

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 assisting guests to compile their ideal activity itineraries for many years, and know exactly how all logistics and operator check-in times work together to ensure a seamless experience. All guests need to do is send us an activity [wish list](#) so that activities can be combined to optimise the time available, while also saving unnecessary back and forth transfers and extra transfer costs.

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 POLICIES:** in most cases 100% is due if cancelled less than 48-hours prior to the activity.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT ACTIVITY TRANSFERS

- Except for Railway Bridge activities, all prices on this document **INCLUDE** return The River Club transfers charged one-way when 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 IS FROM THE AIR!

- Scenic flight prices are per person and **include** aviation tax; currently US\$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
- Maximum weight per person 120 kg / 264 lbs

STANDARD HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

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| ➤ Operator logistics on the day determines the size of machine used | Per Person |
| Short flight 12-15 minutes circle the falls only | US\$ 226 |
| Medium flight 20-22 minutes the falls & inside the gorge | US\$ 286 |
| Long flight 28-30 minutes the falls, the gorge & MOT park | US\$ 396 |

SPECIAL HELICOPTER CHARTERS using 3, 4 or 6-seater helicopters

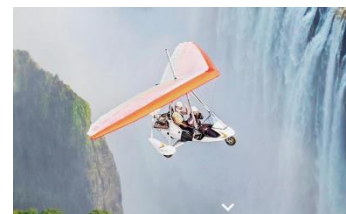
Special The River Club rates

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| | | Per Helicopter | | |
| Flying time | Routes - can be reversed | 3-seater | 4-seater | 6-seater |
| 20-22 minutes | Route 1a; airport-falls-lodge | \$ 1,440 | \$ 1,630 | \$ 1,900 |
| 26-28 minutes | Route 1b; airport-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-lodge | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,760 | \$ 2,050 |
| 19-21 minutes | Route 2a; lodge-falls-town heli-pad | \$ 1,375 | \$ 1,565 | \$ 1,830 |
| 26-28 minutes | Route 2b; lodge-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-town | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,760 | \$ 2,050 |
| 27-29 minutes | Route 3a; lodge-falls-lodge | \$ 1,730 | \$ 1,990 | \$ 2,280 |
| 34-36 minutes | Route 3b; lodge-falls- <u>inside</u> gorge-lodge | \$ 2,100 | \$ 2,380 | \$ 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 110 kg / 242 lbs
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| | | | Per Person |
| Short flight | 12-15 minutes | circle the falls only | US\$ 216 |
| Long flight | 28-30 minutes | circle the falls, <u>over</u> the gorge & MOT | US\$ 396 |
| Charter flight | 60-minutes | | US\$ 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 because of the swim to Devils Pool OR Angels Pool. When one is closed the other is open, and at high water, BOTH pools are closed and no swimming is permissible.

The island closes completely - usually in May into June. - due to exceptionally high-water levels.

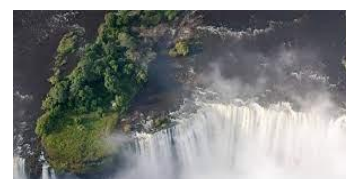
A MEAL ON LIVINGSTONE ISLAND – the easiest most available way to access this activity

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

Meal Slot	Check-in Times	Duration on Island	Per Person
Breakfast earlier	check-in 08:15	1-hour	US\$ 155
Breakfast later	check-in 09:45	1 ½ hours	US\$ 155
Lunch	check-in 11:45	2 ½ hours	US\$ 230
High Tea	check-in 14:45	1 ½ hours	US\$ 200

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE - at VERY Low water only - no boat ride, no meal – swim only

- Minimum age strictly 12
 - Mandatory footwear; good-grip, good support shoes (no flip-flops) and a hat (it's a HOT time of year)
 - A reasonable level of fitness is required
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| Falls Park Entrance | Check-in 08:45 or 10:45 or 13:45 | US\$ 150 |
| <u>Plus park fee to be paid direct at the falls-park entrance</u> | | US\$ 20 |



THE RAILWAY BRIDGE – ADRENALIN ACTIVITIES – 09h30 to 16h30 daily

BRIDGE ACTIVITY RATES EXCLUDE TRANSFER COSTS

A transfer will be charged if this is a stand-alone trip - guests usually visit the bridge when visiting the falls

- Take your passport in order to get a free gate pass from Zambia Immigration to visit the bridge
- There is no obligation to do anything once you are on the bridge; just watching is fun!
- Pay the Bridge Operator direct; Master or Visa card or USD Cash
- The Bridge Café is a scenic spot on the edge of the gorge from which to watch while enjoying something to eat and drink

➢ Bridge activities close for lunch between 13h00 and 14h00			Per Person
Bungee Jump	Solo	min age 14	US\$ 168
Gorge Swing	Solo	min age 14	US\$ 168
Gorge Swing	Tandem	min age 14	US\$ 263 for both
Slide (zip-line)	Solo	min age 14	US\$ 48
Slide (zip-line)	Tandem	4-13 with adult	US\$ 68 for both
Big Air Package (Bungee, swing, slide)		min age 14	US\$ 230
Historic Bridge Tour pre-booking needed		min age 10	US\$ 68



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

Climb aboard a luxurious steam train and evoke a bygone era

Bookings close strictly by 12h00 on Thursdays. Late bookings will not be accepted

- Dress code is smart-casual – collared shirts - no t-shirts or flip-flops
- Minimum age is 3-years - full price
- There is a cash-bar available for spirits
- Beer, wine, soft-drinks and still water are served with meals
- Take passports with for ID purposes at Bridge Immigration
- Dinner is available only on Saturdays
- Dietary information in advance is required

5-COURSE DINNER

no child rate

US\$ 200 Per Person

A slow run from the siding in town down to the Railway Bridge; disembark to enjoy the sunset, then a slow ride back while dinner is served.



THE FABULOUS ELEPHANT-CAFÉ – advance reservation is essential

These special elephants were orphaned as infants 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 feels disappointed after partaking in this activity. On the contrary, they feel 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
- Minimum age for the speed-boat is 10-years
- Minimum age permitted at the venue is 4-years
- 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. If going by boat, disembark at the Café jetty inside the park. If by road-only, you will be delivered direct to the elephant-boma. 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 (minimum 4-pax to confirm boat) OR by road-only

ROAD TRANSFER AND SPEED BOAT – includes park fee

Breakfast - min 6 pax - subject to availability	US\$ 245 pp
Lunch	US\$ 270 pp
High tea - min 6 pax - subject to availability	US\$ 230 pp
Dinner	US\$ 270 pp

ROAD TRANSFER ONLY – park fee not applicable

Breakfast by boat only	N/A
Lunch	US\$ 225 pp
High tea - min 6 pax - subject to availability	US\$ 170 pp
Dinner	US\$ 225 p

ELEPHANT INTERACTION (only) - subject to availability

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

ROAD TRANSFER AND SPEED BOAT – minimum 4-pax to confirm boat

Interaction only - Includes Park fee	US\$ 200 pp
ROAD TRANSFER ONLY - minimum 2-pax to confirm	
Interaction only - Park fee not applicable	US\$ 115 pp



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 a parent or guardian
- 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	finish around 5pm	Approx July-Jan	per person US\$ 190
LOW WATER Overnight from rapid 1	2-days, 1 night to Moembo	Approx Aug-Dec	US\$ 390
HIGH WATER AM Half-day rapids 10/14-25	finish around 14h30	approx Feb-June	US\$ 190

• HELICOPTER GORGE LIFT-OUT after rafting – Advance booking is absolutely essential

After rafting, save the hike up and out of the gorge, and the 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!
- Rates include Aviation tax

LIFT-OUT Rapid #10 + falls fly-over 15-mins	Minimum 4-pax	per person US\$ 235
LIFT-OUT Rapid #21 + falls fly-over 15-mins	Minimum 4-pax	US\$ 280
LIFT-OUT Lower Moembo	Minimum 6-pax	US\$ 618



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

SWIMMING UNDER THE SPRAY – AT VERY LOW WATER ONLY

A great add-on to White Water Rafting. When it's an add-on, swimming under the spray is complimentary.

- The swim is first, then, if not rafting, 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	US\$ 120 per person
LOW WATER - Swim + Test the Best Rafting rapids 1-7	US\$ 165 per person
LOW WATER - Swim + AM Half-day Rafting rapids 1-10 or 12	US\$ 180 per person
LOW WATER - Swim + Full-day Rafting rapids 1-23	US\$ 190 per person



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 US\$ 154 per person

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 US\$ 110 per person

Ride for 1 ½-hours with a professional horse-trail guide

With CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST – 3-hours US\$ 140 per person

- Dietary info is required in advance

PONY TALES – ¾-hour US\$ 50 per child

- Pony Tales for younger children; a groom leads the pony
- parents are welcome to join on a bush meander on foot

MULTI-DAY PONY TRAIL EXPERIENCE in a remote part of western Zambia - Enquire further if you would like a quote

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 US\$ 120 p person

CANOE FULL-DAY - with lunch US\$ 140 p person

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 US\$ 125 p person

Pro-Fishing FULL-DAY - with lunch US\$ 255 p person

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 US\$ 125 per person

Through the African Bush over humps, through ditches, around bends and down hills
The chance of meeting game along the way adds to the thrill of the trail

VILLAGE TRAIL 2 ½ hours - max 3 per trip US\$ 195 per person

The trail goes from Mukuni to Machenje Village over a dune, through dense bush to Sichilobe Village. 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 US\$ 75 per person



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 US\$ 150 pp
 - 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 US\$ 150 pp
 - Includes Park fee
- **SELF-GUIDED** Zimbabwe-side Tour of Falls
 - The River Club Transfer lodge to Zimbabwe Immigration US\$ 42 pp
 - The walk from Zimbabwe Immigration to the park entrance is very short - impossible to get lost
 - Zimbabwe-Falls Park entry fees: Pay your own at the entrance US\$ 50 pp CASH (USD 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 US\$ 50 – per taxi - pay the driver direct



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
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| CANOPY TOUR | US\$ 64 | per person - no reduction for children - lodge / border transfers excluded |
| Park Fees | US\$ 3 | per person - pay direct on-site |



ZIMBABWE – ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK – PM GAME DRIVE

Zambezi National Park on the Zimbabwe side of the river, is 56,000 hectares (140,000 acres) in size. The road from Victoria Falls to the Kazungula border with Botswana, bisects the Park, much like the road between Livingstone and Kazungula bisects the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park on the Zambian side.

The park abounds with many species of game; African elephant, Cape Buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as other predators such as hyena and jackal. The antelope kinds are well represented by species such as sable, eland, impala, waterbuck and kudu. Zebra and Southern giraffe are also to be found, along with many other smaller species of wildlife.

Over 400 birds types have been recorded; Pel's fishing owl, African skimmer, collared palm thrush, lanner falcon, goliath heron, African finfoot, rock pratincole and long-toed lapwing, are considered among a few of the special 'ticks'.

PM GAME DRIVE	US\$ 200 per person
Excludes Park fees Additional	US\$ 15 pay per person US\$ CASH direct

Includes return road transfers, across border at Victoria Falls Border Post, to Zambezi National Park.
Early afternoon departure from The River Club – return around 19h30 that night (7:30 pm)

- Children 4 to 11 years pay 60%
- Children below 4-years are not permitted
- Zimbabwe visa fees for own account
- Check you are compliant with Zimbabwe COVID vaccination policies or have a valid COVID-negative PCR test certificate
- The River Club guests sadly cannot book an AM Zimbabwe game drive due to the border not opening early enough
- **Advance booking is essential**



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.

CHOBE DAY TRIP	US\$ 200 per person
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Includes Park fees and return cross-border transfers
07h00 Depart the lodge - return around 17h45 (5:45 pm) – it really is a full day out

- **Important Note:** Parents of minor children must carry unabridged birth certificates to visit Botswana
- **Minimum age 12-years;** however, trips for families with younger children can be arranged, please enquire further
- Operator needs to know in advance if there are any **dietary requirements**
- Kosher guests are given kosher packed lunches from The River Club kosher kitchen to take with
- **Advance booking is essential**

