



# **Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park**



**52nd AGA Pre-Tour  
Zimbabwe/Botswana**

**24–27 October 2019**

## Introduction

*“Taking its place alongside the Pyramids and the Serengeti, Victoria Falls (Mosi-oa-Tunya – the ‘smoke that thunders’) is one of Africa’s original blockbusters. And although Zimbabwe and Zambia share it, Victoria Falls is a place all of its own.*

*As a magnet for tourists of all descriptions – backpackers, tour groups, thrill seekers, families, honeymooners – Victoria Falls is one of the Earth’s great spectacles. View it directly as a raging mile-long curtain of water, in all its glory, from a helicopter ride or peek precariously over its edge from Devil’s Pools; the sheer power and force of the falls is something that simply does not disappoint.*

*Whether you’re here purely to take in the sight of a natural wonder of the world, or for a serious hit of adrenalin via rafting or bungee jumping into the Zambezi, Victoria Falls is a place where you’re sure to tick off numerous items from that bucket list.”*

*Lonely Planet.*

*This pre-52nd AGA tour will also include a day trip to the Chobe National Park for a game drive. The Chobe National Park is in northern Botswana near the vast, inland Okavango Delta. It’s known for its large herds of elephants and Cape buffalo, which converge along the Chobe Riverfront in the dry months. Lions, antelopes and hippos inhabit the woods and lagoons around Linyanti Marsh. The floodable grasslands of the Savuti Marsh attract numerous bird species, plus migrating zebras.*

*The accommodation will be based in the Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Seventy-five percent of the Falls can be seen from the Zimbabwe side as opposed to 25% from the Zambian side.*



**Chobe National Park in Botswana**

# Programme

## Day 1 (Thursday, 24 October). Arrival at Victoria Falls

Transfer from Victoria Falls Airport in Zimbabwe to the Kingdom Hotel. Sunset cruise at dusk on the Zambezi River with drinks and finger snacks.

*Sunset Cruise – The sunset cruise on the Zambezi River is a definite must on any trip to Victoria Falls. Relax with a sundowner and snacks as you gaze out onto the banks of the river. Have your cameras ready to capture one of the most amazing sunsets in Africa. You will be able to spot wildlife as animals come down for a drink at the river after a hot day.*

## Day 2 (Friday, 25 October) Guided Tour of the Falls (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Two-hour guided tour of the Falls and lunch at the Rainforest Café. Optional activities at your own cost in the afternoon. Dinner at the Boma Restaurant outside the Hotel where guests are entertained by African cultural shows.

*One of the greatest attractions in Africa and one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world, Victoria Falls is located on the Zambezi River, the fourth largest river in Africa, which is also defining the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls is the only waterfall in the world with a length of more than a kilometre and a height of more than hundred metres. It is also considered to be the largest fall in the world. The noise of Victoria Falls can be heard from a distance of 40 kilometres, while the spray and mist from the falling water is rising to a height of over 400 metres and can be seen from a distance of 50 kilometres. No wonder that the local tribes used to call the waterfall Mosi-o-Tunya “The smoke that thunders”.*

Optional activities include:

1. “Flight of Angels” scenic flight on a helicopter over the Falls.
2. Bungee Jump or Bridge Swing from the Victoria Falls Bridge.
3. Historical Bridge and Village Tour.
4. Excursion to the Zambian side including the Devil’s Pool.



Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi

## Day 3 (Saturday, 26 October) Day Trip to Chobe National Park (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Full day daytrip to the Chobe National Park as we cross the border into Botswana near the vast Okavango Delta Region for a game drive and boat cruise. Lunch will be provided and dinner at the hotel.

*Chobe is surely the best place in Africa to see elephants, particularly in the water. Individual herds sometimes number in the hundreds and there are an estimated 120,000 elephants in total in the park. There are equally large herds of buffalo to be found. In fact, both can often be seen outside the park boundaries wandering around the outskirts of Kasane itself, unperturbed by traffic or people. The park also offers great lion and leopard sightings, while the river has an unbelievable abundance of hippos and crocodiles and an almost inconceivable wealth of birdlife, including a number of particularly rare species that are highly sought after by top wildlife photographers. This is just a small glimpse of what Chobe has to offer.*

## Day 4 (Sunday, 27 October) End of Package (Breakfast)

After breakfast transfer from hotel to Victoria Falls Airport for your flight to Johannesburg. End of package.

**Important Note:** Participants are responsible for organizing their flights to and from Victoria Falls at their own expense. Ensure you are available **no later than 4:30 p.m.** at the Kingdom Hotel on the day of the start of the tour. Victoria Falls Airport is served from Addis Ababa by Ethiopia; Johannesburg by South African Airways and Comair; Cape Town by Airlink; Nairobi by Kenyan.

## Visa and Border Formalities

As the tour encompasses the three countries of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana please check with your nearest embassy or consulate of the respective countries for the latest entry requirements.

### Zimbabwe

**No visa requirement:** Southern African Countries, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Seychelles and Bahamas.

**Visa on arrival:** all European countries (*except Belarus and Monte Negro*), North American countries, Australia, New Zealand, India, China, Japan and Egypt.

**Visas required:** Lebanon, Jordan and Thailand.

### Botswana

**No visa requirement:** Southern African Countries, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Seychelles, Bahamas, European countries (*except Belarus, Ukraine and former Yugoslavia*), North American countries, Australia/New Zealand.

**Visas required:** India, China, Japan, Egypt, Jordan, Thailand and Lebanon.

### Zambia

Unless you are attending an optional tour, it is not necessary to obtain a Zambian visa.

**No visa requirement:** Southern African countries, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Fiji, Bahamas, Ireland, Romania and Serbia.

**Visa on arrival:** North American countries, European citizens, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Korea and Japan.

**Visas required:** India, China, Jordan and Lebanon.



# Registration Details and Payment

**Dates:** 24–27 October 2019. *First come first served.*

**Package Cost:** USD 870.00 per person based on double occupancy.

**Package includes:**

1. Three nights' accommodation on twin share basis at the Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
2. Two dinners including one dinner at the Boma Restaurant. Other meals specified in the programme.
3. Two day tours with entry fees and activities as detailed in the programme with English speaking guides. *Gratuities are included.*
4. Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.
5. Transfer in private air conditioned vehicles.
6. Round trip vehicle transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Hotel.

**Package excludes:**

1. Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry and phone calls, etc.
2. Flights to and from Victoria Falls.
3. Visa fees for the countries visited during the tour (*if applicable*).
4. Transportation, meals, drinks, optional tours and entertainment, etc. not specified in the programme.
5. WACA fee of USD 10.00.
6. Single supplement of USD 290.00 per person.
7. Any miscellaneous items as applicable.

**Payment Details:**

A deposit of USD 435.00 per person to be paid by 12 June with the balance of payment to be paid by 27 August. **Note:** *Deposits are subject to a USD 100.00 cancellation fee up to 12 June. No deposits will be refunded after 15 June. Balance of payments are subject to a USD 50.00 cancellation fee up to 15 September. No refund on balance of payments will be made after 30 September.*

Payment by bank transfer:

Beneficiary name: WACA AFRICANA FESTIVAL

Beneficiary's address: Air Mauritius, HR Department, Suite 004, SSR International Airport, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius.

Beneficiary's bank: Mauritius Commercial Bank

Bank address: 3 Royal Road, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius

Bank Account Number: 000441325998

IBAN: MU18MCBL0944 000 441 325 998 000USD

SWIFT code: MCBLMUMU



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**Note:** *Bank processing charges may vary from country to country and the AIM Region will recover any outstanding amounts arising from such charges as indicated in the actual transaction records.*

Payment can also be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to "WACA Africana Festival" and submitted with the completed Registration Form to Ms. Joyce Pierrot, Air Mauritius, Human Resources Department, 1st Floor, NACS Building, Suite 004, SSR International Airport, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius. E-mail: [jpierrot@airmauritius.com](mailto:jpierrot@airmauritius.com).

**N.B. All registration forms to be copied to the WACA Headquarters e-mail: [millerk@iata.org](mailto:millerk@iata.org).**