are available to take you through the village to get an insight into the traditional lifestyle of rural Africans.

David Livingstone Museum

Aside from a comprehensive collection of David Livingstone memorabilia the museum has interesting displays on the Stone Age people who first lived in this area and an African cultural section. Guided tours are available.

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 3: Islands Of Siankaba Lodge, Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Optional

Other Activities of choice

Chobe Day Trip

Chobe Day Trip

The ultimate safari experience unfolds on a day trip to Chobe National Park in Botswana, which boasts the world's largest elephant population. The game cruise on the Chobe River brings you close to brilliant bird life, pods of wallowing hippos, primeval crocodiles and elephants in their sheer number. The afternoon land-based safari heads deeper into the Park to spot the elusive big cats that call Chobe their home.

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 4: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transfer

Transfer

Transport

Transfers

Date Company **Drop Off** Pick Up Time **Vehicle**

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> Livingstone Zambia

Travel Information



This unique, peanut-shaped country, once known as Northern Rhodesia, offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with adrenalin pumping adventure sports, a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. Spend your evenings enjoying the spectacular site of the world's largest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, while sipping on sundowners after an exhilarating day of whitewater rafting down the rapids of the mighty Zambezi River. If that sounds a little too adventurous for your taste, take a houseboat cruise along the exquisite Lake Kariba while watching wild elephants drink at the riverbank as you try your hand at catching the elusive tiger fish. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again soon to this exceptionally beautiful Southern African country.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Zambia's unit of currency is the Kwacha (ZMW), formally ZMK which was rebased in 2013. The denominations are K100, K50, K20, K10, K5 and K2. It is subdivided into 100 *ngwee*. Coins available are K1, 50 ngwee, 10 ngwee and 5 ngwee.

However, some prices are quoted in US\$. It is therefore possible to use dollars and pounds as well.

Banking

In the cities and larger towns, you can change cash and travellers cheques at branches of Barclays Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. Larger branches have ATMs that accept Visa. Foreign exchange offices are easy to find in cities and larger towns.

Banks are generally open on weekdays from 08h150 to 15h30 and 08h15 to 12h00 on Saturdays. Banks are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Proflight flies from Lusaka to Mfuwe (South Luangwa), to Livingstone and the Copperbelt and also does charters. Various air charter companies will fly to any of the many airstrips around the country and most of the areas worth visiting are accessible by air.

Public Transport

There are many taxis available. Prices are negotiable. There is a good bus service to Chipata, Livingstone, the Copperbelt and Harare, but they don't always follow strict schedules. The main bus terminus is in Dedan Kimathi Road in Lusaka where one can inquire about timetables. Other private bus companies offer more reliable services to Livingstone, Harare and Johannesburg.

Travel by Bus

Long range buses frequently leave from Lusaka to all the main towns. The intercity bus terminal can be found one road up from Cairo Road at the station.

Minibuses and taxis, local transport – all painted blue – can be jumped on at pretty much any juncture. They're not expensive and you can always find a minibus that won't cost too much to buy all the seats in it to get your own private minibus to wherever you want to go but you'll have to negotiate.

Travel by Road

Zambia has 38,763 kilometres of roads, about 10,000 kms of which are tarred and another 8000 kms are gravel road. The rest range from reasonable to bad dirt roads.

If you're doing a vehicle trip through Zambia it is a good idea to carry a range of tools and essential spares with you.

Be really careful, especially if travelling at night for road markings are usually non existent. Do watch out for animals in the road, vehicles without lights, pedestrians, unannounced roadworks, bad drivers and broken down trucks with no warning triangles. If you see a tree branch in the road, slow down immediately – these are improvised warning triangles and there's bound to be a truck or car in the middle of the road up ahead.

Be sure to have all your vehicle papers on hand as you're bound to encounter a few roadblocks.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zambia's native cuisine is based on nshima, a cooked porridge made from ground maize normally accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare nshima if requested, and it is almost always available in small, local restaurants.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas visitors tend to serve a range of international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is typically excellent.

Water in the main towns is usually purified, provided there are no shortages of chlorine, breakdowns, or other mishaps. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zambia for just a few weeks, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water in town.

Out in the bush, most of the camps and lodges use water from bore-holes. These underground sources vary in quality, but are normally perfectly safe to drink.

Climate and Weather

The rains in Zambia come mostly in December, January, February and March though the further north you are, the earlier the rains arrive and the later they leave. Eastern areas and higher areas generally receive more rain than western and lowland areas.

By April and May most of the rain has faded away, leaving a landscape that's still green, but starting to dry out. Nighttime temperatures start to drop, especially in higher and more southerly locations.

In June, July and August the nights become much cooler, but the days are clear and warm. Make sure you bring warm clothes to wrap up if you're out at night, as some nights get very cold! Most of Zambia's small 'walking bush camps' open at the start of June, when the roads have dried out sufficiently to allow access. This is the start of the 'peak season' for these countries – with often cloudless days and continually increasing game sightings.

Into September and October the temperatures climb: the lower-lying rift valleys – Lower Zambezi, Mana Pools and Luangwa Valley – can get very hot in October. However, you'll see some superb game as the animals concentrate around the limited water sources.

November is variable; it can be hot and dry like October, or it can see the season's first downpours. Often it's a very interesting month as you can see both patterns on successive days.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Zambia has mild winters and the summer days can be scourching hot. Lightweight casual clothes can be worn all year round, with a jacket or jersey for early winter mornings and evenings.

On safari keep clothes to neutral colours - kharkis, browns and greens. A sunhat, sunscreen, sunglasses and insect repellent are a must.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volt at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round wall plugs are used.