

South Africa: Cape Town & the Garden Route

Post-Tour-Extension - Victoria Falls

- 1 night in Johannesburg at the City Lodge Hotel OR Tambo International Airport
- 2 nights in Victoria Falls
- Flight from George to Johannesburg
- Roundtrip airfare between Johannesburg and Victoria Falls
- Departure airport transportation at Victoria Falls
- Daily breakfast
- City information

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Travel to George / Your VBT Vacation Ends / Begin Your Post-Tour Extension: Victoria Falls

After an included breakfast, meet at 11:00 a.m. and travel by minibus (approximately one hour) to George Airport (GRJ) for your departing flight.

Fly from George to Johannesburg, where you will spend the night at our airport-area hotel, as flights to Victoria Falls are only offered in the morning. Upon arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, walk to your conveniently located hotel within the airport complex. Check in and relax.

We provide detailed city information to help you plan your day, including suggestions for where to enjoy dinner on your own.

DAY 2: Continue Your Post-Tour Extension: Fly to Victoria Falls

After an included breakfast, return to the airport for your flight from the international terminal. Your flight to Victoria Falls Airport takes approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. Upon arrival, travel by van (approximately 25 minutes) to Ilala Lodge, your elegant base for this unforgettable experience.

Nestled in a prime location just minutes from the falls, Ilala Lodge offers stylish comfort, warm hospitality, and sweeping views of the mist rising above the gorge. The lush, landscaped grounds are often visited by local wildlife, including warthog and impala. A tranquil yet convenient retreat, the lodge is a mere eight-minute walk from the entrance to Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Please note that entrance to the Victoria Falls Rainforest requires a U.S. \$50 per person fee.

Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls continues to inspire visitors just as it did explorer David Livingstone in the 1860s. Today, the falls and surrounding area are protected as National Parks and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, safeguarding them from excessive commercialization. The falls are spectacular year-round, with the heaviest water flow and volume of spray typically occurring from February onward, following the rainy season.

The lodge itself is designed for relaxation and rejuvenation. Unwind with a drink at the Poolside Bar, take a dip in one of the two inviting swimming pools, or enjoy a soothing treatment at the on-site spa. The gentle rumble of the falls in the background adds to the lodge's calming ambiance. The Tours and Activities Desk is available to help you make the most of your stay. In the evening, you may wish to dine at the lodge's highly acclaimed à la carte restaurant, one of the most celebrated in the region.

Once checked in, you'll have time to plan your visit or begin exploring. Please note that this is an independent extension, and there will be no trip leader with you. However, a wide variety of optional activities are available at your own expense. For a breathtaking perspective, consider the "Flight of Angels" helicopter ride, or, for even more adventure, a microlight flight offering stunning aerial views. Canoeing on the Upper Zambezi offers a peaceful experience, with chances to spot hippos, elephants, and giraffe. Other options include a sunset cruise, a vintage steam train excursion, or several guided tours. On foot, you can visit the Elephant Walk local market or enjoy afternoon tea on the lodge's terrace.

We recommend booking your Victoria Falls activities in advance to ensure preferred scheduling. A full list of options is available on your hotel's website.

DAY 3: Continue Your Post-Tour Extension

After an included breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a full day of independent exploration, using our provided city information to uncover more of the area's hidden gems and highlights. You may choose to stay local and explore Victoria Falls at your leisure, or take advantage of the region's exceptional location for a memorable day trip.

Victoria Falls, situated on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia, is just a one-hour drive from both Botswana and Hwange National Park, making it the perfect launching point for two outstanding excursions: the Chobe Day Trip and the Hwange Day Trip. These guided adventures offer opportunities for game viewing, cultural encounters, and unforgettable safari experiences.

Alternatively, the nearby Victoria Falls National Park and Zambezi National Park offer excellent local

options for spotting wildlife such as elephant, impala, kudu, leopard, lion, and buffalo. Visit the Activity Centre to arrange a range of outings—choose from a three-hour game drive (available morning or afternoon), a four-hour game drive that includes a three-course dinner, or a full-day experience that features a game-viewing cruise, lunch, and a guided safari.

Whether you spend the day soaking up the mist of the falls or venturing farther afield, the area offers something for every traveler.

DEPARTURE DAY: Departure

Enjoy a final included breakfast on the hotel's terrace, accompanied by the sound of the falls—perhaps even while watching the local warthogs. Complimentary transportation to Victoria Falls Airport will be provided (approximately a 25-minute drive, depending on traffic) for your departing flight via Johannesburg.

Your flights may arrive at your final destination in North America the following day.