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INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLING TO ZAMBIA

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QUICK FACTS

- **Capital City**: Lusaka
- **International Airports**: Lusaka International
- **Population:** 20,057,000
- **Currency:** Zambian Kwacha

Zambia is a landlocked independent nation in southern Africa, just a little larger than Spain and Italy combined. Zambia is unspoiled by mass tourism, and is rich in wildlife, superb forests, and meandering rivers. Of course, it's also where you can see the world's biggest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, or as we call it Mosi-oa-Tunya - the smoke that thunders, which spans the border to our neighbour, Zimbabwe. It is one of the seven natural wonders of the world!

There are many other treasures in store in Zambia, as it boasts some of the best game parks in Africa, providing an unmatched safari experience. South Luangwa, Lower Zambezi, Liuwa and Kafue are just some of the National Parks one can visit in Zambia, along with more specialist areas like Kasanka and Bangweulu Swamps. The people of Zambia are warm, friendly, and proud of their heritage.



Visa Information

The following countries are visa-exempt for entry into Zambia: United Kingdom, United States of America, European Union, Canada, Norway, Australia, China, Japan, South Korea & The Gulf States.

If your country is not listed above, please check visa requirements before booking. A Zambian visa can be obtained on arrival for $25. For full details, visit the Zambia Immigration website.

The KAZA UNIVISA for Zambia and Zimbabwe has been reintroduced. Priced at $50, it allows multiple entries between both countries for 30 days. Full details on eligible countries, entry points, and more are available here.

Airport Tax

These may be payable for charter flights. Where applicable you will be notified at the time of booking.

Meet and Greet Service

If you arrive in Lusaka, a Tours Africa representative will assist with your connection. If you miss them, collect your baggage and head to the domestic departure lounge where you'll find a Proflight Zambia representative.



Health

We recommend that visitors to Zambia take malaria prophylactics - consult your doctor first. Yellow fever immunization is required by visitors entering Zambia from a yellow fever zone. Please consult your regular doctor or travel clinic in your country for up-to-date information. It is advisable to know your blood group type in case of emergency.

Health Screening

Before you travel you are required to complete an online traveller health check through the Zambia National Public Health Institute using the link below. The service is free, and you do not need to download an app or create an account.

Once you have submitted your declaration, keep your QR health pass ready to present to the health officer on arrival. One person can complete declarations for family members travelling together, with a separate pass issued for each traveller.

Complete Health Check Here

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that every visitor has travel insurance that covers the following as a minimum:
·Cancellation and curtailment.
·Medical costs (including full hospital costs should it be needed).
·Personal accident or death.
·Emergency evacuation from the point of evacuation to the nearest best hospital and then back to the visitors hometown.
We cannot emphasize how important it is to be fully covered. Private hospitals in Africa will not accept a patient until full medical insurance has been established.

Money

- US Dollars (only newer notes with the large heads), Euros, Pound Sterling and South African Rand are accepted.
- Visa credit cards are becoming more widely accepted but not in remote areas and should not be relied on except in major towns.

Communication

- In most major towns you will be able to use your phone – please do check roaming options with your local service providers.
- Most properties are in remote areas with limited or no network coverage at all.
- While Wi-Fi is available at our properties it is not a guarantee at other camps and lodges outside of the major towns. When available, it is can be slow or limited – thus not always possible to upload your pictures and videos.

Photography & Film

• Please be sensitive when photographing local people, their villages, public buildings and people in uniform. Ask the guide to get permission.
• Drones are not allowed to be used in the national parks.

Tipping

Is not expected but always enthusiastically received if you are happy with the service. Please always give tips for the camp/lodge staff to the management to be shared out and please tip your guides individually. When asked 'how much' we say for camp/lodge staff from US$5 per person per night and for guides the same again.

Climate

- January – March: Emerald Season brings regrowth, breeding birds, and peak birth season for wildlife. Rain falls mostly at night.
- April – May: Clear skies, occasional storms. Tall green grass, migrating birds depart, and fledglings leave nests.
- June – August: Dry season and winter. Cool nights, warm days. Grass dies back, making game viewing easier.
- September: Rising temperatures and hazy skies.
- October – November: Hot, humid, and early rains. New growth begins, with many newborns by late October.
- December: High temperatures, early rains cool the air. Flying ants and insects appear briefly, bringing cooler but humid conditions.

What to bring

- You should always travel with soft bags not hard suitcases (not only for the smaller aircraft but also to fit into vehicles).
- Important items to bring along: Sunscreen, hat, good closed walking shoes, natural-coloured, safari-style clothing that can be layered - nothing bright, a swimming costume, all charging cables and adaptors, binoculars, camera.
- Depending on which time of the year you visit, a warm jacket and some gloves if it's during the winter months.
- Zambians are friendly and welcoming, but modest dress is encouraged in rural areas to avoid causing offense. Carry a kikoi or long skirt when visiting areas outside the national parks.

Community Support Supplies

Should you have extra space in your luggage, please use it to provide supplies to communities you visit. You can make a big impact on the lives of children in Zambia. Anything from books and stationery to clothes and toys. Cash donations are also accepted. You are welcome to contact us for updated 'wish lists' for the projects we support.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In case you need to get hold of us in case of an emergency, you can contact us as follows:

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