

Victoria Falls

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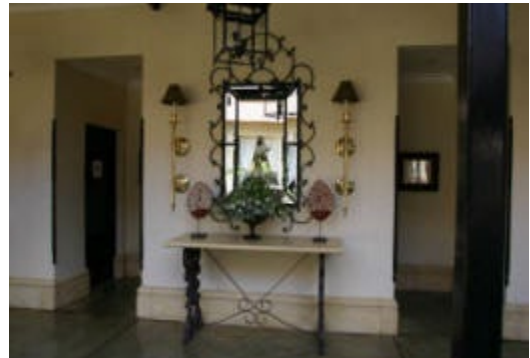
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The Royal Livingstone Hotel

Zambia | Victoria Falls

Personal Impression

This is a beautiful property with a grand foyer, big restaurants and all the facilities offered in a large modern 5-star hotel. A large swimming pool is right outside the main foyer on landscaped green grounds, and you can see the spray of Victoria Falls from the hotel. A member of "The Leading Hotels of the World".



Hotel Location

The hotel frontage is on the Zambezi River and every room has a water view. You can walk to Victoria Falls in 5 minutes.

Accommodations

The hotel has 173 rooms all in clusters with each cluster holding 10 suites. A standard room is a

wonderful room with a private deck or balcony in each room. The rooms are a very good size and the decor is modern African. Very plush and comfortable. TV and video in every room, tea and coffee making facilities and 24-hour room service. Some of the clusters are a distance from the main hotel and you will need to ride in the golf carts provided by the hotel.



Presidential Suites

There are Presidential suites available. These are wonderful suites with a living area upon entering the suite with a really incredible decor. The bedroom and spa bathroom are larger and the suite is very luxurious.

Internet Access

Complimentary High Speed WIFI.

Dining and Wines

There are several restaurants in the hotel. One is air-conditioned and one is outside on a raised terrace area overlooking the river and the rolling green lawn. Both restaurants offered a large selection of menu choices. High English tea is served in the lounge each day. Private colonial style dinners can be served on the lush green lawns for an unforgettable dining experience. Of course, there is also 24-hour room service available.

Spa

The Royal Salon offers massage therapy, facials and a variety of treatments. The spa is located off the foyer of the hotel.

Tour Desk

The hotel has a variety of tours and adventures available to its guests that can be booked from the hotel. From bungee jumping to flights over the falls. A large variety of options to suit everyone's needs.

Summary

This is a large luxury hotel with all the amenities one expects from a luxury product. Set on the river, with the spray from Victoria Falls in view it is a lovely place to stay.

Website: [The Royal Livingstone Hotel](#)

Stanley Livingstone

Victoria Falls | Zimbabwe

Personal Impression

I was not expecting this level of accommodation in Zimbabwe. The rooms are cottages, the picture above is the front door to your cottage. The restaurant is outstanding, the bar well stocked with a full wine cellar where you can browse and pick your wine for the evening. This bar area looks out over a waterhole and at sunset a herd of elephants paid us a visit as we sipped our wine.



The grounds are beautifully manicured green lawns with a large swimming pool. Everything here says quality; if you choose to stay here you will not be disappointed. This is a first-rate small boutique all suites property offering everything a traveler could want. It is part of the Rani Africa chain.

Location of the Hotel

The hotel is about a 10-minute drive from Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. The hotel has two Chevrolet suburban's and offers transfers to the town and a guided tour of Victoria Falls. The hotel is located in a game reserve and sits right in front of a watering hole. You will could see animals from your room and particularly from the bar area.

Accommodations

16 suites, 10 double and 6 twin. These rooms are really air-conditioned cottages, with a full sitting room with TV, DVD player, and a balcony and a nice sized bedroom and a very lavish bathroom. Complete with a front door with a welcome mat and a wrought iron balcony overlooking the game reserve you feel like you could stay forever.

The décor is comfortable Victorian English. There is a desk with an electrical strip with built in adaptors to accommodate both American and British appliances. A TV is in the credenza. The

bedroom is decorated very tastefully in light colors and has a second TV for viewing in the bedroom. The bathroom has a really plush feel and has a large bath in the middle of the room and a large shower, two sinks and a variety of quality toiletries. It all feels very plush.

These are pictures from our actual cottage during our stay. Extremely comfortable.



Choice of accommodation. You can stay room only, room and breakfast, room with breakfast and dinner, or full room and board with breakfast, lunch, dinner, game drives, bush walks and fully inclusive. I recommend room with breakfast and dinner.

Internet Access

WIFI available.

Dining and Wines

We were given our menu for the night in the bar. It was a piece of parchment paper with a band made of fresh flowers. Looked more like a special invitation to an elaborate event. The menu instantly made me smile and turned out to be one of the best meals of my life.



Starters: Crocodile Thermidor (my husband had this it was outstanding, tasted like lobster thermidore) or Buttered Fried mushrooms; *Soup:* Butternut soup; *Main courses:* Beef Fillet served with mushroom sauce, or Pan-fried Chicken with Green Peppercorn sauce, or Grilled Ostrich Steak with gooseberry sauce, or Kingclip

Filet (fish) with lemon sauce; *Dessert:* Brandy snap basket filled with mango mousse or honey caramelized banana and vanilla bean ice cream. Something for everyone. The wines that accompanied this meal were outstanding. The dining room decor is Victorian with crisp white linens and incredible service. I wish I could have eaten here again but alas I only had one night.



Things To Do

The area of Victoria Falls offers numerous adventures. These can all be booked from Stanley and Livingstone.

Elephant Back Safaris - The Elephant Company operates on the Nakavango Estate and offers you the opportunity to experience these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Guests can even enjoy game viewing by elephant.

Helicopter Trips - See the Falls from the air whilst enjoying our popular "Flight of Angels". A 15-minute flight by helicopter gives you a unique and unrivalled perspective of the Falls.

White Water Rafting - The Zambezi River is regarded by some as the best white water rafting river in the world. Choose from one-day and overnight trips. The new and exhilarating sport of river boarding is now also available.



Jet Boating - The latest in adrenalin-pumping adventure to reach the Zambezi. Speed up the river, through narrow gorges and over rapids to come face-to-face with the awe-inspiring Falls, from a completely unique angle.



Bungi Jumping - Leap off the Victoria Falls Bridge and plunge 111 meters into the gorge below. The famous bridge spans the countries of Zimbabwe and Zambia, and has a backdrop of the awesome Falls.

Ra Ikane Sundowner Cruises - Ra Ikane offers sundowner cruises down the Zambezi River on their small luxurious cruise boat. Sip cocktails and watch the sun set, whilst drifting past hippos and crocodiles lazing in the shallows.



Summary

This is a boutique small hotel, with outstanding gracious service, incredible food, large all suite luxury accommodations. A rare find.

Website: [Stanley Livingstone Hotel](http://www.stanleylivingstonehotel.com)

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Personal Impression

This is a charming old hotel that has a character and style. For almost 100 years this hotel has been visited by Royal Families, and celebrities worldwide. The hotel retains its heritage and charm and also has all the modern conveniences for today's traveler. The rooms are nice but as it is an older hotel, they are not luxurious as newer properties. Some of the main public rooms are air conditioned. A member of the "Leading Hotels of the World" chain.

Location of the Hotel

The hotel is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park overlooking the Victoria Falls Bridge and Batoka Gorge. It is only a 10-minute walk from Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. It is 15 Km from Livingstone airport in Zambia. The grounds are wonderful, sprawling lawns and gorgeous views.



Accommodations

Many rooms of varying types in different buildings. This is a large hotel with rooms ranging from standard single accommodations to Royal suites with huge living areas. The majority of the rooms have twin beds although there are doubles and kings. 180 rooms in total. Decor is updated but still retains the old-world charm.



Internet Access

Complimentary WIFI throughout the hotel.

Spa

As with all large hotels full spa treatments are available.

Dining and Wines

Very elegant and large dining rooms offer extensive menus of game and more traditional fare. The Livingstone Room is the main formal dining room seating 120 people. The dress here is

formal. Jacket and tie required for men but these can be loaned by the hotel if a guest does not have the appropriate attire. There is also a nice outdoor restaurant that seats 180 people and always serves a buffet.

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