



## WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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## ZAMBIA

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## NEWSFLASH

- Wilderness Usawa Serengeti wins in *Architectural Digest* 2023 Best New Hotels Awards!
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## FEATURED PRODUCTS

**Tour of the Victoria Falls – Zambian side**

An ideal option for Wilderness Toka Leya guests, this tour takes in the rainforest of the Victoria Falls and its abundance of birdlife. Here, they visit the Eastern Cataract, and cross the footbridge to the Knife Edge for spectacular photographic opportunities. The low flow over the lip in summer affords excellent views of the geology of the Falls. Learn [more](#) or chat to your Travel Designer.

**Wilderness Toka Leya – Victoria Falls, Zambia****Included activities**

- The guided tour of the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls has no set departure times and no age restriction, and has an approximate duration of 1.5 to 2.0 hours
  - From January to June, Zambia benefits greatly from the increased water flow over the Victoria Falls at this time of year
  - However, between September and early December, there can be very little water flowing over the Falls, and a guided tour of the Zimbabwean side of the Falls (visa costs apply) is available
  - Note that temperatures are high from September to December, and guests are advised to start the tour early to return to Toka Leya in time for breakfast and to avoid the midday heat.
- Boating in 02 x 06-seater motor boats – water levels permitting, though usually possible all year round
- River cruise – usually a sunset cruise and water levels permitting; however, usually possible all year round, with approximate duration 2.0 to 2.5 hours
- Fishing on a catch-and-release basis (additional nominal park fee applicable) with standard equipment and sufficient fishing tackle for 03 boats and 09 fishing rods provided. No set times for activity, and scheduled according to availability, guests' needs and duration of stay. Maximum 04 guests per fishing boat (approximate duration 2.0 to 2.5 hours).
- Guided nature walks close to Toka Leya
  - Guests learn about the medicinal properties of the plants and trees, the ecology, and the birds and insects, as well as how to interpret the signs of the wild, including animal tracks
  - Seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide
  - Approximate duration 2.0 to 2.5 hours
- Rhino tracking with a Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) scout.
  - Available on request with travel to the location by vehicle and tracking on foot accompanied by the scout
  - Approximate duration 2.0 to 2.5 hours
- Back-of-house tour and discussions by camp staff on the camp's eco-focused initiatives (approximate duration 1.0 hour).
- Children's activities
  - Tailor-made by guide and parents based on the child/ren's preference
  - Includes fishing on a catch-and-release basis, a walk around the camp perimeter identifying flora and fauna, tracks and animal scat, as well as tree planting.

**Optional activities at additional cost**

- Batoka Sky Canoeing Safaris – full-day (minimum age 12 years) or half-day (minimum age 10 years); minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Ride Zambezi Horseback Trails – suits all levels of riders
  - River Ride – approximate duration 1.0 to 2.0 hours
  - Champagne Breakfast Ride – approximate duration 2.0 to 3.0 hours
  - Half Day Land & River Ride – picnic lunch option available, approximate duration 6.0 hours and minimum participants 02
  - Pony Trails for Children – approximate duration 30 to 45 minutes, and parents are welcome to enjoy a nature walk at the same time
- United Air Charter Scenic Helicopter Flights
  - Short flight (approximate duration 12 to 15 minutes, climbing to 1,500 feet)
  - Long flight (approximate duration 25 to 30 minutes, climbing to 1,500 feet)
  - Both require minimum participants 03 and maximum 04
- Batoka Sky Quad Biking
  - Eco Trail at Batokaland – approximate duration 1.0 hour, with minimum participants 04 and maximum 06
  - Village Trail – approximate duration 2.5 hours, with minimum participants 04 and maximum 06
- Batoka Sky Horseback Trails
  - Horse Trail (approximate duration 2.0 hours)
  - Half-day Ride with Lunch
  - Half-day Pony Rides – for children over the age of 04 years
- Batoka Sky Helicopter Flights
  - Gorge Lift-out Short Helicopter Flight – approximate duration 15 minutes
  - Long Helicopter Flight – approximate duration 30 minutes
  - Both flights' guest numbers minimum 02 for 03-seater helicopter; 04-seater helicopter minimum 03 guests; 06-seater helicopter minimum 04 guests; they fly a maximum of 200 passengers for a full day utilising the fleet of three helicopters on the Gorge Lift-out Short Helicopter Flight
- Abseil Zambia Adrenaline Products – minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb); full-day or half-day options and mostly with minimum age 08 years
  - Abseil (54 metres above the ground)
  - Rag Jump (54 metres)
  - High Wire/Flying Fox – maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb), 135 metres long and 75 metres above the ground, minimum age 06 years
  - Gorge Swing – 70 metres freefall, maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb), with minimum age 06 years; guests with high blood pressure, back problems or heart issues are advised to not participate
  - Whoopee Slide – 350 metres long and minimum 06 years
  - Canopy Tour – maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb) and minimum age 06 years
- Victoria Falls Bridge Company Adrenaline Products – minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb)
  - Bungee Jump – 111 metres, minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 120 kg (265 lb), with minimum age 14 years; guests with high blood pressure, back problems or heart issues are advised to not participate
  - Solo Bridge Swing – 70 metres, minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 180 kg (397 lb), with minimum age 14 years
  - Tandem Bridge Swing – 70 metres, minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 180 kg (397 lb), with minimum age 14 years
  - Solo Bridge Slide – 70 metres, minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 180 kg (397 lb), with minimum age 14 years
  - Tandem Bridge Slide – 70 metres, minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb) and maximum weight 180 kg (397 lb), with minimum age 06 years; children 06 to 13 years must be accompanied by an adult
  - Big Air Combo – includes Bungee Jump, Bridge Swing and Bridge Slide (approximate duration 1.0 hour excluding transfers), minimum weight 40 kg (88 lb); guests with high blood pressure, back problems or heart issues are advised to not participate in Bungee Jump or Gorge Swing
  - Zipline – maximum weight 140 kg (308 lb), minimum age 06 years
  - Bridge Tour – suitable for all ages, however, minimum age 10 years for the “under the bridge” part of the tour
- Safari Par Excellence Rafting
  - Full-day or half-day
  - Both minimum age of 15 years and maximum age depending on the individual's general state of health and physical fitness

- Whether Low Water at Rapids 01 — 21 or High Water at Rapids 14 — 25, note that White Water Rafting minimum participants 03 (as adjusted from the previous minimum 04)
  - Seasonal and water levels permitting, rafting may close between January and June for safety reasons due to water levels being too high
  - Tongabezi Lodge Livingstone Island Trips – Morning Breezer
    - Minimum age 05 years
    - Approximate duration 1.0 hour, seasonal with annual closure usually April to June, depending on water levels (subject to change) on the island
    - Swimming is not always possible, even when the island is open
  - Livingstone Island High Tea
    - Approximate duration 1.5 hours
    - Seasonal with annual closure usually in the months of May and June depending on water levels (subject to change) on the island
  - Bushtracks Express Steam Train Dinner Run – operational on Saturday only (approximate duration 3.5 hours and offered even with a minimum participant 01)
  - Safari Par Excellence Jet Boat & Lunch with Elephants, The Elephant Café
    - Pre-booking is essential
    - Minimum age 07 years
    - Approximate duration 3.0 hours, with time on the river approximately 30 minutes
    - Minimum participants 03 (adjusted from the previous minimum 02)
  - The Elephant Art of Africa – minimum age 06 years, minimum participants 02
  - Lady Livingstone Cruise – approximate duration 1.5 hours
  - Bundu Adventures swimming under the Victoria Falls
  - Private activities at Wilderness Toka Leya operate slightly differently to those at our other safari camps and are offered at a reduced rate
  - Private activities booked at Wilderness Toka Leya include game drive/s and river cruise/s (usually sunset cruise/s), vehicle transfers from/to the activities only (the activities guided tour of the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls, guided visit to a local African village, boating (water levels permitting), a guided tour of Livingstone town and Livingstone Museum are on a shared basis with the general public
  - Note that vehicle transfers from/to Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport (Livingstone, Zambia) are excluded from the nightly rate, and may be conducted on a shared basis due to demand; thus, we are unable to guarantee a private vehicle
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## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

**fastjet** moved its check-in services from Terminal A to Terminal B at OR Tambo International Airport on 15 August 2023.

- The primary reasons for this change are to provide our passengers with improved convenience, streamlined check-in procedures, and closer access to essential facilities within the airport.
- Terminal B is closer to fastjet's ticket desk, making the airport process more efficient for passengers and staff, helping reduce travel time and enhancing the overall flow for customers.
- Terminal B has more amenities and facilities to elevate passengers' travel experience further. With more dining options and relaxation zones, customers will have a more comfortable and enjoyable pre-flight experience.