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Then we are arriving at Gorges Lodge outside Victoria Falls. Here are the suitcases unloaded off the bus. We must tell which suitcases that are ours, so that the staff can carry them to the right cabin.



At the entrance is these lions carved out of wood.



This is the view from the terrace of our cottage.



We are looking straight down on the Zambezi river.



Here we look upwards along the river, towards Victoria Falls.



Across the river is Zambia.



There is very little water in the river at this time, the rains have not come yet.



Zambia.



After we had been allocated cabin, we gathered on a plateau at the edge of the gorge. This guy told about the couple of eagles that live in this area. They are called Black Eagle



While he told about the eagles we got snack and drinks.

Most of us chose gin and tonic.



We looked for eagles, but we saw none. We got a glimpse of both the eagles the last day here.



Still no eagle.





View down the gorge.



We borrowed binoculars to look at one of the nests of the eagles. There was no eagle there now. The couple of eagles has 5 to.7 nests which they alternate in use.



A house in Zambia.



Here is the whole gang gathered in the lounge. There is free WiFi here, so everyone are checking mail and news.



A little later we gathered at the entrance. There was entertainment by a group with song and dance.





They were very good.



A hollow tree trunk is used as decoration in the dining



This group is trying to earn a living by playing and singing.

<u>Video 1</u> <u>Video 2</u>



At the entrance to Victoria Falls, this tree trunk is decorated with these faces.



Welcome signs. Victoria Falls is called Mosi-oa-Tunya in the local language Lozi, and means the smoke that thunders.



It rained a bit when we went in.



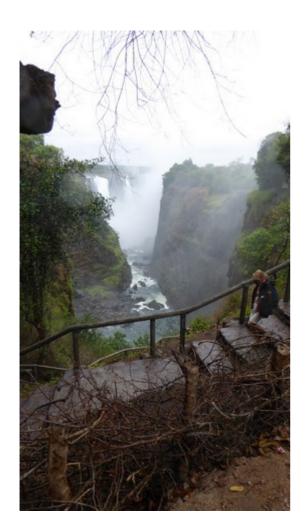
Our guide oriented little about the falls and the surrounding area.



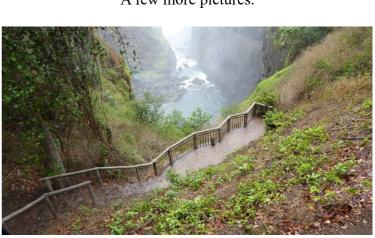
Here we get the first glimpse of one of the falls.



It is made stairs here, so it's possible to walk a little way down the mountainside.



A few more pictures.





I went down the stairs and took a picture of those who stood on the edge.

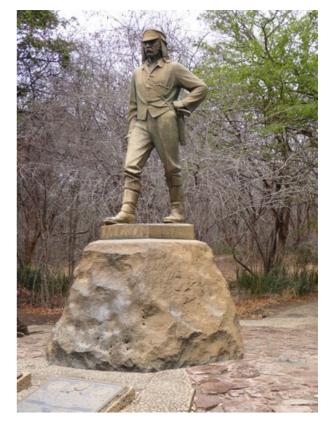
This plaque is located in front of the statue of <u>David</u> <u>Livingstone</u>, who was the first European who saw the <u>Victoria Falls</u> in 1855.





This exhortation is also facing the statue.

The statue stands on the plateau where we get the first glimpse of the falls.





This canoe is said to have been used by Livingstone.



The statue at some distance.





This is above the falls.

The upper falls.







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This is the maiun falls.

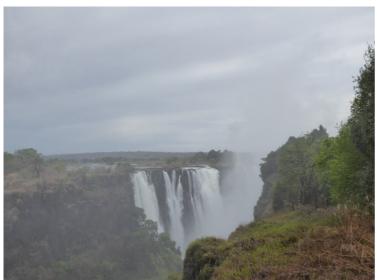


We see the water smoke.





In this area there are water droplets in the air. Water spray is being led by the wind inland so that it becomes a kind of rain forest along the edge of the gorge.





Nice flower.





The main falls.



Another flower.

A kind of centipedes.





Here we are in the rain forest.



More waterfall pictures.

Although the falls were impressive when we were there, there was abnormally low water since it was so long ago it had rained. The water flow is usually greatest in May, after the rainy season is over.





Continuing through the rain forest.

Here the rain forest ends.









Settlement in Zambia, on the other side of the gorge.

More houses on the other side.





A guy is lying down peeking over the edge.



Here we are arriving at the <u>Danger Point</u>. Looking westward.



Looking east, into the bottom of the gorge.



Still looking east. The people are on the Zambia side.



Looking south, down the Zambezi river.



Looking down into <u>The Boiling Pot</u>. There was so little water that it was not boiling.



This is <u>Victoria Falls Bridge</u>. It is both a railway and a road bridge. It is located right below the falls and connects Zimbabwe and Zambia.



Standing looking at the bridge.



There was a freight train passing while we were standing there.





The path back to thee entrance.



This is a map of the falls. We walked the entire stretch from point 1 to point 13 and 19.



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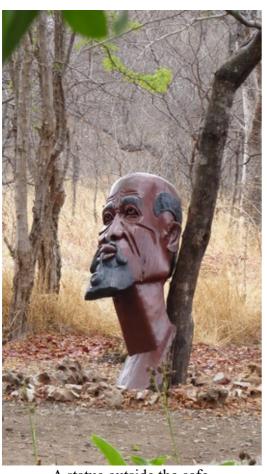
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There are various special trees in the park.





Before we left, we had a meal at <u>Rainforest Cafe</u>. We had a Croc Wrap.



A statue outside the cafe.



Ashtray.





This is how our food looked like.



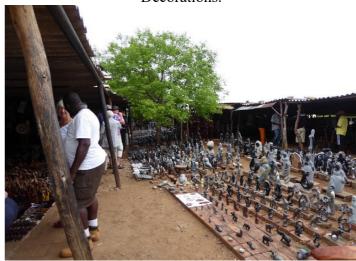
This is also at the parking lot.



Decorations.



Then we continued to a market.



Much handicrafts.



Most of us bought some.



Then we were in a shop to buy some provisions that we would give to a school we were visiting and to a homestead we were going to visit.





Our driver is a consultant. He knows what is neded.



We ended up with two full shopping carts.



Then payment.



It was teamwork.



Outside the shop, which is called OK.





Then all the good are lifted into the bus.

The found out that it was easiest to take them through the window.



Here we see the location of Gorges Lodge in relation to the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls.