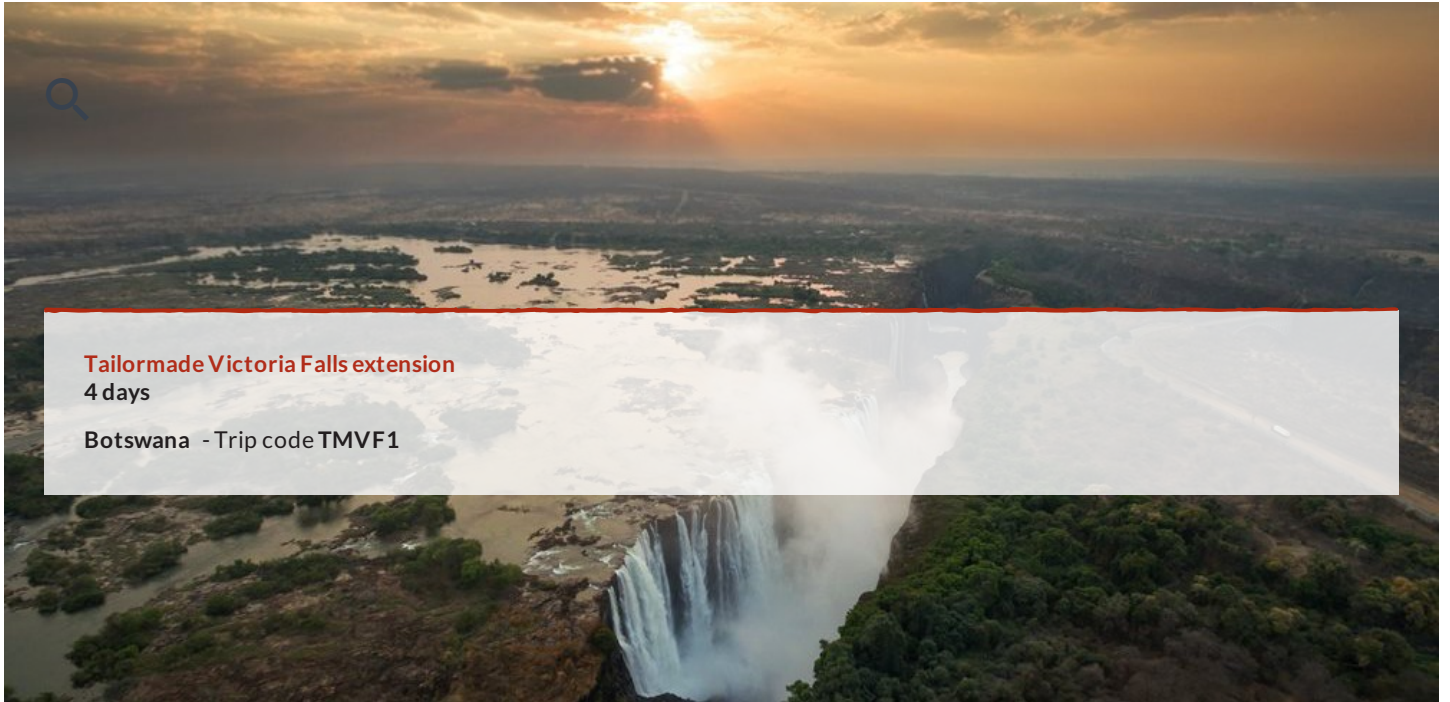


# EXPLORE!



## Tailormade Victoria Falls extension

4 days

Botswana - Trip code TMVF1

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### Witness the power of 'the smoke that thunders'

Victoria Falls is a site not to be missed and is very easily tagged on to any African itinerary. The thundering falls offer different perspectives from both the Zambia or Zimbabwe side and can of course be seen on a spectacular helicopter ride. This 4 day itinerary on the Zimbabwe side offers a perfect combination of active time exploring the falls with some time to relax at your chosen lodge or hotel.

### Enriching tailor-made journeys – for you

This bespoke extension features an introduction to Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches or maybe opt for an alternative guest lodge, perhaps on the Zambian side. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

## Trip highlights

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

### TRIP PACE:

#### Relaxed

You can enjoy easy-going activities and experiences on these Relaxed pace tours, with opportunities to absorb the sights and immerse yourself in the local surroundings, but still come home feeling relaxed and refreshed.

# Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

## DAY 1 - Transfer to Victoria Falls

Finish your safari experience in Kasane and transfer by land by crossing the border into Zimbabwe and the town of Victoria Falls, at the edge of the water feature from which it takes its name. Located on the mighty Zambezi river, Victoria Falls feature the largest curtain of falling water in the world and during the rainy season, the spray generated from them can be seen from miles around. Once you arrive, transfer to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure.



**Accommodation: Ilala Lodge** (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



None

## DAY 2 - Victoria Falls guided tour

In the morning take a guided tour of Victoria Falls, including the surrounding rainforest park, home to a variety of plant and animal life indigenous to the area. At 1,708m in width and 108m in height, Victoria Falls is not the largest set of waterfalls in the world, but it certainly is one of the most impressive, known locally as Mosi-Oa-Tunya (The Smoke that thunders). After your tour you will return to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure.



**Accommodation: Ilala Lodge** (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Breakfast

## DAY 3 - Day at leisure and evening sunset cruise

Spend your last day in the town at leisure, where you can choose to take part in excursions or relax by your hotel's poolside. In the evening you will transfer to the Zambezi river for an evening sunset cruise with a view of the falls



**Accommodation: Ilala Lodge** (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Breakfast

## DAY 4 - Leave for Victoria Falls airport

Today you will leave Victoria Falls for your onward flight back to the UK or continue to your chosen destination.



## What's included?



**Included meals**

Breakfast: 3



**Transport**

Shared transfer  
Shared vehicle  
Boat



**Trip staff**

Local guides



**Accommodation**

3 nights premium hotel

## Trip information

### Country information

#### Botswana

##### Climate

Botswana's regional characteristics, from fertile areas in the east to waterless desert in the centre and south, and a vast delta in the north-west, make for extremes of temperatures and highly variable rainfall. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the

weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

**Time difference to GMT**

+2

**Plugs**

3 Pin Round

**Religion**

Christians. Anglicans, Methodists

**Language**

English, Setswana

## Budgeting and packing

### Country Information

#### Botswana

##### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

**Lunch price**

£8.00

**Dinner price**

£15.00

**Beer price**

£1.50

**Water price**

£0.75

##### Foreign Exchange

**Local currency**

Botswana Pula

**Recommended Currency For Exchange**

We suggest that you take your spending money is cash as US Dollars. Please note that the banks and Forex Bureaus do not accept US Dollars pre-2002. NB: you may find it useful to bring smaller denominations of US Dollars for tips.

**ATM Availability**

Cash can be drawn out on credit cards from ATM's in Kasane and Maun

**Credit Card Acceptance**

Limited. Some lodges may accept credit cards, however the service is very sporadic.

**Travellers Cheques**

Not recommended

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Accommodation notes

#### Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

#### **Premium**

On premium level tailor-made holidays you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Premium level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

#### **Ilala Lodge**

Ilala Lodge is an African-style lodge situated at the edge of Victoria Falls town, just a few minutes walk from the falls. The lodge has spacious and modern rooms furnished with railway sleeper teak. All rooms have French doors opening onto a veranda overlooking the generous lawns with the upper level rooms getting a view of the spray from the falls. The Palm Restaurant is renowned locally for its fine cuisine and dining outside on the balcony; listening to the roar of the falls makes for a special experience. There is a refreshing swimming pool with bar and a comfortable lounge with Wi-Fi facilities.

## **Essential Information**

### **FCO Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

#### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

### **Transfers**

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

#### **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

#### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

### **Insurance**

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange

appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom. Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## Botswana

### Vaccinations

We do recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may wish to immunize themselves against meningitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling. Immigration/Borders in Botswana are requesting a Yellow Fever certificate if you have previously travelled within/via an endemic country. For a list of Yellow Fever affected countries please refer to: <http://www.who.int/ith/2015-ith-annex1.pdf?ua=1>. Please note that any travellers who have visited Ebola affected countries during the last 30 days will be denied entry into Botswana. These countries are: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Liberia

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