

A Traveller's Guide to Victoria Falls During Flood Season

Victoria Falls is breathtaking all year, but the flood season offers one of the most dramatic natural displays on the continent. Here's what one should know.

When Is Flood Season?

The Zambezi River begins to rise in November, with peak flood levels from February to April. During this time, the Falls reach maximum power, creating massive spray clouds known locally as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' (The Smoke That Thunders).

What to Expect During Flood Season

Scenery:

- December to March brings lush, green landscapes
- February to April delivers the most powerful water flow

Activities & Visibility:

- The views are dramatic and unforgettable
- Heavy spray can reduce visibility at viewpoints
- Some activities, such as Devil's Pool, may be closed for safety

Weather:

- Warm, humid days with frequent afternoon thunderstorms
- Waterproof clothing and sealed protection for electronics are recommended

Best Times to Visit

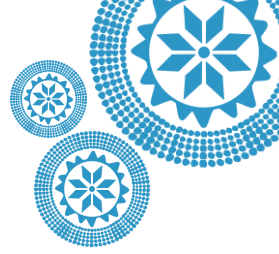
For Power & Drama:

- February to April
- Experience the full force of the Falls

For Lush Landscapes + Fewer Crowds:

- December to March
- Ideal for photography and quieter travel





For Clear Views & Easy Exploring:

- May to October (Dry Season)
- Perfect for panoramic visibility and relaxed walking conditions

Quick Tips

- Wear shoes with good grip
- Expect to get wet
- Bring waterproof protection for cameras
- Consider combining your visit with Chobe or Hwange for wildlife viewing

