**VICTORIA FALLS LUNAR RAINBOW**

As the sun sets the full moon starts rising above the African horizon. At Victoria Falls a symphony of dancing lunar rainbows appear... and as the hands of the clock move steadily and quietly onwards, moonbows lower into the gorge.

The Lunar rainbow can be experienced for three days during full moon at high water levels at the Victoria Falls. On these nights dinner at Tongabezi is scheduled either before or after the lunar rainbow trip as the guides time arrival exactly right to ensure the best views of this unique spectacle.

A little table is set up to the side of the spray, loaded with nibbles and drinks including sparkling and house wine to keep Tongabezi guests happy (and dry!) Guides are on hand and the park is open to the public ~ sometimes in the dark, quite a festive atmosphere reigns at Victoria Falls. We do not expect to get wet on these visits – but a light spray might be inevitable.

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**What is a Lunar Rainbow?**

A full moon is bright enough to have its light reflected by raindrops just as is the case for the sun. Moonlight is much fainter, of course, so the lunar rainbow is not nearly as bright as one produced by sunlight but an ethereal sight worth seeing. Lunar rainbows have been observed since at least the time of Aristotle.

Months that are famous for the best Moonbows are April, May, June and July, August.

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**Full moon dates 2016**

- Sunday, 24 January
- Wednesday, 23 March
- Saturday, 21 May
- Wednesday, 20 July
- Friday, 16 September
- Monday, 14 November

- Monday, 22 February
- Friday, 22 April
- Monday, 20 June
- Thursday, 18 August
- Sunday, 16 October
- Wednesday, 14 December

**Full moon dates 2017**

- Thursday, 12 January
- Sunday, 12 March
- Wednesday, 10 May
- Sunday, 9 July
- Wednesday, 6 September
- Saturday, 4 November

- Saturday, 11 February
- Tuesday, 11 April
- Friday, 9 June
- Monday, 7 August
- Thursday, 5 October
- Sunday, 3 December

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**Moonbow Musts**

- Dress warmly
- Carry your camera
- Wear comfortable shoes with great grip
- In warmer months mosquito repellent is advisable

**Heavy cloud cover can interfere with moonbow sightings... but Victoria Falls is quite different after the sun sets and experiencing it in the dark is an immensely atmospheric adventure.**