



Landmark #14
Victoria Falls
Zambia/Zimbabwe



Victoria Falls is a waterfall on the **Zambezi River** on the border between **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**. The first European to have ever set eye on this waterfall was Scottish missionary and explorer **David Livingstone** in **1855**, who named it after Queen Victoria of Britain. However, the indigenous name **Mosi-oa-Tunya**, **'the smoke that thunders'**, continues in common usage as well – so much so that this is the name of the nearby national park in Zambia, whereas the national park and town on the Zimbabwean shore are both named Victoria Falls. Even though it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is classified as the **largest**, based on its combined **width of 1,708 metres** and **height of 108 metres**, and resulting in the world's largest sheet of falling water. Victoria Falls is roughly twice the height of North American Niagara Falls and well over twice the width of its Horseshoe Falls.

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