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VICTORIA FALLS



(THE BOMA)

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THE BOMA RESTAURANT (Zimbabwe)

The Boma is nestled in a Gusu Forest and is partly open to the spectacular African night skies. Guests are welcomed with a traditional greeting in Shona and Ndebele, the local languages.

More than simply a restaurant The Boma is a unique cultural dining experience. An excellent four-course dinner, including a variety of game meats and traditional Zimbabwean dishes, is accompanied by entertainment throughout your meal from traditional Shangaan dancers and singers, the Sangoma (story teller) and a local fortune teller.

Guests are invited to take part in a hand-washing ceremony before sampling traditional beer and snacks, as a prelude to dinner. After dinner, one can while away the evening with the restaurant's very own Sangoma - a traditional storyteller, to learn more about the country's folklore, culture and heritage. The highlight of the evening is the interactive drumming and dancing, where guests can take part in beating out a rhythm or testing their footwork in traditional dance.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sample a wide variety of local produce & Zimbabwean dishes
- Learn local words & tales of folklore & heritage of the Shona and Ndebele people
- Dine on a delicious four-course banquet
- Be guided through the steps of a traditional Shangaan dance
- Grab a djembe & test your drumming skills

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MALACHITE SUNSET & DINNER CRUISE (Zambia & Zimbabwe)

Enjoy an unforgettable dinner cruise on the Zambezi. Sundowners and snacks will be served upon boarding the boat, followed by a three-course set menu. This wonderful combination of twilight on the river and gourmet cuisine is simply unmissable, affording you the chance to take in your spectacular surroundings on this sedate cruise. A full bar also offers a wide range of drinks for your pleasure as you drift along the Zambezi on this two-hour dinner cruise.

LUNCH ON LIVINGSTONE ISLAND (Zambia)

Dr. David Livingstone was paddled in a dugout canoe through swift rapids towards the roar and rising cloud of mist suspended above a cliff over which the whole of the Zambezi River plunged. The Makololo paddlers skillfully navigated the waterway to transport him to 'Goat Island' (now Livingstone Island) right on the brink of the chasm. On the 16th November 1855, Livingstone gazed upon one of the most spectacular sights in the world – 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' (The Smoke that Thunders) which he subsequently named Victoria Falls after ruling British monarch, Queen Victoria.

Available only during low-water season, guests can follow in the footsteps of Livingstone, paddling across the waters to his eponymous island, to explore and enjoy lunch surrounded by the Zambezi's gushing flow. The trip includes a short guided tour of the island, viewing Victoria Falls, a buffet lunch with soft drinks, beer and wine and the option to take a plunge into Devil's Pool.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take in the sunset at leisure on a wonderfully romantic cruise
- Enjoy a delicious three-course gourmet dinner
- Sit back & watch the landscape & wildlife drift by
- Visit the historic & stunningly dramatic Livingstone Island
- Take a short guided tour around the diminutive island on the precipice of Victoria Falls
- Indulge in a buffet lunch where Livingstone himself once stood

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SUNSET STEAM TRAIN DINNER (Zambia & Zimbabwe)

Take a step back in time to the bygone era of steam trains and unbridled colonial elegance. The Victoria Falls steam train will transport you across the gaping maw of Victoria Falls, traversing the canyon while you dine on a delicious four-course meal prepared by the exceptional chefs of Victoria Falls Hotel.

Upon departure on your five-hour train journey, the impeccably-restored 1952 steam train winds through bushland and forest to reach Victoria Falls Bridge. Reaching the bridge's mid-point, the train will halt, with guests invited to alight and take in the spectacular view of the falls as the sun slowly descends to the horizon.

**Available from Zimbabwe Tuesday & Friday and Zambia Wednesday and Saturday only*

ELEPHANT CAFÉ (Zambia)

The Elephant Café offers three wonderful activities within a single experience. Guests begin with a thrilling jet boat ride along the Zambezi, navigating rapids, slowing to observe wildlife on the riverbanks and arriving 30 minutes later at the restaurant. Here you will be greeted by a herd of rescued elephant for a breathtaking interactive encounter.

Finally, guests will enjoy a world-class three-course meal on the banks of the Zambezi before being whisked back downstream by boat to conclude this incredible excursion. Road transfers are also available.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Enjoy the decadent elegance of the bygone era of steam rail travel
- Witness the sunset over Victoria Falls as you alight on the bridge spanning the gorge
- Indulge in a superb four-course dinner as the Zambian landscapes pass by your window
- Take an exhilarating jet boat ride along the Zambezi, stopping occasionally to observe wildlife
- Have a once-in-a-lifetime elephant encounter
- Dine on a superb three-course meal prepared by world-class chefs

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THE LOOKOUT CAFÉ

While the breakfast, lunch and dinner menus at the lookout Café are somewhat conventional, the view is anything but, with its large dining terrace presenting impressive views along Batoka Gorge. The hearty array of meals has something for everyone, catering to dietary requirements and with global inspiration, all well-presented and delicious, if simple.

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL

For 120 years The Victoria Falls Hotel has been a luxury icon in Africa. As such, it has several dining experiences to choose from, all of an exceptional standard. **Stanley's Terrace** provides a classic Victorian high tea at which you can sup Earl Grey, snack on scones and cakes and watch the mists rise from the falls. **Jungle Junction** is set in the hotels' gardens, serving a fusion of the flavors of Africa. Here too, one can enjoy traditional performances whilst dining on the fine buffet-style fare. **The Livingstone Room** is a fine dining venue with a choice of a la carte and table d'hôte dinner menus. The dishes are as opulent as the elegant, Edwardian interior, each meticulously designed in liaison with the Michelin Guide. The Livingstone Room has been heralded as one of the best fine dining restaurants in the world. Smart-casual dress code applies.

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VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE

In addition to Boma, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge has several other restaurants. Of them, MaKuwa-Kuwa is the most superb choice for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The award-winning restaurant boasts views across a nearby waterhole where elephant drink as diners watch on. The globally-inspired, African-influenced dinner menu is both diverse and expertly presented in a casual yet formal setting.

DUSTY ROAD

Founded in 1998 by Zimbabwean-raised chef, Sarah Lilford, Dusty Road combines her expertise honed through global travel and culinary study with the traditional ingredients, dishes and cooking styles of her homeland. This is a wonderful way to experience locally-authentic cuisine with the excellence of a world-traveled chef.

CASSIA RESTAURANT, ILALA LODGE

This al fresco à la carte restaurant embraces its surroundings, sheltered under the sweeping canopies of vibrant trees. Though internationally-designed, the menu incorporates numerous endemic ingredients, including grilled ostrich fillets, crumbed crocodile, Zambezi bream and springbok shank, all accompanied by fresh local vegetables and prepared with elegance.



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MARULA CAFÉ

Named after the local fruit, Marula Café is a casual dining venue, but one that provides Western meals with a distinctly African twist. Pizzas, burgers, tapas and Italian dishes are reinterpreted to incorporate local produce, with sustainability a key component of their offerings. Marula is perfect for more relaxed dining and youngsters.

PARIAH STATE

For those searching more familiar and indulgent dishes, Pariah State is a hugely-popular destination. Burgers, fish and chips, wraps and pizza are all given the gourmet treatment in a colorful and vibrant setting. A hint of Tex-Mex creeps into the menu, but African herbs and spices remind you where you are.

THREE MONKEYS

Similar to Pariah State, Three Monkeys focuses on Western dishes such as burgers, pizzas and salads, but from a more international perspective. Asian inspiration creeps in and African spices add local flavor. Their motto 'is fun dining' and it embodies this implicitly without compromising quality in its extensive menu.

THE RIVER BREWING CO.

First and foremost a functioning craft beer brewery, the River Brewing Co. has a superb selection of ales, and the perfect menu to accompany them. Classic bar food, including nachos, tacos, burgers, ribs and, of course, beer-battered local fish are served, and the bubbling atmosphere is the ideal location for casual sundowners.

MAMA AFRICA

This traditional restaurant draws on the authentic flavors of African cuisine. Locally-sourced ingredients and time-honored techniques are united in a wealth of flavorful dishes, served by waitstaff adorned in traditional attire. Curries and stews are slow-cooked in authentic potjie pots to combine aromas and tenderize meats, with spices infused for the classic flavors of Africa.

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