

Victoria Falls, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe

The Smoke That Thunders. One of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls is not a dockside port — it's a fly-in crown jewel that world cruises access as a land extension from Cape Town or Durban. The payoff: a full day (or more) at one of Africa's most spectacular destinations.

Fly-in extension (no ship pier)

Typical extension: 2–4 nights

USD widely accepted

English (official)

UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Arrival: Fly into Victoria Falls Airport (VFA) or Livingstone (LVI) — no cruise pier exists

Don't Miss: Devil's Cataract viewpoint and a sunset cruise on the Upper Zambezi

Best For: Waterfall walks, helicopter rides, Zambezi cruises, white-water rafting, safari

Entry Fee: USD \$58 Zimbabwe side; USD \$20 Zambia side (Victoria Falls National Park)

Getting around: Taxi USD 5–12

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Victoria Falls National Park Walk** — Sixteen viewpoints along the Zimbabwean rim — from Cataract View to Danger Point — reveal the full 1,708-metre curtain of the falls.
 - Flight of Angels — Helicopter Tour** — A 12–25 minute helicopter flight over the falls and Batoka Gorge.
 - Zambezi Sunset Cruise** — A two-hour float on the Upper Zambezi (upstream from the falls) with hippos wallowing close to the boat,
- elephants at the banks, and sundowners as...

 - White-Water Rafting — Batoka Gorge** — The Zambezi below the falls is consistently rated one of the top one-day rafting runs in the world, with Grade 5 rapids through a dramatic basalt...
 - Chobe National Park Day Safari** — A 90-minute drive into Botswana reaches Chobe, famous for Africa's densest elephant population.

BEST WALKS

- Victoria Falls Rainforest Trail** 2–3 km | Easy | Wet — bring rain gear — Follow the paved path from the National Park entrance past all 16 viewpoints: Cataract View, Main Falls, Horseshoe, Rainbow Falls, and Danger Point.
- Victoria Falls Town Stroll** 1–2 km | Easy | Safe during daylight — From most hotels it's a short flat walk down Livingstone Way to the park gate, passing the landmark Victoria Falls Hotel (stop for high tea on the terrace with a gorge...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	62°	5d
Jun		77°	53°	0d
Aug		84°	56°	0d
Sep		91°	63°	0d
Oct		95°	69°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:26AM–6:06PM · Jun 6:45AM–5:48PM · Aug 6:36AM–6:06PM · Sep 6:12AM–6:11PM · Oct 5:47AM–6:17PM

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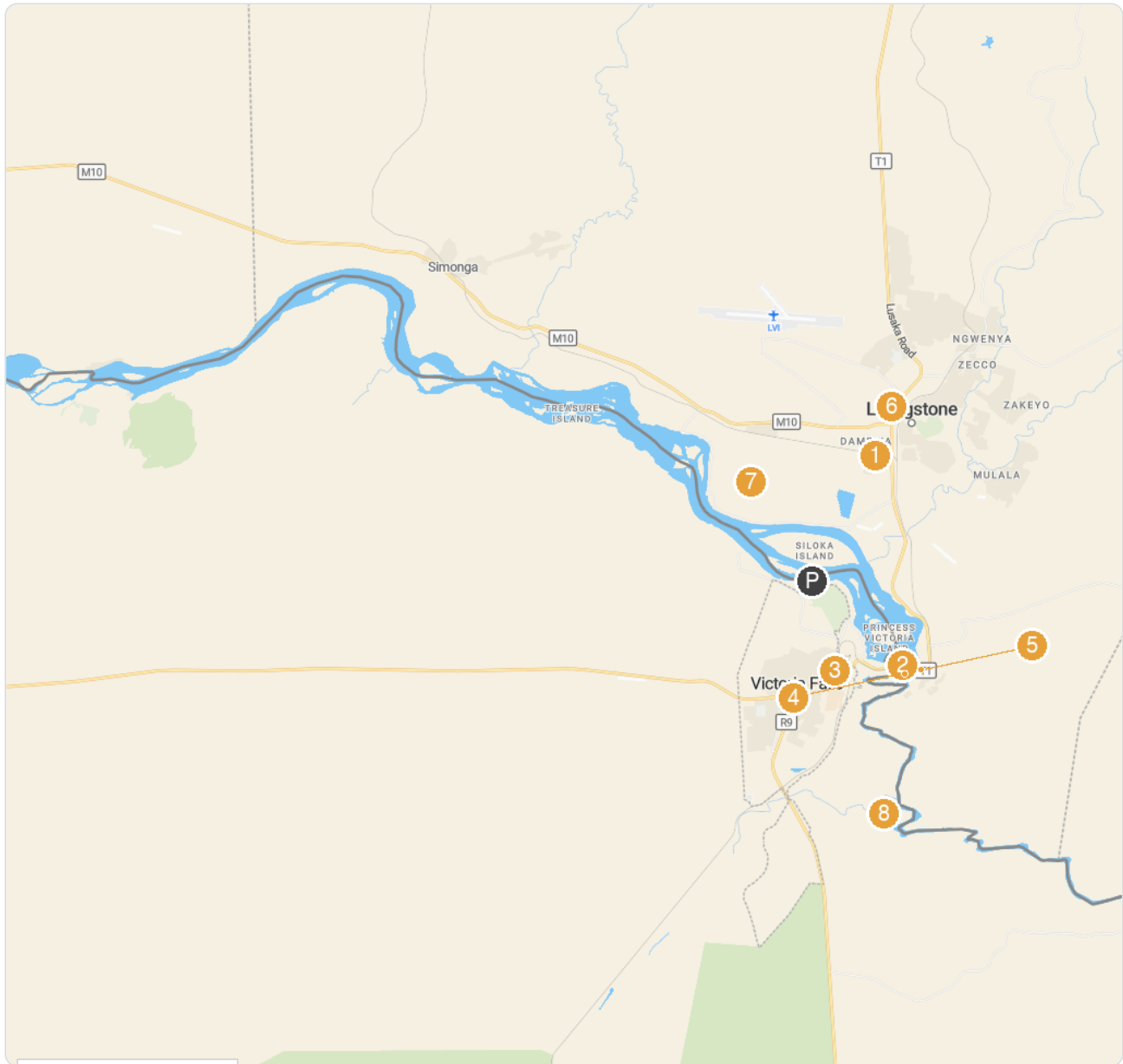
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- You will get soaked at the falls — pack a light waterproof jacket and a dry bag for your phone and camera. This is not optional; the mist is relentless, especially April–June.
- Bring US dollars in small bills. USD is the de facto currency in Zimbabwe. ATMs exist but can run dry. Most excursion operators and the park gate accept USD cash; some take cards.
- Malaria precautions are essential. Victoria Falls is a year-round malaria zone. Consult your doctor before travel for prophylaxis. Use insect repellent, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Best water views depend on season. Peak flow (March–May) is the most dramatic but mistiest. Dry season (Aug–Nov) offers clearest views and opens up Devil's Pool on the Zambia side.
- Zimbabwe vs Zambia: the Zimbabwe side gives the best panoramic views (most of the falls); the Zambia side offers Devil's Pool and the Boiling Pot hike. If your extension allows a day on each side, do it.
- Allow at least 2 nights. One day barely scratches the surface. A 2–3 night extension lets you do the falls, a river cruise, and a safari — the real trio that makes this stop legendary.

Victoria Falls, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 Railway Museum Historic trains and railway artifacts are displayed here.</p> <p>3 Tamuka Travel This is a local tour and safari operator.</p> <p>5 The Victoria Falls World Heritage Site UNESCO-protected natural wonder encompassing the mighty Victoria Falls.</p> <p>7 Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park Zambian park protecting wildlife and the eastern Victoria Falls.</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>2 Victoria Falls See the world's largest sheet of falling water.</p> <p>4 The Boiling Pot-Victoria Falls, Zambia Turbulent water below Victoria Falls, accessible from Zambia.</p> <p>6 Livingstone Museum Zambia's largest museum, focusing on history and culture.</p> <p>8 Parco nazionale delle cascate Vittoria Zimbabwean park protecting wildlife and the western Victoria Falls.</p> |
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