

**MAKE ZAMBIA YOUR HOLIDAY DESTINATION AND EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL BLENDS OF NATURE AND ITS PEOPLE.**

Endowed with unspoiled wilderness, Zambia is authentically one of Africa's tourist destinations. The country has a total area of 752,000sq kilometers



## WHY ZAMBIA SHOULD BE YOUR HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Located in between southern and central Africa, the country's Political environment is stable, unique climate, varied and vast natural resources, adventure tourism, numerous heritage sites and boasts of 73 diverse tribal cultures.

## TOURISM RESOURCE

Besides the many of national parks and game reserves, did you know that Zambia has some of the largest concentrations of wild life, some of which are the biggest not only in Africa but the world over? Make Zambia your African destination because of its unparalleled appeal. This country is also blessed with cultural and historical attractions as well as land forms that pride it with a variety of adventure tourism activities.

The country's lakes, waterfalls, rivers hold their own. Undeniably so, Zambia is the water land of Africa and sometimes known as the land of waterfalls. Zambia has about 14 breath-taking water falls.

To mention just a few; the biggest and most popular is the **Victoria Falls** on the Zambezi River, which are about 2km across and 111 meters high. The falls are one of the highest and undoubtedly one of the most impressive waterfalls in the world hence the reason why they are one of the Seven Wonders of the World as well as being a world heritage site. Please note that, in conjunction with the Falls authorities, we provide guided walking tours of the falls.

Though located on the border with Zimbabwe, The he Victoria Falls is about 70% in Zambia and 30% Zimbabwe. The Zambian side of the falls accords a much closer view and different view as seen from Zimbabwe. A walk over the knife edge bridge, connecting an Island in the middle of the lower side of the Zambezi River, to the main land affords the visitors an opportunity to stand right across the falls and right over the start of the Batoka George.

During the rain season over 5 million liters of water surge over the falls per second and the clouds of spray can be seen from 30 km away. Moonlit nights accord the chance to see a rainbow span over the falls as it caused by moonlight caught in the water spray. It's called Lunar Rainbow, best seen when the water is high.

About 300km upstream of the Zambezi River from the Victoria Falls is the **Ngoye Falls**.

**Kalambo Falls** in the north of the country is the second highest uninterrupted waterfall on the continent.

These rivers and lakes in their surrounding land forms also come with adventure tourism such as white water rafting on the Zambezi River, bungi jumping, gorge swing, abseiling, canoeing, and

such other activities as lion and cheetah walks, elephant back rides, horse riding and many more in their respective surrounding parks.

## **LIVINGSTONE TOWN AND ITS TOURISM ACTIVITIES.**

Have you ever been to Livingstone town, Zambia? If you haven't, take a ride round the town to appreciate the history about this town.

### **HISTORICAL TOUR**

There is no age restriction. Children under 12 years pay half the price

Livingstone is the tourist capital of Zambian tourism. The Victoria Falls is about 7 km from the south west of Livingstone and can be reached by both road and air – helicopter and micro lights over the falls, accord visitors a rare aerial view of the falls. Because of the huge Batoka Gorge, Livingstone is the home of adrenaline-rush activities

### **MOSO-OA- TUNYA NATIONAL PARK**

Embracing the magnificent Victoria Falls, one of the wonders of the world and its surrounding areas is the Mosi-oa –Tunya national park, named after the local spectacular waterfalls, Mosi – oa – Tunya, meaning the 'Smoke that Thunders'.

There is no age restriction. Children under 12 years pay half the price while those under 2 years do not pay anything. The park has white rhinos, buffalos, hippos, crocodiles, giraffes, zebras, antelopes of all kinds and elephants. Typically, in a day we offer three game drives in 4 x 4 vehicles at the following times:

- 06:30 hrs

- 09:45 hrs

-15: 00 hrs

Each drive lasts for 3 hours.

The main species of wildlife in this park are the eland, sable, wildebeest, giraffe, buffalo, zebra, and migrating elephants from Zimbabwe in the times of drought and when the Zambezi River is low.

Other interesting features include the over a thousand years enormous baobab tree called the 'Look out Tree', as well as the only White Rhinos in Zambia.

### **VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE**

The Victoria Falls Bridge is the connecting and crossing point between Zambia and Zimbabwe's Victoria Falls Border town by both train and road. The bridge offers a splendid view of the gorge and the falls. This engineering master piece is also home of the **Bunji Jump** and **George Swing**. The bridge is also popular for souvenir photo shots.

## **TOUR OF THE FALLS**

The Victoria Falls are regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. These massive and spectacular waterfalls have a story that awaits your eyes and ears. And one of the best ways of doing this is by taking a guided tour. The history of the falls, the customs of the local Toka Leya people, the visit to the local arts and crafts centre are unveiled to you by a tour guide. These tours could either be done from the Zambian side or the Zimbabwean side. So please relax and enjoy your every moment! You deserve it.

### **CHOBE DAY TRIP- Botswana - No children under 12 years**

Covering an area of about 11700 sq. km, the Chobe National Park is the third largest animal paradise in Botswana. Chobe is a precious gem in a small package. Its location, at the frontier of four nations gives it an extraordinary attraction. Wildlife from Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe intermingle at this rare beauty spot. Don't forget your passports.

At the edge of the great Chobe River, the park provides fresh water to the vast and concentrated number of wildlife in a country that is over 80% desert. The park has one of the highest elephant and buffalo concentration in Africa and does boast of over 500 species of birds. It is only here in the whole of Southern Africa where the Puku antelope can be seen.

But that is not the whole story. The Chobe River is legendary in its own way. It is the home of Africa's vicious river horse - the hippopotamus. It also houses the one ton, 5 to 7m super armoured fresh water predator - the crocodile. The Chobe River meanders gracefully from Angola, where a local hero called it the Cuando. As it slithers into Namibia, it becomes Itenge then towards the end of its course it evolves into the Chobe River. The river pours its massive water force into its big brother, the fourth longest river in Africa, The Mighty Zambezi River at Kazungula.

Day trips to Chobe Park start from Livingstone at 7:30 hrs and end at about 18:30 hrs.

## **MUKUNI VILLAGE TOUR**

This is a village which was founded about 800 years ago! It is home of the LEYA people. If you have never experienced the heart of indigenous Africans, visit this village. The chief invites visitors into his village to get a glimpse of how the Leya people have lived for generations. The visits will show you the customs and beliefs of these wonderful people. The local people will take you into their huts so that you get a glimpse of the real African life.

These tours last 2 hours and departure is usually at 08:00 hrs or 15: 00 hrs.

## **MARAMBA MARKET**

This is the largest market in Livingstone with a hive of activities. A visit to the market takes you into the life of local people, as you learn the skill of bargaining. You can buy almost anything here, from

clothing to fruits and all kinds of local foods. Get your souvenirs, too. You cannot just miss this part of your visit to Africa.

The tours last 2 hours and could be booked either in the morning or in the afternoon. Pick up time is at the guest's convenience.

### **The RAILWAY MUSEUM,**

The Livingstone Railway Museum has steam locomotives and vintage coaches. Apparently some of these have been brought back to life and are being used to run the local luxurious steam train by one of the local tour companies. At your own convenience, you will have an opportunity to go back in time and re-live history by taking a ride on these ancient coaches.

### **LIVINGSTONE ISLAND**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1855, Dr. David Livingstone was paddled in a canoe by the Kololo paddlers to an island. This island which used to be called Goat's Island is now known as The Livingstone Island. Dr. Livingstone gazed at this water curtain and in honour of his Queen; he named it **The Victoria Falls**. But the local people call it '**Mosi-oa-Tunya**' meaning **The Smoke that Thunders**'. For those that would like to visit the island, we have twin engine boats to take you there. It is a breath-taking marvelous sight.

The trip to the island can only be undertaken between mid July and January when the water levels are low.

### **ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE/SAFARI**

Children from 5 – 12 years old pay half price. For those below 5 years, it is free. Experience life on the African Queen cruise boat as it slowly glides on the waters of the Zambezi for you to capture every second of this magical moment. You will be brought face to face with a lot of game in the Mosi-oa-Tunya national park. Birds and large animals including crocodiles and hippos are a common sight.

As you excitedly talk about the various sights, food and drinks are served by the wonderful and friendly waiters. All the cruises last, 2 hours.

African Queen staff, meet the guests and take them to the landing jetty on the Mighty Zambezi River for boarding.

#### **Mid Morning Cruise**

Pick up is at 09: 00 hrs. The boat departs at 09:30 hrs from the Royal Landing jetty. This cruise will give you one of the best 2 hours of your life on water.

### **Lunch Hour Cruise**

Pick up time is 12: 00 hrs and departure time is at 12:30 hrs. You have 2 hours of bliss as drinks and foods are served.

### **Sunset Cruise**

In winter pick up is at 15:30 hrs, i.e. from May to August and in summer i.e. September to April pick up is at 16:00 hrs.

### **Special One-Hour Lunch Cruise**

Transfer fees are not included in this cruise. Pick up is at 12:00 hrs and departure time is 12:30 hrs. The cruise lasts 1 hour.

### **ZAMBEZI RIVER SAFARIS (VICTORIA FALLS RIVER SAFARIS)**

Children from 5 – 12 pay half price. Below 5, it is free

Jet propelled boats take you where other boats cannot reach. As you power your self through the rapids and channels of the islands birds, hippos and elephants greet your eyes. But one of the things you may never forget are the spectacular sights that include picturesque sunsets only found in this part of the world.

Pick up for the morning safari is at 08: 00 hrs.

### **HORSE TRAILS**

No under 12 years. Special consideration is made for experienced under 12 year-olds at the guide's discretion. Half price for under 12s.

This is your moment to view animals at close range. Very experienced guides lead the way as you enjoy your rides with friends of similar riding abilities, so it does not matter, whether, you are inexperienced or not.

Pick up time is at 08:00 hrs and drop off is at 13:00hrs for the half day safari and the full day goes up to 18:00 hrs.

### **FLIGHTS OF ANGELS**

Become an angel for a few minutes and experience the wonder of a spectacle. You cannot claim to have viewed the opulence of the splendid Victoria Falls without having experienced its in-flight view. View the majestic Zambezi River as it winds elegantly and plunges down to form this huge

water avalanche. Hippos, crocodiles, elephants and other animals are visible as you hang in the air. The sight is breath taking- the beautiful green islands that dapple this area, the giant gorge, it must be seen to be believed. But how do you do this?

### **Helicopter**

Children that are 4 years old and below charged at half price, while 1 year olds enjoy free flights.

A memorable 15 minutes flight takes you over the falls and the Zambezi River. A 30 minutes flight takes you over the falls, Batoka Gorge, Zambezi River and Mosi-oa-Tunya national park. This is a flight that will be imprinted on your mind for the rest of your life. Departure is usually at the guest's convenience.

Flights start at 08:00hrs until evening.

### **Small Aeroplane**

Children that are 4 years old and below charged at half price, while 1 year olds enjoy free flights.

The itineraries are similar to that of the helicopter.

Flights commence at 08:00hrs.

### **Microflight**

No under 7 year olds unless they fit in the safety harness. The fee is the same for all ages.

An individual and a pilot take the same itineraries like the other aircrafts for similar times. One can take either the 15 minute or 30 minute flights.

The morning flights usually commence at 06:30 and end at 10:30 hrs. Afternoon flights begin at 15:00 hrs and end in the evening. The minimum age limit is 8 yrs, but if the child is younger and big enough to fit in the safety harness, they are permitted to fly.

### **TIGER MOTH**

No under 12s as they cannot see over the sides. Boarding is at the Livingstone Airport.

Experience life in the 40s by taking this flight in a 1940s vintage biplane with its open cock pit and wear goggles! Your experienced pilot will bring you closer to the game without disturbing it. The pilot takes you close to the game in Mosi-oa-Tunya national park. But this is after you have taken memorable orbits of the great water falls, the Victoria Falls.

### **ADRENALIN ACTION**

The **Zambezi River** provides all kinds of water activities ranging from canoeing, white water rafting, kayaking, jetty extreme, scuba diving, boat cruise, fishing and supervised board surfing and many more activities:

### **White Water Rafting**

4 years and above.

If you are brave enough, then this is the right place for you. The Zambezi River has some of the widest and safest rapids in the world. The waters are deep and there are no mid-stream rocks. As if that is not enough the Batoka Gorge rapids 1 – 10, include the highest concentration of grade 4 and 5 rapids anywhere else in the world. And since you mean everything to us, precaution is taken to avoid any accidents: safety kayaks, highly trained guides with a minimum of 5 years experience, radio communication and comprehensive evacuation facilities are offered by the activity providers.

Low water rafting runs from about mid July to the end of January. The best months are usually, August and September.

A full day includes 21 rapids, lunch and 9 and half hours in the day, including the walk out of the Gorge and the drive back to the respective places of residence. A half-day trip is in the morning and from rapid 1-10. It includes breakfast, a light lunch and some drinks. The afternoon rafting includes lunch, rapids 11-21 and some drinks as you climb out.

**Full Day:** Pick ups vary with regard to the various places of residence but for those booked at Sun Resorts, pick ups are at 08:30 from the day activity centre and back by 17:00hrs.

**Morning Half Day:** Ends at 13:30hrs.

**Afternoon Half Day:** Pick up from The Sun Resort's Day Activity Centre is at 11:30hrs and at appropriate times from the other residences, hotels and lodges.

When the river is full and the water level is high, rafting is closed for safety reasons. Usually, this is between April and May. However, **High Water Rafting** runs from the end of January to mid July. High water rafting stretches the rafting to rapid 25.

**Full Day** - Starts with breakfast, with Lunch half way through and ends with rapid 25 from rapid 1. From Rapid 11 – 25 the river flows and swells into huge waves and whirlpools. It takes 8 and half hours and finally the experience ends with drinks as you climb up out of the gorge.

**Half Day** – Begins at lunch time and takes you from rapid 11-25.

**Note that during high waters it takes a shorter time to run through the rapids because the river water runs fast.**

For Children under 14 years old, if they fit in the life jacket and helmet consideration might be granted for them to join in, otherwise they are not allowed. Should they join in, they would be charged a standard fee as adults.

## **RIVER BOARD SURFING**

For surfing enthusiasts, you can surf on the Zambezi River below the falls on a body-board under the guide of an expert.

## **JET-BOAT EXTREME - above 7 years**

Experience 30 minutes of flying over water in a speed boat, either in the morning or afternoon with drinks and beer after the boat ride.

The trips start with an 8 minute cable car ride from the top of the gorge to the bottom and ends with another 8 minutes cable ride out of the gorge. No under 7 year olds.

8 is the minimum number of people required to confirm the booking.

## **JET – BOAT AND HELICOPTER FLIGHT**

Instead of catching the cable car, you fly down the gorge for your speed boat and out of the gorge with a helicopter flying over the gorge with the river below and have a privileged flight and arial view of the falls.

## **BUNGI JUMPING**

At 111 meters high, this is one of the highest jumps in the world. With the falls within sight, feel the adrenalin rush as you plunge into abyss of the gorge with the lower Zambezi below the Victoria Falls Bridge.

You can either have a single or tandem jump with your loved one or friend. The minimum age is 14 years and the minimum weight is 40 kg.

## **ABSEILING, GORGE SWING AND FLYING FOX**

Descend down the gorge at the end of a rope either facing the cliff or down the gorge and walk out of the steep slope to the top at 53 meters high.

## FLYING FOX

Cross the gorge at the top on a cable, strapped in a chair facing down to the other side and back. It's a bird experience.

## GORGE SWING

In a body harness, throw yourself over the edge and fall 50 meters below the gorge and continue swinging until the momentum runs out.

The above three activities would take you the whole day including transfers, cold lunch, drink and ice cold water which is so refreshing in the hot season where temperatures get to 30 degrees and more.

Children are allowed only if they fit in the harness.

## FISHING

No under 12

Tiger fish and the Zambezi bream are the frequently caught types of fish.

**SIAVONGA** is yet another tourist town situated on the banks of Lake Kariba. Lake Kariba is the result of the Kariba Dam that was constructed in 1950s for the generation of hydroelectric power across the lower Zambezi River. The huge wall is yet another tourist attraction together with its power station. The lake offers white sand beaches and such activities as fishing and boat cruises. **Lake Kariba** is the second largest man made lake in the world while **Lake Tanganyika** in northern Zambia is the second deepest natural lake in the world.

## GAME PARKS AND RESERVES

Zambezi, Kafue and Luangwa are Zambia's big rivers, whose grassy plains form part of Zambia's natural habitat for various wildlife ranging from lions, elephants, buffalos, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes and many more species and birdlife.

National Parks and Game Reserves take up a considerable size of Zambia, with a total of 19 National Parks and 23 Game reserves. Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) manages these parks and Game reserves.

Gates open from 06:00 to 18:00hrs every day.

Safaris with experienced Guides are done both Day and Night. These guides have knowledge of the flora and fauna. All the main parks are accessible by car and smaller Planes. Safaris are done in either open topped game viewing Vehicles or by walking with Zawa or licensed armed guard.

For those interested in hunting safaris, these are done with professional hunting companies.

Zambia has a wide range of about 740 bird species. The bigger parks of lower Zambezi, Kafue and South Luangwa all accord the best bird watching opportunities.

The best time for viewing wildlife is during the dry season, between August and October as animals get concentrated around areas with water. The weather is warm to hot at this time of the year especially in the low laying areas of Zambezi and Luangwa Valleys. The weather is cooler from May to August. Zambia's rain season is from late October to April. Game viewing is difficult during this season, because of over grown vegetation, which makes wildlife hard to see as well as the poor state of some of roads..

### **South Luangwa National Park**

This park lies at about 250 km northeast of Lusaka and can be accessed by both road and air. Mfuwe International Airport services this part of Zambia. South Luangwa National Park lies between Muchinga escarpment to the west and the Luangwa River to the east. The park is part of the East Africa Great Rift Valley and accords visitors some of the best scenery and a variety of wildlife in Zambia and in Africa. South Luangwa has the largest concentration of elephants in Zambia and in Africa. The cat breeds of lions and leopards are easily seen and found around watering holes as they prey on, buffalos, Zebras, Impalas as well as cookson's wildebeests and thorncroft's giraffe.

Over 400 species of birds are found here.

Similar to the Masai Mara of East Africa, life in the South Luangwa National Park is just as dramatic. The seasonal variations of Luangwa River produce fertile soils hence good grazing vegetation in the woodlands and open plains. The Luangwa River has the most concentration of Nile crocodiles in Africa.

The park's varieties of trees include the African ebony, wild mango, sausage tree, leadwood, and the 'Rain Tree'.

Accommodation ranges from campsites and hotels to luxurious lodges and resorts offering full course meals, bar facilities and swimming pools. The park is closed from December to April as roads become impassible and animals are hard to see.

## **NORTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK**

Situated in the remote and intriguing area of some 4636 square kilometers up stream to the west of the Luangwa River is the North Luangwa National Park. In addition to the wildlife species in the South Luangwa, the park also is home to hartebeest, reedbuck and statuesque eland, with birds such as the giant owl, crested crowned crane and bee eater. The beautiful woodland is criss-crossed with rivers including the Mwaleshi River, which traverses the escarpment in a series of waterfalls.

## **KAFUE NATIONAL PARK**

To the North West of Lusaka lies the safari paradise of the Kafue National Park. This is Zambia's oldest park and by far the largest. Kafue's vast grass land plains and unique ecosystems cover an area of 22,500sq km. Dominated by the imposing Kafue River which flows through the heart of the park; this is one of the biggest game sanctuaries in Africa, with species such as the lion, leopard, buffalo, and rhino, cheetah as well as the unique Kafue lechwe and the antelope.

Summer rains bust the banks of the Kafue River and swell the vast floodplains of the Kafue flats. Busanga plains to the north are transformed into a huge lake, visited by flocks of birds and wallowing hippos, while further south, the tranquil expanse of Lake Itezhi-tenzhi is a magnet for herons spoonbills and various other birds.

## **LOCHINVAR NATIONAL PARK**

Although relatively small in size, Lochinvar national park to the South of the Kafue River is an ornithologist's dream, with some 428 varieties of birds. One of the oldest archaeological sites in Africa, Ngwisho Hot Springs, is located here.

## **BLUE LAGGON NATIONAL PARK**

Newly opened Blue Lagoon national park is an untouched and pristine wilderness area which, along with Lochinvar on the other side of the Kafue Flats, boasts the largest concentrations of Lechwe in Zambia

## **LIUWA PLAINS NATIONAL PARK**

The unspoilt and largely, undeveloped Liuwa Plains national park is located in the extreme western area of Zambia. This is the home of the black-maned lion and wild dog and sees an unusually large migration of blue wildebeest across its plains from Angola. Birdlife is also abundant, with many birds stopping here as they migrate south. Bird watchers may spot secretary birds, crowned and wattled cranes, fish tawny and marshall eagles, woodland kingfishers and white bellied bustards.

## **SIOMA GWEZI NATIONAL PARK**

The 5,000sq km Sioma Ngwezi national park is unfenced, allowing the free movement of animals between the park and the much larger surrounding game management area at the Zambezi River. More than 3, 000 elephants migrate here from the bordering national parks of Chobe in Botswana and Okavango in Namibia. There are no permanent facilities and very few roads. Guided safaris are therefore highly recommended.

## **LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK**

Lying opposite the famous Mana Pools Reserve in Zimbabwe is the touched wilderness state of the Lower Zambezi national park. Its greatest asset is the Zambezi River which is magnet to wildlife such as elephants, hippos, lions and leopards. Game viewing can be done by canoeing, drives or walks. Fishing and bird watching is also popular.

## **CHIMFUNSHI WILDLIFE ORPHANGE**

The famed Chimfushi Wildlife Orphanage 60 km west of Chingola was founded in 1983 by David and Sheila Siddle and is the largest chimpanzee sanctuary and rehabilitation centre in the world. Home to over 100 orphaned chimpanzees, many of whom were confiscated from poachers or rescued from dilapidated zoos and circuses. This non-profit making refuge also cares for a host other sick, wounded and or unwanted animals.

Recognition of the Siddles's success in rehabilitating these Apes has come in the form of the UN Environment Programme's Global 500 Awards, The Jane Goodall Awards and MBEs from Queen Elizabeth II. While not yet catering for tourists, accommodation at the campsites or in thatched chalets is available for paying clients who are genuinely interested in chimpanzees

## **SUMBU NATIONAL PARK**

Hugging the shoreline of Lake Tanganyika is the Sumbu national park. It provides a haven for hippos, crocodiles, flamingos and other water birds. A motorboat on the lake offers a great view from which to watch the variety of birdlife and game, which includes buffalos, lions, antelopes, zebras and leopards.

## **KASANKA NATIONAL PARK**

Kasanka national park is one of the smallest and yet the prettiest park on the edge of Lake Bangweulu. It is a wetland covered with lakes and rivers. The park offers excellent angling in the Luombwa River, as well as bands of papyrus swamps. Birdlife is plenty, so are elephants, hippos,

leopards, the blue monkey and many bucks. The park is privately managed and has been so since 1990 and profits from the tourism are channeled back into the community.

## **NYIKA NATIONAL PARK**

Situated on the Malawian border, Nyika national park is an extension of the national park in Malawi. This beautiful montage highland area with its grasslands, valleys, and masses of wild flowers consists of a plateau of some 2000 meters above sea level, with spectacular views. Game viewing includes a number of bucks species- in particular the rare red duiker – as well as the zebra, warthogs and leopards. The Chisanga Falls are a short while away.

Zambia's wetlands such as Ramsar Sites of Bangweulu Flats, Chikuni in Kafue national park, Blue Lagoon, Lochinvar and the Zambezi river basin are some of the world's 50 renowned botanical reserves with geological and ecological importance.

## **CULTURAL TOURISM AND HERITAGE SITES**

### **MUSEUMS**

Zambia has a number of museums across the nation. In the Western Province near Mongu, there's **Nayuma Museum**. The museum mainly exhibits the history of the Lozi people. The Lozi people are the descendants of the Kololo people who migrated from South Africa.

**Moto Moto Museum** in the Northern Province of Zambia exhibits cultural artifacts of the people in that area and artifact from the 1<sup>st</sup> world War.

**Ndola Copperbelt Museum** displays stone age items and both ancient and modern copper arts and crafts by the local people.

**David Livingstone Museum** - Experience a guided tour as you step into yester years and meet the man who is believed to have been one of the greatest missionaries and explorers, Dr. David Livingstone. Named after David Livingstone the explorer and missionary, David Livingstone Museum is probably the biggest museum in both central and southern Africa. The museum hosts a wide range of artifact from witchcraft, historical, geological to David Livingstone's memorabilia. Stone Age displays are also here. This is Zambia, the real Africa.

Children under 12 years pay half price. There are morning tours and afternoon tours. These tours last 2 hours, departure time is at the guest's convenience.

We also have the **Lusaka** and **Choma Museums** which mainly display craft works from the local people.

### **HERITAGE SITES**

**Chishimba and Nalumangwe Falls** are heritage sites for they have fossils and artifacts from the Stone Age.

Among such heritage sites is the **Chirundu Fossil Forest** which dates back to 150 millions years ago. The **Luangwa Valley Animal Fossils** dates back to about 20 millions years ago. **Mumbwa Caves, Twin River, Broken Hill Man** now Kabwe and **Ing'ombe Ilede** in Kalomo are sites of Iron settlements.

**Ngwisho Hotsprings** in Lochinvar national park are the oldest archeological sites in central Africa.

Several other heritage sites of dwelling, business and rock paintings lay across the country.

## TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES

Because of Zambia's vast tribal cultures it also has numerous traditional festivals but the main ones are:

**Kuomboka Ceremony** - this is Zambia's most famous ceremony by the lozi people in their exodus from the flood plains to the plateau. Between February and April depending on the levels of water in the plains, the Lutunga, king of the Lozi people leads his subjects in his royal barge as they trail behind in canoes in a ceremonious proceed as they migrate from the plains to the high lands.

**Likumbi Lya Mize** - this is a ceremony for the Luvale people of the North Western Province. The ceremony celebrates their culture in the famous masked Makishi wear and dances. The ceremony is held between July and August.

**Shimunenga Ceremony** is held between September and October on a full moon. The Ila people gather at a place called Maala in the Kafue flats to celebrate and give offerings to their ancestors who are said to live in the Kafue River.

**N'cwala Ceremony** is a thanks giving ceremony for the harvest by the Ngoni People. The ceremony is held in February. The Ngoni people of Eastern Province migrated from the Zulu kingdom of South Africa and can be identified from their traditional wear and dance that is synonymous with that of the Zulu people of South Africa.

**Umutomboko Ceremony** is a ceremony by the Lunda people in celebration of their migration from Democratic Republic of Congo. The ceremony culminates in a traditional war dance. The ceremony is held in July.

## TRAVEL TIPS

1. Clients to use the same name in all their bookings. This makes easy it to identify them for during pick ups.
2. Clients are also advised to know the exchange rate of their currency against the Zambia Kwacha. Check for current exchange rates on our website [www.bantupathfinders.com](http://www.bantupathfinders.com)
3. It is advisable that clients secure their accommodation in Zambia before traveling.
4. Once you have checked in and if carrying any valuables make sure you have them kept by residence authorities.
5. Do not move around with your traveling documents or bank cards unless intending to cross the border. Alternatively, photocopy the relevant pages of your passport and visa just as these may be required. Just make sure have enough cash as you move around.
6. Zambia is an English speaking country and if the English language is a problem please advise us in advance so that we could make alternative arrangements where possible.
7. It's a must for clients to always listen to their guide as they are in charge of the tours and have all the safety rules that come with all the tours.
8. Once your bookings have been confirmed with us, we would like to let you know that we will be in charge of your pick ups and we shall ensure that you are always on time.
9. If you have any special needs, physical or health wise, please advise us well in advance.

## **VISAS**

1. It's a must for clients to know the visa requirements in Zambia before traveling from their countries of origin. The two options are:
  - (i) single Entry and
  - (ii) Double or Multiple entries in event where the clients would be moving back and forth from the country of destination. It is also cheaper to buy multiple entry visas than to buy one each time they come back in a situation where they decide to probably visit a neighboring country. Zambia and its neighbors have day trip activities, for instance Chobe Day trip to Botswana.
  - (iii) Be informed that visa fees are not included in any of the rates that may be given to you.
  - (iv) It is also to important know whether one can buy a visa at the port of entry or need to acquire the same before traveling in their country of origin.

## **ARRIVAL**

Immigration and customs forms are sometimes issued on the plane or when you just disembark at the arrival terminal. As you go through immigration formalities you will find your names on the manifest if you intend staying at a local hotel in Livingstone. It may also depend on your nationality. For those who do not intend to stay in Livingstone, a transit visa is a requirement. When you are through with all the immigration formalities and you have collected your luggage, proceed to customs. A professional guide will be awaiting you after customs. Your names will be printed on a name board, for easier identification of your guide. Your transfer vehicle will be waiting to take you to your destination.

## **LUGGAGE**

Please ensure that your luggage is picked from the luggage rack and that you have it with you before leaving the airport with your guide. This will avoid any inconvenience and will make your stay enjoyable.