

A Guide to Livingstone

Livingstone is Zambia's tourism hub, set along the Zambezi River and home to the world-famous Victoria Falls. Named after explorer David Livingstone, the destination takes its identity from Mosi-oa-Tunya - "The Smoke That Thunders." Livingstone blends riverine landscapes, open savannah, and vibrant town life with the dramatic presence of one of the world's greatest natural wonders, of which 2/3rds lies on the Zambia side!

For travellers seeking a mix of adventure and relaxation, Livingstone offers Victoria Falls excursions, river cruises, and adventure activities such as white-water rafting and sunset boat trips on the Zambezi River, combining iconic natural wonders with immersive experiences for a memorable Zambian itinerary.

Access & Getting There

Access to Livingstone is via Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport (LVI), which is served by scheduled domestic flights from Lusaka, as well as regional and charter flights.

Typical flight time from Lusaka: approx. 1 hour.

Road transfers from the airport to lodges and town centres are short, usually 10–30 minutes depending on location.

Access remains reliable year-round, though the Zambezi River's water levels are highest during the green season (April–June), which is when the Falls is at its most dramatic.

Livingstone is one of Zambia's most accessible adventure destinations, ideal for travellers seeking iconic natural attractions, short stays, or multi-destination itineraries. A great place to end a holiday, especially after a busy safari.



Best Suited For:

- Adventure Travellers
- Post-safari relaxation
- Birders and those interested in water-based activities
- Photographers and nature enthusiasts
- Families



Ideal Pairings & Itinerary Combinations:

- Kafue** – for a contrast between expansive wilderness, seasonal wetlands, and diverse safari experiences
- South Luangwa** – to add vast wilderness, walking safaris, and game viewing
- Lower Zambezi** – for riverfront luxury and activity-rich safaris

Note: Livingstone is a perfect after-safari stop allowing guests to explore and relax as they please..



Time of Year & Seasonality:

- Peak season: June to October (dry season, Great for Victoria Falls views, river cruises, and outdoor activities)
- Low Falls Water: November to Mid-Jan (less water coming over the Falls)
- Green season: January to May: (lush scenery, fewer visitors, excellent birding, higher river levels for water-based activities)

Note: This is a year-round destination that should be booked comfortably throughout the year.



How To Position Livingstone

Livingstone is the tourism capital of Zambia, perfect for experiencing the Falls, adventure activities and downtime along the Zambezi. A superb end to any trip in any season!



Want to Know More?

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