

Zambezi House Boat Safari



FRU5V: 5-night package – Zambezi River House Boat + Victoria Falls

Day 1

You will be met at **Livingstone Airport**, Zambia and transferred to your hotel on the banks of the Zambezi River, near the mighty Victoria Falls.

Check in, settle-in and relax whilst you catch your first glimpses of the magnificent **Smoke That Thunders** first discovered by Dr. David Livingstone and still one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. The flow of water over the Victoria Falls is greatest during the wet months (February to June) but the falls are a magnificent sight at any time of year.

Days 2 and 3

Today explore on foot the mighty **Victoria Falls**, situated close to your hotel and offering magnificent views.

Later relax by the swimming pool and enjoy the many pleasures of your hotel, or participate in one of the many local activities, such as a helicopter flight over the falls or an elephant-back safari.

Adrenalin seekers can participate in many adventure activities, such as canoeing in the gentler rapids above the falls; white water rafting in the turbulent gorge below the falls (grade 5); or bungi jumping from Victoria Falls Bridge! There is also an interesting local craft market.

On one afternoon enjoy a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambesi River** to see hippos, crocodiles and the abundant bird life.

Day 4

This morning you will be transferred 1-hour by road to the Namibian/Botswana border near **Kasane**. After completing Namibian immigration formalities, continue 15-min overland to your luxury houseboat moored near the confluence of the great **Chobe** and **Zambezi Rivers**.

Settle-in and relax on your river boat, before enjoying sundowners on the **Chobe River** which brings the abundant river-based wildlife to Botswana's premier wildlife reserve – the **Chobe National Park**.

Day 5

Enjoy the very special experience of cruising down both the perennial **Chobe River** and the mighty **Zambezi River** on a relaxing houseboat, whilst viewing the abundant game of the **Chobe National Park** and overlooking the fertile flood plains of both **Botswana** and **Namibia**.

Your 60-foot houseboat has four double cabins en-suite, an entertainment deck with a telescope and plunge pool, lounge, kitchen, bar and dining areas.

This holiday is favoured by fishermen, as Chobe River is home to ferocious **Tiger Fish** – legendary fighters with extraordinarily large tails and specialised bone structure, which allows them to accelerate like a rocket and hit your bait like no other fish their size. Their teeth are formidable and they prey on other fish up to 40% of their own weight. They grow up to 16 lbs but even at 4 lbs they fight like champions. Tiger fish are more active in the warmer months (September to February) when the rivers are low and clear, but there is also a short window in June when tigers feed well. **Barbel** (catfish) and **Wild Bream** (yellow bellied, thin face and hump back) are also plentiful, fishing with either conventional tackle or on fly. Fishermen have access to all necessary tackle, several smaller motorboats and a fishing guide for the duration of their holiday.

A Houseboat holiday is also ideal for **bird watching** (over 400 species) and **game viewing** in the most relaxed way possible, as Chobe is home to vast herds of buffalo and elephant, as well as numerous other species that roam in profusion and diversity. During the dry season, vast elephant herds migrate from both south and north to congregate in their thousands along the Chobe River – the largest concentration of elephants in the whole of Africa.

Each evening relax with sundowners on the deck and watch the spectacular sunset over the **Zambesi River** surrounded by hippos, crocodiles and abundant bird life.

Day 6

Return transfer to **Livingstone Airport** for your journey home.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

VICTORIA FALLS

- ❑ 3 nights luxury accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Zambezi River sundowner cruise
- ❑ English breakfasts daily

ZAMBEZI HOUSE BOAT

- ❑ 2 nights luxury house boat accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Fishing, bird watching and game viewing activities
- ❑ Full board daily
- ❑ Refreshments, local spirits and wines

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

All airport and ground transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
Accommodation on a full board basis
Activities specified in itinerary, including transfers and entrance charges

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International & domestic flights (quoted separately)
Lunches & dinners (unless specified)
Drinks & refreshments (unless specified)
Tips for porters and restaurants
Telephone calls, laundry & other incidental personal expenditure
Visa fees, in countries where these apply
Airport departure taxes, in countries where these apply
e.g. Victoria Falls: currently US\$25 per person
Please ensure you take the necessary US dollars for this purpose

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Malaria tablets are recommended for Victoria Falls & Chobe
All activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – please enquire for supplements

VICTORIA FALLS

Zambesi Sunset Cruise – above the falls to view crocodiles, hippos and bird life (2 hours)

Helicopter Ride – 15 min flight over the Victoria Falls; or 30 min flight over falls and game park (weather permitting)

Elephant-back Safari – a unique opportunity to interact with the “gentle giants” of Africa. Ride lasts 1-hour with total interaction time of 3-hours

White River Rafting – in the turbulent Zambezi gorge below the Victoria Falls: grade 5 (half day or full day - same price, as option to exit half way down the gorge)

Abseiling or Gorge Swing – in the Zambezi Gorge (half-day or full day)

Chobe Game Reserve – full day excursion to view the elephants and other animals of this famous game reserve. Also a game-viewing river cruise (1.5-hr transfer each way; passports & Botswana visas required)