

THE FALLS CLASSIC Zimbabwe



4 day deluxe travel package (Ilala Lodge)

The famous Falls may be the most iconic sight in the region, but there is more than meets the eye in this scenic pocket of Africa. Spend your days ticking off 'bucket list' attractions by cruising the Zambezi River, dining atop a cliff-face overlooking the Batoka Gorge, viewing the Falls from above on a scenic helicopter flight and visiting the Falls most famous neighbour, Chobe National Park in Botswana.



Ilala Lodge



Price includes:

- meet and greet transfer at Victoria Falls airport, and transfer to accommodation
- departure transfer from accommodation to Victoria Falls airport
- 3 nights accommodation at Ilala Lodge with breakfast daily
- 3-course sunset dinner cruise and standard drinks on the Zambezi River
- 3-course dinner at The Lookout Café overlooking Batoka Gorge
- guided tour of Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
- 12 minute scenic helicopter ride over Victoria Falls
- full day Chobe National Park tour, including 4WD safari, boat safari and lunch
- dinner and entertainment at The Boma restaurant
- national park fees and river usage fee in Victoria Falls.

Price excludes:

- visas and flights
- meals and drinks not listed
- medical and travel insurance
- dining room tips and portorage
- telephone calls and laundry
- purchases of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Victoria Falls to Victoria Falls

Accommodation: deluxe

Product code: FC3NT3

Departs: daily

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge

Day 3: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge

Day 4: Victoria Falls - ends

Cruise the Chobe River

Explore the waterways of Chobe National Park further by adding on a two or three-night river cruise on the Zambezi Queen or Chobe Princess houseboat. Relax on board as you view Botswana's wildlife from the water for a unique perspective.

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Day 1: Victoria Falls

On arrival at Victoria Falls airport you are met and transferred by shuttle service to your lodge, which is located within easy walking distance of Victoria Falls National Park and town centre.

In the late afternoon you board a sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. Sip on a refreshing cocktail while you watch for hippo, Nile crocodile and elephant, before enjoying a freshly prepared three-course meal. As you drift down the river, watching the incredible orange sunset, you really do feel that you are in Africa. The sunsets here are stunning, with the red soil of nearby Namibia providing deep orange skies. **Ilala Lodge - standard room (D).**

Ilala Lodge

One of the most popular properties in Victoria, Ilala Lodge is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the Zambezi River, where it is the closest hotel to the Falls themselves and within walking distance of Victoria Falls town centre. This family-run lodge features colonial décor and landscaped gardens providing an aura of days gone by. Wild animals, such as warthog and impala, often graze on the hotel lawns and restaurant diners can see and hear the majestic roar of 'the smoke that thunders' in the background. Guests can enjoy a la carte cuisine at the lodge's The Palm Restaurant, featuring tranquil views and a wide-open terrace. The pool and pool bar offer respite from the region's humidity and the thatched roof main buildings offer pleasant areas to relax.

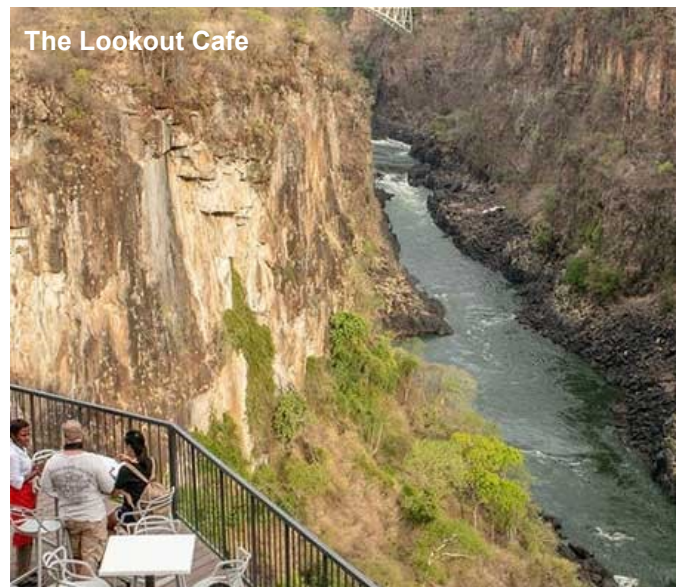
Day 2: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you join an informative guided tour of Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. Accompanied through the rainforest by a qualified guide you hear a brief history of the falls as well as information on the flora and fauna and other points of interest.

Victoria Falls represents one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The local people call it 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - the smoke that thunders. There is a magic about the Falls manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high. Victoria Falls is 1,708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s. The Falls and the surrounding area has been declared a national park and a World Heritage Site.

You return to the lodge around 11:00am. Enjoy some time at leisure before you are collected for your scenic helicopter flight above the Falls. Enjoy a birds-eye view of the Zambezi River as it drops 108 metres into a series of winding, cavernous gorges which flow-on to form a natural border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Look out for pods of hippo and other wildlife from above. (An alternate activity may be substituted if preferred - a price variation may apply).

Dinner follows the flow of your day, with a three-course meal served atop a cliff-face at the Lookout Café. This newly-built restaurant overlooks the scenic Batoka Gorge. The gorge, formed over centuries by the Zambezi River, is almost as impressive as the Falls themselves. Your dining spot affords views across a network of gorges. **Ilala Lodge - standard room (BD).**





Day 3: Victoria Falls

Enjoy an early breakfast before you are collected for your excursion over the border in Botswana. Join a full day tour of Chobe National Park, Botswana's premier wildlife region. Chobe National Park is known for its 100,000 strong elephant population and unique game viewing. Your day includes lunch and a game drive in the national park and a pontoon-style boat safari, where you silently drift within metres of the river's inhabitants. It is not unusual to sit only metres away from large herds of elephant as they graze for their favourite food along the river banks. Predators, giraffe and grazers are also easily seen in this park.

Return to your lodge in time to freshen-up before you are collected at about 7.00 pm and transferred to The Boma Restaurant for dinner. This barbeque style restaurant is a popular award-winning restaurant which includes a selection of traditional foods and a performance by the local Ndebele people, whose song and dance tell the folklore of the region during a colourful and energetic show. **Ilala Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Day 4: Victoria Falls airport

After breakfast and check-out you are transferred to Victoria Falls airport for your onward arrangements. **(B).**

Passenger information:

- This pre-prepared travel itinerary is a private travel package. It is not a fully guided, group tour. There are shared service transfers and shared service day tours and game drives included within the itinerary.
- The ground operator may have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for park fees and government taxes may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- Please request our full cancellation policy if required.