

INTRODUCTION	
Santonga is Africa Albida Tourism's pioneering eco-park, whose first phase is scheduled to open in due course. The park is a multi-sensory, interactive experience fusing history, wildlife, culture and entertainment in a 6-hour experience which will help increase visitor's length-of-stay in Victoria Falls.	
LOCATION	
Situated on Squire Cummings Rd, Victoria Falls, Santonga sits in wildlife area, on 80 acres neighbouring the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Resort and opposite Elephant Hills Resort turn-off. Slightly elevated in position, Santonga is west-facing and overlooks the Zambezi River and National Park. The eco-park is 4km from the Victoria Falls, and 22km from the Victoria Falls International Airport. The resort is easily accessed from other properties in the Victoria Falls area, as well as from Kasane, Botswana and Livingstone, Zambia.	
CONCEPT	
Santonga is designed to deepen the visitor's appreciation of the pre-history of the Falls region, including its formation, earliest pre-historical animals and human habitants, right through to the present day in a highly interactive, richly informative and entertaining way. The Santonga experience is divided into six segments all set out in African village style. Visitors are taken through the first part – a presentation of historically accurate depictions of the formation of the Earth, through the Jurassic age using state-of-the-art multi-media technology to make this incredible period come alive. This first Phase opens 2010.	
PHASED DEVELOPMENT	
Santonga will be developed in phases, with each stage opening to the public upon completion.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Africa Time World</b> – This historical section will be broken down into informative, entertaining sections, opening with a powerful 10-minute film chronicling the formation of the world, development of life in all its phases from the beginning of time to the present. This section will also include eight 'snapshots' in time, rendering what happened in Victoria Falls, from the early dinosaur period through to Great Zimbabwe and Southern Africa's extensive trade networks in that era, as exposed through detailed academic research. These snapshots will be graphically presented in halls, the first three showing different areas of the dinosaurs of Victoria Falls, and the fourth featuring extinct mammals of the area and the formation of Victoria Falls.</li> <li>• The <b>Evolution Halls</b> will show evolution of man within the Victoria Falls area.</li> <li>• The <b>Later Stone Age</b> Hall is embodied by the San ethnic group. A living <b>Late Iron Age</b> village will be included as part of the historical section, allowing visitors to participate in daily village life, including tool-making, pottery, hut-building, food preparation and iron-smelting.</li> <li>• The walk-through <b>Great Zimbabwe Replica Complex</b> is reproduced in parts, showing why this great trading centre was Africa's foremost some 500 years ago.</li> <li>• <b>Fish Eagle Bird Gardens</b> will bring visitors up close to many of Zimbabwe's 600 bird species in a vibrant and authentic setting. The Fish Eagle Bird Gardens will educate, with a large exhibit of birds of prey and inter-active falconry and other bird displays held at regular intervals.</li> <li>• The <b>Riverside Reptile Park</b> will provide a fascinating array of crocodiles, snakes, lizards and chameleons to view, with several shows a day to educate and entertain visitors.</li> <li>• A first in Zimbabwe, the <b>Royal Butterfly Park</b> will contain spectacular displays of butterflies common to southern Africa in a unique and colourful setting.</li> <li>• <b>The Drumbeat Amphitheatre</b> - a partly covered amphitheatre seating 600 people will host major events and world-class song, dance and theatre extravaganzas nightly to coincide with river activities and encouraging visitors to stay another night and enjoy both experiences.</li> <li>• The fantastical <b>Ancestors Restaurant</b> – seating up to 300 diners takes its theme, both visually and gastronomically from the Stone Age, tempting diners with such offerings as 'dinosaur' steaks.</li> <li>• Finally, an on-site <b>retail outlet</b> will allow visitors to purchase crafts and artworks made throughout the complex and themed on the various displays throughout Santonga's unique and vibrant setting.</li> </ul>	
ENQUIRIES	
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