

## 2022 - EXTERNALLY OPERATED ACTIVITIES - BOOKED BY THE RIVER CLUB

The River Club is a long-standing, well-respected, official booking agent for all operators in the Livingstone, Chobe (Botswana) and Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) areas. We have been compiling guest activity itineraries for many years and know exactly how all logistics and operator check-in times go together to ensure a seamless experience. All guests need do is send us an activity [wish list](#) so that we can combine activities to optimise the time you have with us and save on unnecessary back and forth transfers.

Planning activities and booking ahead is recommended as it avoids disappointment after arrival due to lack of availability. This applies specially to visits during busy times of the year and very particularly to some of the more famous and popular activities.

- All prices are per person. When applicable, child rates are indicated.
- External operators have the right to change prices without notice.
- External Operator Cancellation: in most cases 100% is due if cancelled less than 24-hours before, others its 48-hours.

### • IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT ACTIVITY TRANSFERS

- Except for Railway Bridge activities, all prices on this document **INCLUDE** return The River Club transfers charged one-way if The River Club is the booking agent.
- Please be alert to operators advertising return transfers as included to or from hotels or lodges within Livingstone. Being situated outside the Livingstone town limits, The River Club is not classified as a hotel / lodge within Livingstone. Therefore, guests transferring from The River Club do not qualify for complimentary operator transfers.

### SCENIC FLIGHTS – by advance reservation only – THE ONLY WAY TO SEE THE ENTIRE WATERFALL IN ONE VIEW

- All scenic flight prices are per person and include aviation tax; currently USD 6 per person
- Children u-2 no charge if they sit on a parents' lap; as long as they fit into the seat belt, children in their own seat pay full price
- An I-Cloud link to video footage can be purchased direct from the operator after the flight



### • STANDARD HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

- Operator logistics on the day determines the size of machine used

12-15 minutes	Short flight; circle the falls only	USD 226
20-22 minutes	Medium flight; the falls & inside the gorge	USD 286
28-30 minutes	Long flight; the falls, the gorge & MOT park	USD 396

### • SPECIAL HELICOPTER CHARTERS using 3, 4 or 6-seater helicopters – Special The River Club rates – per helicopter

Flying time	Routes - can be reversed	3-seater	4-seater	6-seater
20-22 minutes	Route 1a; airport-falls-lodge	USD 1, 435	USD 1, 630	USD 1, 910
26-28 minutes	Route 1b; airport-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-lodge	USD 1, 550	USD 1, 760	USD 2, 040
19-21 minutes	Route 2a; lodge-falls-town heli-pad	USD 1, 375	USD 1, 565	USD 1, 830
26-28 minutes	Route 2b; lodge-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-town	USD 1, 550	USD 1, 760	USD 2, 040
27-29 minutes	Route 3a; lodge-falls-lodge	USD 1, 725	USD 1, 955	USD 2, 265
34-36 minutes	Route 3b; lodge-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-lodge	USD 2, 070	USD 2, 345	USD 2, 700



- See the [White-Water Rafting](#) section for helicopter gorge-lift-out after rafting

### • MICRO / ULTRA LIGHT FLIGHTS – rates include Aviation Tax – available early AM or late PM only

- Micro-light or Ultra-light depends on weather and operator logistics
- Minimum age 12-years - children 4-12 at pilot's discretion
- Maximum weight 110kg / 242 lbs

12-15 minutes	Short flight; circle the falls only	USD 216
28-30 minutes	Long flight; circle the falls, <u>over</u> the gorge & over MOT	USD 396
60-minutes	Special Charter flight	USD 756



### LIVINGSTONE ISLAND – by reservation only – the longer in advance the better

This is probably one of Livingstone's most famous bucket-list activities. LIVINGSTONE ISLAND is commonly known as Devils Pool though swimming in Devils or Angels Pool (s) is **highly seasonal** and allowed only at low and medium water respectively.

#### • A MEAL ON LIVINGSTONE ISLAND – the easiest most available way to access this activity

- Minimum age on the island is 8-years - minimum age to swim is 12-years
- Includes return boat ride and meal according to time slot booked
- Advance booking is absolutely essential
- Dietary information is required in advance

○ Breakfast	boat check-in 08:15 or 09:45	USD 145
○ Lunch	boat check-in 11:45	USD 210
○ High Tea	boat check-in 14:45	USD 185



#### • WALK ON THE WILD SIDE - at VERY Low water only (no boat ride, no meal)

- Falls Park Check-in 08:45 or 10:45 or 13:45      USD 140 plus park fee paid direct USD 20

- Minimum age strictly 12
- Mandatory footwear; good-grip, good support shoes (no flip-flops). Wear a hat as well.
- A reasonable level of fitness is required – bear in mind this activity is available only at a time of year when temperatures are high

RAILWAY BRIDGE ADRENALIN – 09h00 to 16h30 daily

Bridge activity rates exclude transfer costs – a transfer will be charged if this is a stand-alone trip

- Pay the Bridge Operator direct; Master or Visa card or USD Cash
- Bridge activities close for lunch between 13h00 and 14h00
- Bungi Jump Solo min age 14 USD 160
- Gorge Swing Solo min age 14 USD 160
- Gorge Swing Tandem min age 14 USD 250
- Slide (zip-line) Solo min age 14 USD 45
- Slide (zip-line) Tandem 4-13 with adult USD 65 for both
- Big Air Package (Bungi, swing, slide) min age 14 USD 220
- Historic Bridge Tour pre-booking needed min age 10 USD 65
- The Bridge Café is a scenic spot on the edge of the gorge from which to watch while enjoying something to eat and drink



THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE EXPRESS restored STEAM TRAIN – advance reservation is required

- Advance booking for any of the train runs is essential.
- Minimum age is 3-years - full price for dinner and Friday sunset runs
- Dietary information in advance is required
- There is a cash-bar available for spirits
- Beer, wine, soft-drinks and still water are served with meals
- 5-COURSE DINNER USD 200 no child rate
  - o Enjoy a slow run from the siding in town down to the Railway Bridge; disembark to enjoy the sunset, then the slow ride back while dinner is served.
  - o Dinner is available only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- SUNDAY lunch SAFARI TRAIN USD 160 USD 115 under-12
  - o Travel west out of town on the legendary Mulobezi Line into Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park game viewing as you go
- FRIDAY Sunset & Canapes BRIDGE RUN USD 135 no child rate
  - o Travel down to the famous Railway Bridge, enjoy the sunset then return to the town-siding – approx 2-hours duration
  - o Bookings close strictly by 12h00 on Thursdays. Late bookings will not be accepted.



THE FABULOUS ELEPHANT-CAFÉ – advance reservation is essential

These special elephants were orphaned as babies in the 1960's and 70's and raised with safe human contact and support. There is an extremely strong bond between the herd and their handlers which translates to love and respect generously shared by these elephants to all humans they meet. No-one who interacts with this unique group returns feeling disappointed. On the contrary, they return feeling enlightened and uplifted by the experience.

Some important points to note when planning to meet these magnificent gentle giants:

- Advance booking is absolutely essential for all elephant experiences
- Minimum age for elephant interaction is strictly 10-years – adult rate is charged
- Children under 4-years are not permitted at the venue
- Dress code for meals at the café is smart-casual – bring something warm in winter
- Neutral-coloured clothing is preferred for interacting with the elephants

• ELEPHANT INTERACTION and DINING EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an optional scenic boat ride through Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, jumping rapids and game viewing along the way. Disembark at the Café jetty inside the park, and delight in an astonishing and educational elephant interaction with this group of rescue elephants. After all the excitement, sit down at the Café right on the rivers' edge and enjoy a unique award winning African-Indigenous-Fusion meal.

- Menus are set by the Chef so all dietary information in advance is vital
- Complimentary photos and videos will be taken during the interaction and e-mailed to you afterwards
- Two options; by road + boat OR by road-only

• Road Transfer and Speed Boat – includes park fee

Breakfast - min 6 pax - subject to availability	USD 245
Lunch	USD 270
High tea - min 6 pax - subject to availability	USD 230
Dinner	USD 270

• Road Transfer only

Breakfast by <u>boat</u> only	N/A
Lunch	USD 225
High tea - min 6 pax - subject to availability	USD 170
Dinner	USD 225

• ELEPHANT INTERACTION (only) EXPERIENCE – subject to availability – includes return road transfers USD 115

Participants are able to interact with members of the herd in a positive and secure environment with the aim to Observe, Experience, Conserve. Discover a new-found respect for elephants and receive a deeper understanding of their plight.

• ART OF AFRICA - subject to availability – bookings need to be made at least 48-hours in advance – return road transfers USD 185

➢ Minimum 4-pax required in order to confirm: Includes all art materials, aprons, tutors, water, soft drinks, tea, coffee & biscuits - A unique adventure with canvas and brush. Novice and experienced artists' welcome. Held on location with the Ele-Cafe herd, the experience includes a meet and greet with these beautiful beasts. Spend approximately 45-minutes painting with the elephants.



WHITE WATER RAFTING – seasonal according to river levels

Things you should know before rafting the Zambezi River

Thank you to Safari Par Excellence for the bulk of this valuable information

WATER LEVELS VARY SEASONALLY – Trip dates are important.

- The Zambezi River is free-flowing because water levels are not affected by any dams. However, it is heavily affected by seasonal (annual) natural flood conditions. Rafting trips are adapted to changing water levels by starting at different entry points. Generally, August sometime to mid-January, trips start at rapid 1 the “Boiling Pot” directly below Victoria Falls. At this time the river is relatively low and more bedrock is exposed. This creates the huge crashing rapids the Zambezi is renowned for.
- From mid-January to July, the river runs at **high-water** and could close altogether for a few weeks. Rafting generally starts from rapid 7B, rapid 10 or rapid 14. These trips are called **HALF-DAY** but actually take around ¾ of a day. At this time the bedrock is covered producing big eddies and boils. One of the highlights of a high-water run is rapid 16B, a colossal set of breaking waves.
- The river is always changing so no two trips are ever the same.
- For high adrenaline and demanding water, book your trip as the low water season opens or closes; late July/August and end December/January.
- The Zambezi is at its lowest in the gorge during the first week of November, after this it starts to rise. At this time of the year, you are rafting only 5% of the Zambezi’s peak flow.

YOUR RAFT MAY FLIP AND YOU MAY GO FOR A “SWIM” – no-one can guarantee a no-flip trip!

- The Zambezi is affectionately known as the “Slambezi”, as depending on river conditions, big water flips are more the norm than the exception.
- The Zambezi is warm which means dealing with cold-water immersion is not an issue. If you go for a dip or have a flip you are pulled back onto the raft, or one of the safety kayakers will rescue you and the trip continues, no big deal.
- “Pool Drop” means the rapids generally empty into relatively calm pools. So, if the raft does go over, there is time to collect everybody back onto the raft and take a break before the next rapid. On other rivers of a similar class, a flip is a calamity, as the rapids often feed into each other and the water is cold.



THE ZAMBEZI RIVER FLOWS THROUGH A STEEP-SIDED GORGE

- The “Middle” Batoka Gorge is formed from the action of the river eroding through fault lines in the basalt rock. This results in a very steep sided gorge with limited access points. Access requires a hike in and out of the gorge to enable rafting. After the trip, the ascent to reach the road is along steep paths. It takes around 30 minutes to climb out of the gorge.
- It is **essential** to have **footwear** that allows the hike up and down the gorge. The paths have been made easier to negotiate with the use of wood ladders made from Mopani, a tough indigenous tree species. It is tiring, and in the heat, the climb can be daunting. But there is no rush, take your time. There will be plenty of water to drink and the guides are always on hand to assist.

Sign up for exciting **GRADE-5 RAFTING** in the world-famous Batoka Gorge

- **Minimum age** is strictly **15** (accompanied by an adult – full rate)
- This activity is not for the faint-hearted or the unfit
- No previous experience is necessary
- Please supply dietary information

LOW WATER Full-day rapids 1-21 (Jul-Jan finish around 5pm)	USD 190
LOW WATER Overnight 2-days, 1 night - Mohembo Falls (Aug-Dec)	USD 390
HIGH WATER AM Half-day rapids 14-25 (Jan to Jul)	USD 190

• **HELICOPTER GORGE LIFT-OUT** after rafting

After rafting, save the hike up and out of the gorge, and long drive back to town.

- Helicopter lift-out cost is in addition to rafting rate
- Exercise the option to experience a waterfall fly-over at same time!
- Minimum 4 pax is required
- Advance booking is **absolutely necessary**

LIFT-OUT Rapid #10 + falls fly-over 15-mins – includes Aviation tax	USD 232
LIFT-OUT Rapid #21 + falls fly-over 15-mins – includes Aviation tax	USD 280



SWIMMING BENEATH THE WATERFALL and more WHITE-WATER RAFTING – seasonal according to river levels

• **SWIMMING UNDER THE SPRAY** – at very low water only

- This is a great add-on to White Water Rafting - the swim is first, then either exit the gorge just before Rapid #1 (the Boiling Pot) or continue with rafting.
- This activity entails some swimming and scrambling over rocks and boulders so a reasonable level of fitness, sense of balance and physical coordination is essential, as is appropriate footwear.

LOW WATER - Swim under the Falls Only	USD 120
LOW WATER - Swim + Test the Best Rafting rapids 1-7	USD 150
LOW WATER - Swim + AM Half-day Rafting rapids 1-10 or 12	USD 180
LOW WATER - Swim + Full-day Rafting rapids 1-23	USD 180



CANOEING ON THE UPPER RIVER

This is not a strenuous activity and no previous canoeing experience is required. The guides will give you lessons on how to guide your craft before you set off.

- Minimum age is 12-years, parents or guardians must accompany children
- Pre-booking is necessary - hard-body Canadian-type canoes are used
- A great game and bird viewing experience while drifting down the river
- For full day trips, please supply dietary info in advance

- CANOE HALF-DAY AM only USD 120
- CANOE FULL-DAY - with lunch USD 140



PRO-FISHING ON THE UPPER RIVER – great fun for the whole family

Catch and Release Tigerfish and/or Bream (Tilapia). No previous experience required as the professional guide will help you.

- Under-12's welcome (parent or guardian must go with) - pay 50% of adult price
- Pre-booking is required and all tackle is provided;
- Specify spinning (max 4) per boat or fly (max 2) per boat
- For full day trips, please supply dietary info in advance

- Pro-Fishing HALF-DAY USD 125
- Pro-Fishing FULL-DAY - with lunch USD 255



GAME / RHINO WALK

This is a bush walk in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park accompanied by a professional guide and a park scout. The first portion of the walk is looking at all things you come across, large and small. The last 20-minutes is spent on foot very close to however many rhinos you manage to track. The pace is that of the slowest member of the group.

- Minimum age is strictly 12-years
- Pre-booking is essential - maximum of 8-pax allowed
- Lasts 2 ½ to 3-hours; Spend around 20-minutes on foot very close to rhinos
- Rate includes park entry fee and transfers
- Wear neutral 'bush' colours (light, not bright),
- Long pants and closed shoes are mandatory

- SLOTS TWICE DAILY - early AM or PM USD 154



PONY TRAILS – on well-trained elephant habituated horses

This professional stable is a few kilometres upstream of The River Club. Suitable for experienced and novice riders alike. The trail runs through beautiful Zambezi woodland over a property that is a seasonal elephant corridor, and alongside the river.

- Minimum age 9-years - Parents or guardians must accompany children
- Please tell us your level of skill when you book

- SLOTS TWICE DAILY - AM or late-PM USD 110
  - o Ride for 1 ½-hours with a professional horse-trail guide
- With CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST – 3-hours USD 130
  - Dietary info is required in advance
- PONY TALES – ¾-hour USD 40
  - o Pony Tales for younger children; a groom leads the pony
  - o parents are welcome to join on a bush meander on foot
- MULTI-DAY PONY TRAIL EXPERIENCE in a remote part of western Zambia
  - o Enquire further if you would like a quote



QUAD BIKING – be prepared to get very dusty!

- Minimum age 12-years – with a parent or guardian
- This is a limited-number activity, therefore booking as far ahead as possible is best

- ECO TRAIL 1-hour - max 5 per trip USD 125
  - o Through the African Bush over humps, through ditches, around bends and down hills
  - o The chance of meeting game along the way adds to the thrill of the trail
- VILLAGE TRAIL 2 ½ hours - max 3 per trip USD 195
  - o This trail takes you from Mukuni to Machenje Village over a dune, through dense bush and on to the Sichilobe Village
  - o Stop for a refreshing drink, turn around and ... the adventure starts all over again!



SEGWAY TOUR – good chance you will see Zebra, Giraffe and Impala

Great fun for families with younger children; Segway machines are similar to a battery-operated scooter which is controlled by the movement of the rider's weight. Each tour includes a 15-minute training session and a 30-minute Segway riding tour.

- Minimum age 7-years accompanied by parent or guardian
- Helmets and bottled water provided
- Booking is required – maximum 10 pax

- FALLS RESORT ROUTE USD 75



## CROSS-BORDER ACTIVITIES – ZIMBABWE AND BOTSWANA

Cross-border activities have visa and extra-time implications. Please discuss this in full with Operations at The River Club to ensure you buy the right visa to allow border crossings while staying with at The River Club.

- Visas are for guests own account. The special KAZA visa saves time and money – 40 nations qualify.

### ZIMBABWE-SIDE VICTORIA FALLS TOURS

There are a variety of choices if you prefer to go on a guided tour. However, self-guided trips can be undertaken inexpensively and easily without booking a tour – we will tell you how.

- **GUIDED TOURS** include park fees and all transfers unless otherwise indicated

Shared, Guided Zimbabwe-side Tour of the Falls – 2-hour tour including border crossing USD 100

- There is a rate for children under 12-years

Private, Guided Zimbabwe-side Tour of the Falls (pay for a minimum of 6 adults) POA

Inclusive Victoria Falls Airport transfer and Zimbabwe-side Tour of the Falls USD 130

- **SELF-GUIDED** Zimbabwe-side Tour of Falls

The River Club Transfer across the Railway Bridge to Zimbabwe Immigration USD 42

- o The walk from Zimbabwe Immigration to the park entrance is very short - impossible to get lost
- o Zimbabwe-Falls Park entry fees: Pay your own at the entrance USD 30 CASH (notes no older than 2007)

- If you would like to visit Victoria Falls town on the same trip as seeing the Zimbabwe-side of the falls (self-guided), we can book a Zimbabwe taxi driver well known to us - guests pay the driver direct in USD cash

- One-way Taxi Transfer Zim-Immigration to lodge: for Zim visits of more than 2-hours USD 50 – pay the driver direct



### ZIMBABWE - ELEPHANT ACTIVITIES– advance booking is essential

The rates for the two activities listed here includes a Conservation levy and The River Club transfer to Zimbabwe Immigration. Guests then find own way to Kingdom Hotel (it's a short walk). The Zimbabwe operator transfers from the Kingdom Hotel to the site outside the town of Victoria Falls, and the operator transfers cross-border all the way back to The River Club. **Booking ahead is necessary.**

- Minimum age 5-years
- Children 5 to 11 years pay the child rate
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

- **ELE-ENCOUNTER and WALK with GIANTS** USD 210 12 & above USD 120 5-11 years  
Talk to the guides and learn more about the complexities of the individual elephants and the herd structure, as well as their history and how they came to be here. Guests will then spend time with the elephants.

- o Witness the special relationship the elephant keepers share with the animals and become a part of it.
- o Take photographs while they behave normally; browsing and interacting with one another.

- **ELE-ART SAFARI** includes art materials and lunch USD 245 12 & above USD 140 5-11 years  
Enjoy an educational presentation at the Elephant Sanctuary & Orphanage. Learn about the elephants and their history and how they came to be here, as well as the threats facing elephant populations today.

- o At the waterhole-mud wallow where, under the shade of an enormous Mopane tree, find a chair and easel with a fresh sheet of paper
- o Radiantly coloured aprons and palettes with bright splotches of paint are provided
- o A private tutor guides guests through a painting workshop
- o Afterwards enjoy a delicious 2-course buffet lunch with a cold beverage
- o Please provide dietaries in advance



### ZIMBABWE - CANOPY TOUR

Good fun for the whole family. You can turn up and take your chances, but booking ahead is always best.

- No minimum age though younger children go in harness with an adult
- The site is on the Zimbabwe side of the gorge, not on the Railway Bridge
- It's a short 10-minute walk from Zimbabwe Immigration to the site
- Duration is 2 ½ hours
- First check-in is 08:45, then hourly thereafter until last check-in at 14:45

- **CANOPY TOUR** USD 61 – no reduction for children – lodge / border transfers excluded
- o Park Fees USD 3 – pay direct on-site



### BOTSWANA - CHOBE DAY TRIP

Includes a Chobe River Cruise and a game drive in Chobe National Park, return road transfers to Kasane, lunch and all park fees.

- **Important Note:** Parents of minor children must carry unabridged birth certificates to visit Botswana
- Minimum age 12-years - please enquire further if you have younger children
- Depart the lodge around 07h00 return around 17h45 – it really is a full day out
- Operator needs to know in advance if there are any dietary requirements
- Advance booking is essential
- Check Botswana COVID requirements

- **CHOBE DAY TRIP** USD 200 – includes park fees and return cross-border transfers

