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Raw beauty abounds at Bupenyu Lodge, perched on the very edge of the Batoka Gorge, overlooking the Zambezi River.

From this uninterrupted vantage point, guests are met with a sense of serenity and the opportunity to pause and rest in awe of the unspoiled African landscape that surrounds them.

Designed to reflect its natural setting, Bupenyu Lodge is an immersive luxury boutique lodge for the leisure traveller and the explorer at heart. Set in proximity to the world-famous Victoria Falls, this is a meaningful destination — one worth discovering.

An immersive experience surrounded by enduring natural beauty.

Intentional luxury awaits at Bupenyu Lodge, where guests are met with thoughtfully designed accommodation and highly personalised hospitality for a refined escape.

ACCOMMODATION

Bupenyu Lodge comprises 11 cliffside Luxury Suites and an exclusive Luxury Villa, each designed to integrate with the Batoka Gorge, enabling guests to bask in an enveloping experience of nature. Here, a sense of stillness takes focus and the sounds of nature sooth — a destination where guests will want to linger.

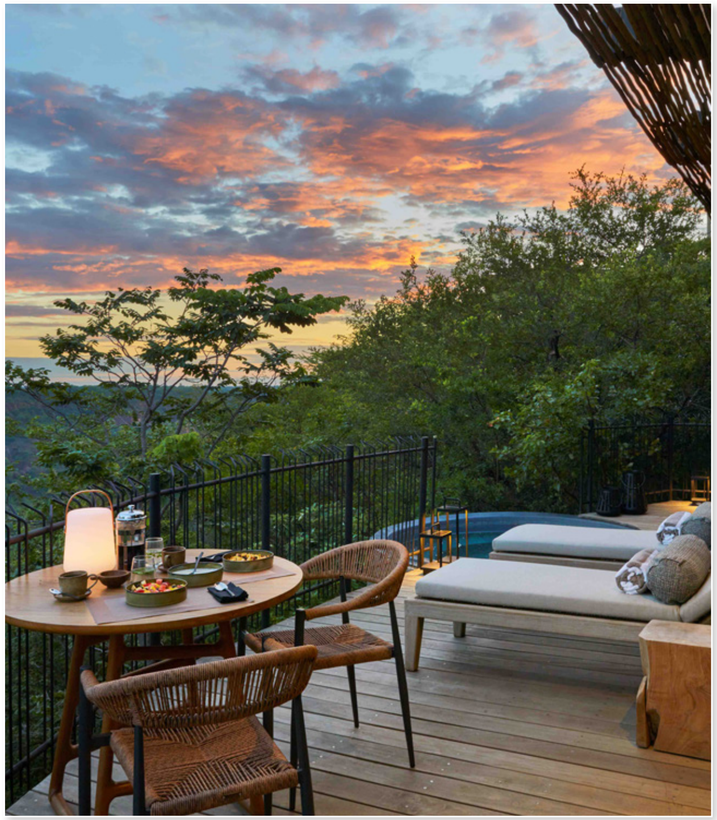
LUXURY SUITES

The Luxury Suites feature indoor-outdoor characteristics that give a sense of closeness to nature. Spacious, with 52 m² of interior space, sophisticated and designed with sustainability in mind, the suites feature neutral, earthy décor elements for an atmosphere of tranquillity.

Each suite has one en-suite bedroom and sleeps a maximum of two guests. One Luxury Suite is classified as an accessible unit — please enquire for future details.

The Luxury Suites feature:

- Private deck with a plunge pool
- Bespoke minibar with assorted beverages
- Coffee and tea station
- Air conditioning
- King-size bed
- Luxurious cotton linen
- En-suite bathroom with a bathtub and shower
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Hairdryer
- Telephone
- Safe
- Wi-Fi
- Umbrellas
- Exercise mat



The Luxury Villa features:

- Private deck with an infinity pool
- Lounge, bar area
- Bespoke minibar with assorted beverages in each room
- Fully equipped open-plan kitchen
- Coffee and tea station in each room
- Dining room
- Air conditioning
- King-size beds
- Luxurious cotton linen
- En-suite bathroom with a bathtub and shower
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Hairdryer
- Telephone
- Safe
- Wi-Fi
- Umbrellas
- Technogym multi-functional bench
- Exercise mat

LUXURY VILLA

The exclusive Luxury Villa is the epitome of elegance at Bupenyu Lodge. This open-concept villa, with an interior space of 134 m², was curated with thoughtful, sustainability conscious design features to offer guests serene proximity to its natural setting.

Décor subtly alludes to the surrounding African setting with authentic elements that create a meaningful atmosphere, infused with intentional luxury.

The villa includes two en-suite bedrooms and sleeps a maximum of four guests.

SERVICES & FACILITIES

- Wi-Fi
- Elevated check-in experience
- Refreshment and complimentary hand massage
- On-site helipad
- Seamless tour departures and arrivals
- Private vehicles
- Luxury transfers offered
- Parking
- Spa
- Gym & outdoor workout facilities
- Laundry facilities
- Curio shop

DINING AT BUPENYU LODGE

The culinary journey at every meal

Every culinary touchpoint at Bupenyu Lodge is infused with elegant simplicity, a collection of local flavours and sustainable culinary practices. Dining at Bupenyu Lodge is designed to enrich the guest experience, offering a journey of the senses and creating exquisite memories.

DINING AT BUPENYU LODGE

Mealtimes unfold in various locations, occasionally with show kitchens for added sophisticated theatrical flair. Dining takes place in the main restaurant and the outdoor boma or — by special request — in the privacy of guests' suite or villa, or in the intimate bird hide.

A variety of dining styles is embraced, from floating breakfasts, harvest tables, à la carte menu options and casual, grab-and-go salad lunches to boma braais, buffet dinners, as well as elevated bush dining with fine dining flair.

Sustainability conscious dining

Our culinary team prepares fresh, flavourful masterpieces for every dish, inspired by local, traditional African cuisine. Menu items have been meticulously curated with sustainability in mind, using fresh, authentic ingredients sourced predominantly from our own garden.

We focus on growing indigenous produce in our garden, enabling the use of hyper-local ingredients, but also rely on other local suppliers which allows us to support nearby community members.

Guests are afforded the opportunity to harvest produce and learn about these food items and how they are grown during guided tours of our garden.

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All-day poolside dining

As an extension of our dining offering, we have created an all-day poolside menu that incorporates a selection of light, healthy and refreshing items that combine thoughtful flavour combinations and unexpected creativity — complementing the culinary journey enjoyed throughout the luxury boutique lodge.

Gourmet picnic meals

Our chef-prepared picnic baskets are available by special request and are filled with fresh, seasonal and flavourful delicacies — the perfect accompaniment on a daytrip or sightseeing adventure beyond Bupenyu Lodge.

Sunset gin tastings

Sunsets are a wondrous highlight at Bupenyu Lodge, where the dramatic landscape amplifies the painted evening skies. In true Southern African safari tradition, guests can celebrate this golden hour with our signature gin tastings — a nod to the enduring popularity of the gin and tonic across the region.

At our build-your-own-gin station, guests can explore premium gins paired with complementary herbs, fruits, and tonic waters, creating a personalised sundowner ritual that honours the spirit of safari. For those seeking other tastes, a selection of additional alcoholic and non-alcoholic options is always available, ensuring a bespoke experience for every guest.

Interactive tea ceremonies

Offering guests a unique touchpoint on their culinary journey at Bupenyu Lodge, our tea ceremonies provide insights into various loose-leaf tea types, their origins and uses. To round off the experience, guests can enjoy a special tea tasting.

Wines and wine cellar

Newmark's specialist group sommelier has meticulously compiled a selection of superb local and international wines. The wine journey has been specifically curated to complement guests' dining experiences at Bupenyu Lodge.

For a deeper understanding and appreciation of these wines, guests can enjoy intimate wine tastings at the on-site wine cellar.

SUSTAINABILITY AT BUPENYU LODGE

The culinary journey at every meal

Bupenyu translates to the state of being alive. With appreciation for our surroundings, abounding in various life forms, we desire to conserve the ecosystem and preserve the natural splendour that is characteristic of this region. We do so in the following ways:

- Leveraging solar energy — We have installed over 700 solar PV panels that generate renewable energy for use at the lodge.
- Using sustainably sourced potable water — We use water from our well points and water storage to water our gardens, thereby reducing our demand on this valuable resource.
- Growing indigenous produce in our onsite garden — We cultivate our own produce, including fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. This enables us to use seasonal ingredients and to foster a culture of sustainability among our staff and guests.

Supporting surrounding communities

We also have a heart for helping nearby communities to improve their livelihoods. We do so in the following ways:

- Employing local workers — At Bupenyu Lodge, we are committed to creating meaningful opportunities for the local community. The majority of our team is proudly made up of skilled individuals from the Victoria Falls area, ensuring authentic hospitality while supporting sustainable livelihoods. Through training, employment, and development initiatives, we invest in the people who make this place truly special.

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EXPERIENCES

For more information, please speak to the guest experience team or Newmark's reservations team.

Please note: All third-party activities offered at or through Bupenyu Lodge are operated by independent service providers. While we are happy to assist with bookings, Newmark Hotels & Reserves is not liable for any injury, death, loss or inconvenience arising from participation in these activities. Guests join at their own risk and are advised to have appropriate insurance.

Guided tour of the Victoria Falls

Bask in the splendour of the Victoria Falls, from the two distinct perspectives in Zimbabwe and Zambia.

During a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, you are able to enjoy panoramic views of the famous falls from Zimbabwe and experience closer proximity to this famous attraction from Zambia.

The waterfall is one of the largest in the world, at 1.7 km wide and over 100 m tall.

It is recommended that guests wear comfortable walking shoes, sun protection and a water-proof bag where valuable items can be protected. Border crossing is necessary during this tour.

Full-flow season: March to May | **Dryer season:** June to February

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Helicopter flights over Victoria Falls

Admire the world-famous Victoria Falls from the breathtaking vantage point of the skies.

Referred to as the “Flight of Angels”, the incredible helicopter trip over the Victoria Falls offers you a unique perspective of this majestic landmark and its lush surroundings.

These flights give you the chance to appreciate the grandeur of the Victoria Falls. Depending on the duration of the flight, you may also have the opportunity to see more of the Batoka Gorge and park regions where wildlife could also be spotted from above.

Zambezi River boat cruises

Recline and absorb the raw beauty that characterises the Zambezi River and its surroundings.

Zambezi River boat cruises are a relaxing way to experience the region’s scenery and sights, from the vast waters to the contrasting landscape, diverse wildlife and abundant birdlife.

Cruises typically take place over a few hours and at various times of the day in different formats, including breakfast, lunch and sunset options. Sunset cruises are particularly special and a popular choice among many visitors.

Black rhino conservation experience

Embark on a guided journey to discover the endangered black rhino.

Take the rare opportunity to encounter the endangered black rhino in the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve. Led by a private guide, you will be taken on a game drive through the reserve and will gain meaningful insights into the conservation efforts that have taken place over the last 20 years to protect this magnificent species.

Horse riding along Batoka Gorge

Enjoy an exhilarating and immersive guided tour of the gorge on horseback.

Embark on a stunning guided tour of scenic trails through unspoiled African bush, along the Batoka Gorge where majestic wildlife and birdlife may be spotted in their splendid natural environment. This is a unique experience that gives participants an intimate experience of nature, both thrilling and serene.

Guided tours are offered for various ages and skill levels.

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EXPERIENCES

Daring swim at Devil's Pool

For the truly bold, take a dip on the edge of Victoria Falls.

Set on the very edge of the Victoria Falls, above a 100 metre drop, this natural rock pool gives the intrepid adventurer the thrilling chance of swimming in a naturally formed infinity pool that will undoubtedly get the adrenaline pumping.

Millions of litres of water cascade over the falls every minute, making this activity for the fearless. The experience is only offered during certain times of the year and in certain conditions, during the low-water season, and must be booked with a guide.

Day trip into Chobe National Park

Discover the wonders of Botswana's famous Chobe National Park during a guided safari or a river cruise.

A short transfer from the luxury boutique lodge, Chobe National Park — characterised by savannah land, lush floodplains and dense woodlands — offers a spectacular safari experience led by an experienced guide, in search of the region's exquisite land- and water-based wildlife.

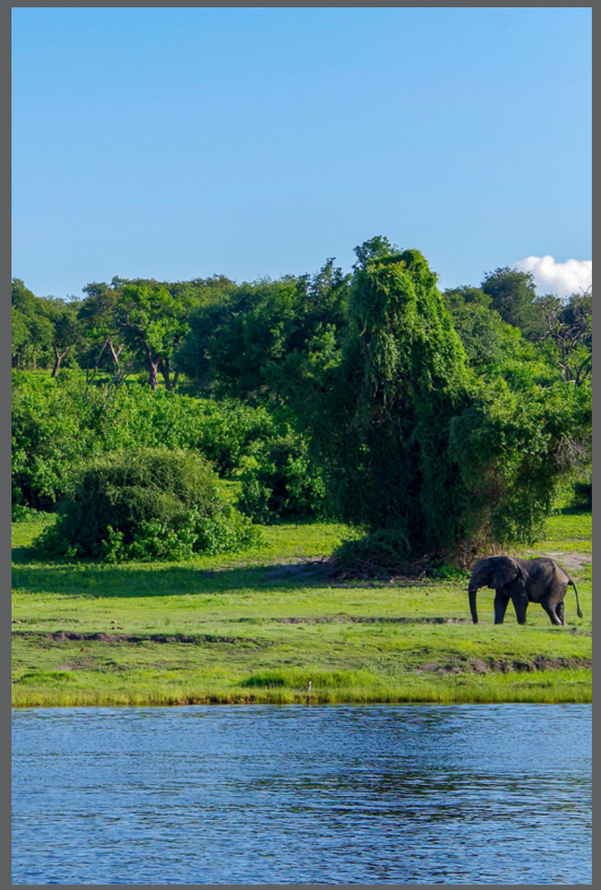
For those seeking a different vantage point, a leisurely cruise along the Chobe River can be enjoyed, where the park's rich wildlife and natural beauty can be enjoyed as part of a captivating experience.

Bushtracks Express steam train experience and dinner

Step aboard for an incomparable journey to the Victoria Falls Bridge.

This steam train journey offers a breathtaking experience aboard a historic train, steeped in luxury and nostalgia, to the Victoria Falls Bridge. The trip includes a seven-course dining experience in the African wilderness.

The journey takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays, and a smart-casual dress code applies.



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Chinotimba Township Tour

Embark on a culturally enriching and insightful guided tour of a local township.
Chinotimba refers to the roar of the Victoria Falls in the local Nambya language. The majority of people in the Victoria Falls region, approximately 60 000, live in the Chinotimba Township.

This tour provides visitors to the area with a significant opportunity to experience a glimpse into this vibrant township and to have sincere interactions with local community members, deepening their understanding of the challenges that these people face, the triumphs they experience, and the culture, history and daily practices that they embrace.

The guided tour takes participants to significant landmarks, where traditional cuisine can be sampled and cultural activities and local artistry can be admired. Moreover, it takes visitors on a journey of cultural appreciation.

ADDRESS

Batoka Gorge, Above Zambezi River Rapid 22, Hwange National Park
Zimbabwe

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LODGE ACCESS

PLEASE NOTE:

There is a dirt road from the main tar road to the luxury boutique lodge, which is 16 km long and takes approximately 25 minutes to drive.

DISTANCES:

• From airport to lodge: 25.2 km including dirt road (9.2 km excluding dirt road)
• From lodge to Zambia border bridge: 28 km including dirt road (12 km excluding dirt road)
• From lodge to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe): 28 km including dirt road (12 km excluding dirt road)

FAQs

What is Bupeyu Lodge's child & extra bed policy?

No children under the age of 16 years are permitted at the Lodge.
Children 16 years and older are considered adults and wourld require their own rooms and applicable single or sharing rate.

What should I pack for my stay?

To ensure that you have a comfortable and memorable experience at Bupenyu Lodge, we recommend that you include the following items when packing:

• Clothing and shoes suitable for walks and hikes
• Swimwear
• Warm clothing, including items such as a jacket, scarf and beanie
• Waterproof clothing
• Hat
• Binoculars
• Camera
• Mosquito repellent

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need further info.

Is there Wi-Fi connectivity at the lodge?

Yes, there is complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the luxury boutique lodge.

What is special about the area where Bupenyu Lodge is located?

Bupenyu Lodge is located above Rapid no. 22 in the Batoka Gorge, along the Zambezi River, between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The most significant attraction in the broader region is undoubtedly the famous Victoria Falls — the world's largest sheet of falling water and a World Heritage Site. This is one of Africa's most unforgettable attractions.

The gorge is dramatically beautiful — with awe-inspiring cliffs and unique basalt formations — and holds geological significance. Diverse ecosystems and various wildlife species add to the area's appeal, which is known to draw visitors from around the globe. Activities such as white-water rafting, bungee jumping and zip lining also attract adventure seekers from near and far.

What is the weather like in the Batoka Gorge region of Zimbabwe?

Batoka Gorge is characterised by a semi-arid subtropical climate, with hot summers (October to March). The rainy season (November to March) brings high humidity levels and occasional thunderstorms. Winters (June to August) are mild to cool, and the dry season (April to October) typically offers clear skies and ideal conditions for outdoor activities.

The average annual temperature in Batoka Gorge typically ranges from **23°C to 35°C.**

What currency and payment options are accepted at Bupenyu Lodge?

US dollars (USD)
All credit cards

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