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Discover Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – One of the greatest attractions in Africa and one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world located on the mighty Zambezi River, the fourth largest river in Africa.







Victoria Falls Hotel

Step back in time at The Victoria Falls Hotel, the first hotel to be built in Victoria Falls, in 1904. The hotel perfectly depicts the era of grand travel. The vast manicured gardens have an unobscured view of the famous Victoria Falls bridge and spray of the Falls. A private path leads guests from the gardens to the entrance of the Victoria Falls rainforest in an easy 10 minute stroll. You can dine and dance in the Livingstone Room, and savour our famous breakfast and buffet and ethnic entertainment at the Jungle Junction or sip cocktails on Stanley's Terrace. The Terrace has been a rendezvous for adventurers for century. 161 gracious Edwardian-style guest rooms are rich in colonial heritage and are decorated accordingly. Other facilities include a library, hair salon, beauty spa, fitness centre, colonial style swimming pool, stone dynamics gallery, chapel, and gift shop and activity desk.

Victoria Falls River Lodge

Victoria Falls River Lodge is the first private game lodge to be built in the Zambezi National Park. This luxury tented lodge is situated right on the banks of the Zambezi River, so close to the Falls you can see the spray in the distance. Erected upon raised decks, under vast thatched roofs, each of the 13 spacious tents have been tastefully decorated in earthy hues and offers a larger than kingsize bed, comfortable sitting area, and open-plan bathroom with freestanding bath as well as indoor and outdoor showers. Each private viewing deck affords spectacular views of the river and surrounding natural fauna and flora. Several of the luxury tents have their own private plunge pool. Family suites are also available. Standard to each tent are mosquito nets, electronic safes, tea/coffee making facilities, ceiling fans, air conditioners and international adapters.

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Located just four kilometres from the magnificent Falls, the Victoria Falls Safari Club offers personalised service from a professional and committed staff team. The Safari Club is situated within the grounds of Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, and overlooks the Zambezi National Park and a private waterhole. 16 Club rooms and four Club suites are decorated with stylish African prints and colours, each with a private balcony. All rooms are modern and open plan in design equipped with conditioning, complimentary mini bar, Wi-Fi, in room docking station and a Nespresso station. The Club offers guests butler service and private dining as complimentary afternoon tea and sundowners daily, complimentary shuttle transfers in and around town and evening historical or stargazing presentations.

Monthly Features







Restaurant of the month

<u>Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls</u> <u>Hotel</u>

The Livingstone Room at Victoria Falls Hotel provides a <u>delicate</u> combination of old world charm and cuisine. contemporary Various paintings and photography portraying different parts of history adorn the walls, the tables are dressed in crisp white linen and gleaming silverware and the aroma of freshly cut flowers complete the stylish interior. Dinner is a grand affair complemented by elegance, grace and a menu depicting the art of indulgence. The menu offers a seven-course degustation dinner paired with wine for a true gastronomic feast.

Tour of the Month

Ra-Ikane Luxury Sunset Cruise

The Ra-Ikane (named after David Livingstone's guide) is the only one of its kind in Victoria Falls. It is a small luxury cruise boat that is outfitted to suggest the elegant ambiance of a bygone era. On arrival, you are welcomed with a cocktail, and served tea and cakes during the cruise. Elephant, hippo and crocodiles are frequently seen. Being a mono hull the boat has a low profile in the water, comfortably seating you close to the water line. The boat is staffed with a captain, guide, hostess and waiter to ensure that all your needs are met. A flat deck allows for plenty of room to get up and move around during the cruise.

New Product

Mambeti Camp, Zambia

Norman Carr Safaris and African Parks will construct and manage a new luxury lodge in Liuwa Plain National Park, Zambia. The name of the camp pays homage to two remarkable residents of the park and Ladv Construction on Mambeti Camp will start in February and the lodge is expected to open in early 2017. Located on the upper Munde stream, a site chosen for its sweeping vistas and complete wildlife immersion, Mambeti Camp will comprise six luxury villas including a two bedroomed family with the capacity accommodate a total of 15 guests.

Specials & General Updates

Please note: we encourage you to take a look at the Specials and Packages that are on offer by some of our partners through the Wilderness Window platform (under Associated Product / Information).

SPECIALS:

<u>Lion Sands Narina Lodge & Villa Santorini</u> are offering the ultimate Bush & Beach 6 night combination package including free flights between Skukuza – KMIA – Vilancoulos – Johannesburg. Valid 5 January – 19 December 2016 (excludes airport taxes).

<u>African Bush Camps</u> (Zimbabwe and Botswana lodges) are offering a long stay special at their camps based on any combinations and 6 or 9 night stays.

<u>Sanctuary Lodges</u> has extended their long-stay rates, valid for all new bookings, till 31December 2016.

<u>Seasons in Africa lodges</u> are offering a Stay 5 Pay 4 or Stay 8 Pay 6 combination or single lodge special valid 06 Jan – 20 Dec 2016.

UPDATES:

The **Extraordinary Collection** is opening a new hotel in White River called Country Boutique Hotel. The hotel has 22 rooms, 14 of which are courtyard facing and the remainder have views of the White River Valley. The hotel is expected to open at the end of January 2016.

Newmark Hotels is opening a new hotel in downtown Johannesburg in September 2016 within Hallmark House. The hotel will have 46 hotel apartments, a Firebird Coffee Roastery, fully equipped gym, swimming pool and the first branch of Grand Café in Johannesburg.

Wild Horizons has been awarded the management and marketing contract for The Stanley & Livingstone portfolio of products based in the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve. Wild Horizons taken over management of the property from Mantis Collection.

AndBeyond Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp is closed for a full tent refurbishment from the 3rd January to the 11th May 2016.

The recently announced **Sabi Sands Conservation Contribution Fee will now only be charged on a** voluntary option.

Reservations for Leeu Collection's luxurious **Leeu Estates** in Franschhoek are open. This third, flagship property in the Collection opening on 15 June 2016, offers the ultimate luxury winelands experience.

Singita has announced a rate increase of 20% for all their South African properties. The new rates became effective from the 18th January 2016.

One & Only Cape Town have announced that they will be increasing their 2016 accommodation rates effective 27th January. All provisional and confirmed bookings in the system will be honoured on the initial rates quoted. All new bookings made from 27th January 2016 onwards, will be applicable on the increased rate.

Le Quartier Français and The Tasting Room will be closed for their annual maintenance, from 16June to 15 July 2016

Sanctuary Retreats Sussi & Chuma Lodge in Livingston, Zambia have completed their refurbishments. Improvements were made to the swimming pool and sunset deck area, and the Treehouses and main area have also been completely renovated.

Terms & Conditions apply to above Specials and Packages. Please contact us for details.

Shows and Events

Open daily (except Wednesdays)

Richard's Supper Stage Restaurant, situated in Sea Point, and offers an evening of fun, entertainment and a buffet dinner. The Musical Revue of Cape Stories from the Mother City is filled with unique humor, intoxicating rhythms and soulful songs that celebrate the challenges and triumphs of the people of Cape Town.

5 – 7 February 2016

Stellenbosch Wine Festival (Stellenbosch)

The three-day lifestyle Festival will showcase hundreds of Stellenbosch wines from award-winning producers to small boutique wineries. Savour the Stellenbosch lifestyle during the presented by Pick n Pay. Sample some of the best wines in the country, indulge in gourmet food offerings by top restaurants, enjoy live music and take part in fun outdoor activities in picturesque surroundings.

6 February 2016 – 27 March 2016

Robertson Wine Valley's Hands-on Harvest Festival (Robertson)

The 8th edition of the festival will still take the format of a boutique event that offers wine aficionados and budding vintners a chance to experience the magic of harvest for a day. Activities include Grape Picking, Barrel tastings, Stomping your own grapes, Grape vs Wine Tasting, Play day, Harvest inspired menus, Live Distilling and more.

13 – 14 February

Midmar Mile

The Midmar Mile held at the Midmar Dam north of Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu Natal. The Midmar Mile is the world's largest open water swimming event. The Midmar Mile draws thousands of competitors each year, both serious international athletes and Olympic medallists to recreational swimmers.

19 - 21 February 2016

Cape Town Art Fair (Cape Town)

Cape Town boasts a vibrant arts scene, driven by the top galleries on the African continent. Thanks to its diverse cultural heritage and geographic beauty, Cape Town is a compelling destination for both art world professionals and collectors alike. The Cape Town Art Fair showcases a diversity of work that represents the forefront of cutting edge innovation which brings contemporary art from Africa to the world, and the world to Cape Town.

6 March 2016

Cape Town Cycle Tour

The Cape Town Cycle Tour is the largest timed cycling event in the world. Attracting in excess of 35 000 cyclists from around the globe each year, this prestigious event is definitely a unique experience for participants and spectators alike.

12 March 2016

Cape Town Carnival

The annual Cape Town Carnival ignites the Mother City at the Fan Walk, Somerset Road in Green Point. This is one of those special days in the Mother City that excites and unites the community with a spectacular celebration showcasing art, music and dance. The Stadium Forecourt hosts band performances and stalls in the afternoon and then the Carnival parade kicks off at 19:00, culminating in a festive after party.

For further information on any of the above or other <u>Associated Product</u>, please email us directly.









