

# WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Hit the African wilderness for some wild adventure. Edited by **DAISY FINER**



## LIVINGSTONE VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA HOTEL BY ANANTARA, *Zambia*

Before stepping foot on the manicured lawn of this hotel on the Zambezi river, guests are greeted by wallowing hippos, sleeping crocodiles and vultures on the wind-in-hair boat ride to the hotel. Arriving here is an adventure worthy of its namesake: zebras nibble lush grass beside the waterside bar and impala loll in the shade near poolside sunbathers. The hotel is named after Dr David Livingstone, who campaigned to overthrow the Arab-Swahili slave trade and gave the nearby Victoria Falls its British name. Inside it's all colonial-style dark teak. Plush, plumped-up cream sofas and oversized lamps fill large vaulted rooms and spill out onto a deck beside the clipped lawn. Spa treatments are given in gazebos next to the river. From this close, the nearby Victoria Falls lives up to its local name, 'The Smoke That Thunders'. Tourists can swim across to the Devil's Pool, a Jacuzzi-sized nook that appears at the top of the waterfall when the river is low. With just 11 inches of rock between you and the 100m drop – the term 'safe' might be a stretch, but no one has fallen over the edge yet. Cruises along the Zambezi river to see roaring hippos are a must, as is whitewater rafting on the Batoka Gorge, which is a huge rush.

**BOOK IT:** Doubles from £554 per night B&B (rates subject to change). [royal-livingstone.anantara.com](http://royal-livingstone.anantara.com)

