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INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLING TO ZIMBABWE

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QUICK FACTS

Capital City: Harare

International Airports: Harare & Victoria Falls

Population: 16,300,000

Currency: Zimbabwe Gold (Zig)

Zimbabwe is a top safari destination, offering diverse landscapes, rich wildlife, and unique outdoor experiences. Home to Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, it's a hub for adventure activities like white-water rafting and scenic flights. The country's four UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Victoria Falls, Mana Pools, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, and Khami Ruins—highlight its natural beauty and deep cultural history.

Hwange National Park is famous for its large elephant herds and predator sightings, while Matusadona National Park and Lake Kariba provide a mix of land and water-based game viewing with spectacular sunsets. Mana Pools National Park offers some of Africa's best walking safaris and canoeing along the Zambezi, where visitors can encounter elephants, hippos, and one of the region's largest wild dog populations. Further south, Gonarezhou National Park's dramatic sandstone cliffs and remote wilderness make it a hidden gem for those seeking a more rugged safari experience.





Visa Information

Visa are available from ports of entry for a number of countries, however please do check if you require to acquire your visa in advance.
Fees differ according to country of residence.:
Canadian passports: Single entry - US$75
British and Irish passports: Single entry - US$55; Double entry - US$70.
Other passports (USA, Europe, Australia, New Zealand):
Single entry - US$30; Double entry - US$45.
Fees can be paid in South African Rand or British Pounds)

Zimbabwe immigration visa website will assist with up to date information **www.evisa.gov.zw**.

Before arrival: Online arrival declaration

Please complete the online arrival declaration before travelling to Zimbabwe. This is separate from any visa requirements.
https://evisa.gov.zw/app/index.html

Airport Tax

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

Health

- We recommend that visitors to Zimbabwe take malaria prophylactics - consult your doctor first.
- Yellow fever immunization is required by visitors entering Zimbabwe 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.

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 property 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.
- Zimbabweans 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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