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### Country Guide

#### Zambia - The Real Africa

Zambia, is a huge butterfly-shaped country with a low population density for its rich vast lands. The country has core strategic parks and experiences designed around the impressive waterways that shapes the country and nurtures the land. These blessings deliver a rich ecosystem of wildlife, birdlife and vegetation that are fresh from their rebirth every-year. Accessing these rich biodiversities, in opposite parts of Zambia, is done by air only. The large waterways in Zambia make most of the parks inaccessible from November to March, allowing the whole ecosystem to undergo a complete rejuvenation and rebirth by the time April comes around. The ecology's unique "my time" is most loved and cherished by nature lovers allowing them to see the complete environment in a natural state after a total of five month absence in most cases. Some arrive early to witness the "Emerald Season" blooming and give way to the brilliant sun which "toasts" the landscape to a golden-brown color. It is no wonder that famous adage about Zambia applies naturally: "Zambia - The Real Africa". Interestingly, Zambia has played host to families who settled in the area to promote the conservation of one particular place - The Luangwa Valley. The Luangwa families pooling together have enabled the experiences of the wildlife and ecology to be explained to the world. The magic of the Luangwa includes the great many concentrations of leopards in the area, the rutting and calving of the impala, the closing and rebirth of the ecosystem, the ebb and flow of the water level that saturate the land and sustains it along with the history and existence of the families that have been hard at work



for 75 years to keep it all together.

[Click here for a complete guide to Zambia](#)

## Zambia Safari Guide

### [Victoria Falls In Livingstone, Zambia](#)

Described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as '**Mosi-o-Tunya**' - '**the Smoke that Thunders**' and in more modern terms as 'the greatest known curtain of falling water', **Victoria Falls** are a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the **Zambezi River**, bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe and one of the wonders of the world. Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as 546 million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge (at the height of the flood season) over a width of nearly two kilometers into a deep gorge over 100 meters below. The wide basalt cliff, over which the falls thunder, transforms the Zambezi from a wide placid river to a ferocious torrent cutting through a series of dramatic gorges.



[Click here for a complete guide to Victoria Falls In Zambia](#)

## Zambia Safari Accommodation Guide

### [Royal Livingstone Hotel at Victoria Falls \(Livingstone\) In Zambia](#)

AfricanMecca Tier 1 Accommodation. [Click here for](#)

details on Safari Tier™

**Royal Livingstone Hotel** - pride of Zambian Hospitality lies on the forested banks of the great **Zambezi River**, upstream of the mighty cataract where it thunders into the Batoka Gorge. In its cool lounges and shaded verandahs, you will encounter the elegance and luxury of an earlier, more courageous age. The local tribes people call **Victoria Falls "Mosi-O-Tunya"**, Bantu for the "Smoke That Thunders". The spray from the mighty Victoria Falls may be seen like a cloud across the bushveld throwing rainbows hundreds of feet in the air.



[Click here for complete information on Royal Livingstone Hotel - Victoria Falls, Zambia](#)

### [South Luangwa National Park](#)

**South Luangwa National Park**, established in 1972, is the second largest park in Zambia. Zambia's lush **Luangwa Valley** and is the continent's finest wildlife reserve. The Luangwa Valley is littered with ox-bow

lakes and abandoned watercourses, surrounded by graceful mature woodlands. The **Luangwa River** is the most intact major river system in Africa and is the life blood of the park's 9050 square kilometers. There are 60 different animal species and over 400 different bird species in habiting a diverse landscapes and vegetation: South Luangwa National Park wildlife include huge herds of elephant and buffalo. Of particular interest are the two subspecies unique to the Luangwa Valley: the beautiful thornicroft giraffe (with its dark patterned skin) and Cookson's wildebeest. The valley's main predators are lion, leopard and spotted hyena. During the day, lion seldom hide and are often seen, where as leopards hunt by night. South Luangwa's night drives are fascinating not only for the chance of seeing a leopard but for the many interesting animals that only come to life at night including genets cats, civets, servals, hyenas, and bushbabies as well as owls, nightjars, the foraging hippos, honey badgers and lion..



**[Click here for a complete guide to South Luangwa in Zambia](#)**

## **Zambia Safari Accommodation Guide**

### **[Mchenja Camp In South Luangwa - Norman Carr Camp](#)**

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Mchenja, meaning "the ebony tree", is set beneath a magnificent grove of these trees on the banks of the **Luangwa River**. The Mchenja Camp comprises five stylishly designed tents each under its own thatched roof, and each with private en-suite shower and bathroom facilities and inside bath. There is a small pool alongside the bar within the thatched main chitenje, allowing guests to seek cool refuge during the heat of the day. Mchenja is the perfect camp to complete a walking safari that has combined stays at a number of other Luangwa camps. Alternatively, those guests seeking a little more luxury and pampering may choose to combine a longer stay at Mchenja, either walking or driving.



**[Click here for a complete guide to Mchenja Camp in South Luangwa](#)**

## **Zambia Safari Video Guide**

### **Victoria Falls Videos**

**[1. View Of The Victoria Falls At Eye Level From Walking Path - Click Here To Watch](#)**

**[2. Superb Views Of The Victoria Falls From Helicopter # 1- Click Here To Watch - HIGH WATERS](#)**

### **3. Superb Views Of The Victoria Falls From Helicopter # 2- Click Here To Watch - LOW WATERS**

## **South Luangwa Videos**

**1. Lions Execute A Trap, Chase & Kill An Impala During Night Game Drive - Click To View**

**2. Puku Attempting To Make In South Luangwa National Park - Click To View**

**3. Pack Of African Hunting Dogs (Wild Dog) Kill An Impala On Night Game Drive #1 - Click To View**

**Click here for a complete vide guide to Zambia**

## **Recommended African Safari Program - TIER 1 SAFARI**

- **8 Days - Highlights Of Zambia Safari I:** From US \$4170 per person sharing.  
**Programs Inclusions:** accommodation, meals, drinks, all transfers, local flight, conservancy and park fees, game activities and all taxes. **Click here for a complete itinerary**

**Click here to review other Zambia & Victoria Falls recommended safari programs.**

## **Another Perfect AfricanMecca Customer Experience - Traveled December 2008**

Hi Raza,

I wanted to let you know the Raquel returned from her trip and she absolutely loved it. Her words, "it was like a dream come true", the service and people and the accommodations were above and beyond. She's telling everyone about your company and what a terrific job they did. I know I was exciting to hear all about it as well I'm sure that your are too. I just had to pass the glowing report on over to you.

Thanks again for all your help in making this so perfect for her.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Sandi Sampson  
Travel Agent From California

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