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## Victoria Falls Resort

### THE VICTORIA FALLS

Victoria Falls presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800s as 'Mosi-oo-Tunya' – 'The Smoke that Thunders'. In more modern terms Victoria Falls is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world.

Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometres, into a gorge over one hundred meters below.

The wide, basalt cliff over which the falls thunder, transforms the Zambezi from a placid river into a ferocious torrent cutting through a series of dramatic gorges.

Facing the Falls is another sheer wall of basalt, rising to the same height, and capped by mist-soaked rain forest. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor prepared to brave the tremendous spray, with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls.

One special vantage point is across the Knife-edge Bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot, where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge

Direct and unlimited complimentary access to the Falls. The park opens daily at 6am, and closes at 6pm (all year round)

### INSIDE THE PARK

Once you have entered the park, you will find a selection of clearly marked pathways taking you to different sections of the Victoria Falls, including viewpoints of the Victoria Falls bridge behind and Zambezi River below.

The Knife's Edge bridge is a footbridge which spans a deep gorge and affords you access to the western most viewing point on the Zambian side. From this bridge, you can see the full view of the Eastern Cataract, except during the peak flow months when the spray obliterates the view completely. The Boiling Pot trail takes you on a steep descent into the Boiling Pot, and another path takes you upstream close to the edge of the Falls, looking onto the Zambezi River before it plummets over the edge and into the gorge.

#### Rainforest Do's & Don'ts

- There are wild animals in the Mosi – oo – Tunya National Park, and that includes the rainforest. While there aren't any common predators, you may come across the more nervous species such as cheeky monkeys and baboons (hide your food!). Be sure to keep your distance and never feed the animals. Keep an eye out for snakes along the path as well but generally they are more scared of you than you are of them.
- Stay on the designated paths at all times.
- The barriers along the way are there to keep you safe, so do not cross them. Beyond the barriers, you risk falling down a sheer cliff.
- Make sure that you have a protective kit for your cameras and passports because you will get wet while walking through the rainforest.
- Some spots along the path are slippery and are at a gradient, so wear shoes that have good grip and are comfortable to walk in.
- Like all nature reserves, Mosi – oo – Tunya National Park is a protected area. Therefore, you are not allowed to take samples of the natural habitat. Take nothing but photographs, and leave nothing but footprints.
- Don't use Drones, if you are caught you will face a hefty penalty and a lot of red tape.