

AFRICAN BUNDU SAFARIS

White Water Rafting

Low Water run – approx 10th July to 20th Jan. This trip can be a choice of the following:-

- Full Day – Rapids #1 to #23
- AM Half Day – Rapids #1 to #10
- PM Half Day – Rapids #11 to #23

High Water run – approx 20th Jan to 10th July (stopping in between if river level becomes too high). This trip runs from rapid #11 to rapid #23



* Please note that only our clients now have a lift out of the gorge at #23 inclusive in the price of rafting. At other points, clients will have to walk out of the gorge.*

Full Day (Low Water)

- 7.30 / 7.45am pick up from accommodation within Livingstone
- 8.00am – Meet at Zambezi Waterfront for Breakfast and safety briefing, depart Waterfront approx 09.00am for Boiling Pot and rapid #1 (Walk down many steps)
- Lunch is provided on the banks of the river by rapid # 10. Lunch consists of a variety of rolls, fruit and fruit juice. Water is provided throughout the day.
- At the end of the trip, clients will get a lift out of the gorge at rapid # 23 where the truck will be waiting with cold drinks and beers to take them back to Zambezi Waterfront.
- 16.30 / 17.00 – Clients arrive back at the Waterfront where they will be served dinner and sit down to watch the video of the day's rafting. Cash bar.
- 17.30 / 18.00 – Clients will be transferred back to their accommodation.



Half Day (Low Water)

AM trip

- 7.30 / 7.45am pick up from accommodation within Livingstone
- 8.00am – Meet at Zambezi Waterfront for Breakfast and safety briefing, departing Waterfront approx 09.00am for Boiling Pot and rapid # 1
- Clients will walk out of the gorge at rapid # 10 where the truck will be waiting with cold drinks and beers to take them back to Zambezi Waterfront.
- 12.30 / 1.00pm – Clients arrive back at the Waterfront for lunch. Cash bar.
- After lunch, clients will be transferred back to their accommodation.

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PM trip (Low Water)

- 10.30 / 10.45am pick up from accommodation within Livingstone Clients will be driven straight out to rapid # 10 where they will walk down to the bottom of the gorge to meet the rest of the trip.
- At the end of the trip, clients will get a lift out of the gorge at rapid # 23 where the truck will be waiting with cold drinks and beers to take them back to Zambezi Waterfront.
- 16.30 / 17.00 – Clients arrive back at the Waterfront where they will be served dinner and sit down to watch the video of the day's rafting. Cash bar.
- 17.30 / 18.00 – Clients will be transferred back to their accommodation.

High Water trip

- 7.30 / 7.45am pick up from accommodation within Livingstone
- 8.00am – Meet at Zambezi Waterfront for Breakfast and safety briefing, departing Waterfront approx 09.00am to starting point depending upon water levels
- At the end of the trip, clients will get a lift out of the gorge at rapid # 23 where the truck will be waiting with cold drinks and beers to take them back to Zambezi Waterfront.
- 15.00 – Clients arrive back at the Waterfront where they will be served late lunch and sit down to watch the video of the day's rafting. Cash bar.
- 16.00 – Clients will be transferred back to their accommodation.



Physical Features of the River

The Zambezi River is classified as a high volume, pool-drop river i.e. there is little exposed rock either in the rapids or the pools below the rapids. The distance between rapids varies from 100m to 2 kms. The Gorge itself is approximately 400ft deep at the put-in point and 750ft at the take out point and drops about 400ft over the 24km covered in the one-day raft trip. The British Canoe Union has classified the river Grade 5 “extremely difficult, long and violent rapids, steep gradients, big drops and pressure areas”. Nearly half of the rapids negotiated are Grade 5. (Grade 6 is unrunable – rapid number 9, “Commercial Suicide” is a Grade 6 rapid and we porter around this rapid).

Videos and Photographs

Whilst on the river, videos and photographs will be taken by “Zambezi Memories”. DVD – US\$ 40.00, CD of photographs (approx 15) – US\$ 25.00 (prices @ 2007)

Minimum and Maximum numbers

4 pax minimum. Large groups on request.

Age Restriction

The minimum age is 15 years. The maximum age limit is dependent on the individuals general state of health and physical fitness.

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Insurance

All clients are covered by SES through Safari Par Excellence, however this only covers them for emergency evacuation in life threatening situations. It does not cover their hospitalisation and medication. As such travel and medical insurance is compulsory for all clients. Please ensure all clients bring the details of their insurance policy with them. Safari Par Excellence will not cover clients should they not have insurance. Safari Par Excellence has US\$1.5 million public and passenger liability cover.

COMBINATION TRIPS

RIVERBOARDING

Riverboarding originated in Queenstown, New Zealand in 1989 and was introduced to the Zambezi Gorge in 1996 by Safari Par Excellence. Safari Par Excellence's dedication to Riverboarding is part of their commitment to being the White Water Specialists of the Zambezi. Our trip is a mixture of Riverboarding and white water rafting.

We use shorter sections of the river for boarding, as we tend to stop at "play spots" along the way to surf, ride whirlies and "squirt" (best described as "flying underwater"). First of all, clients must have basic swimming and a reasonable state of fitness as a minimum prerequisite. Basic skills are taught in still water and then we progress into moving water. At any time the client may opt out of the trip and ride in the support raft. Also, the trip leader may remove any client from the water and into the raft at any time if, in the trip leader's opinion, the client does not possess the necessary skills, fitness or mental state to safely continue the trip.

The length of the trip (e.g. half day and full day) and the number of rapids run depends on the level of the water in the gorge.

Minimum and Maximum numbers

Minimum of 2 clients. Maximum of 12 clients.

Experience and Fitness

No previous body boarding experience is necessary if good swimming skills are combined with a "GO FOR IT" attitude. A reasonable level of fitness is also required.

Equipment supplied

Expert guides, wet suits, booties, helmets, life jackets, fins, body board with wrist leash.

- Riverboarding is available all year round but is dependent on water condition. ½ day and full day options.
- ** All other details / additional information as per White Water Rafting information (including timings / pick up points etc)



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TANDEM KAYAKING

Safari Par Excellence offers clients the chance to run some of the rapids in a tandem kayak, adding another dimension to their white water rafting experience.

Kayaks and Equipment

Clients will be taken down the rapids in Topolino Duos – the only 2-person white water kayak in the world. Paddles, lifejackets and helmets will be issued to them before the days kayaking. Wetsuits or spray jackets will be used in the colder months.

Experience

No previous kayaking or white water experience is required. Each kayak is piloted by an experienced white water kayaker who will steer the boat through the rapids and Eskimo roll should there be a capsize.

A comprehensive safety talk and practice session will be done at the bottom of the gorge before the days kayaking. A reasonable level of fitness is required to paddle the approximate 25kms and negotiate any climb in and out of the gorge.

Client Requirements

Recommended dress for a day's kayaking is light tight fitting shoes, swimming costume, shorts and T-Shirt. A cap can also be worn beneath the helmet. The guides also carry a dry bag to hold T-Shirts, sunblock, etc.

Safety

Kayakers are highly trained and experienced and all hold valid first aid certificates. The kayaking trip will be run in conjunction with Safari Par Excellence's daily rafting trip for added safety. Each trip carries a comprehensive first aid kit and stretcher. Each trip leader is in radio communication with our bases in Victoria Falls and Livingstone and with SES.

Minimum and Maximum numbers

We can accommodate a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2 clients a day.

Restrictions

Minimum age is 15. There is no maximum age limit but a good state of health and physical fitness is required. As the kayak may need to be Eskimo rolled, there is a maximum weight limit of 80kg.

* Tandem kayaking is available all year round but is dependent on water condition. Full day option.

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