



GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

Area: 752,618 sq km (290,585 sq. miles.).

Population: 16,2 million

Capital: Lusaka

Country Tel Code: +260

Language: English

Local greeting: "Bwanji"

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

A passport and visa are required to enter Zambia. The passport must be valid for at least six months after the intended date of departure from Zambia and at least two blank visa pages are required - if transiting South Africa, an additional blank visa page is required for each entry.

All foreign nationals who require a visa can apply online via the e-Visa facility

<https://evisa.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#> e-Visa processing should take between 3 and 5 working days) or alternatively visa are available at major ports of entry. A single-entry visa fee is \$50 and is valid for ninety days.

As of December 2016, the KAZA joint visa for Zambia and Zimbabwe is available at all major ports of entry into Zambia and Zimbabwe. You do NOT have to by a UniVisa and can purchase normal single and double entry visas if they suit you better

AVAILABILITY

Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport – Livingstone: Victoria Falls Land Border - Livingstone

Kazungula Land Border (border with Botswana) : Kenneth Kaunda International Airport -Lusaka

Victoria Falls International Airport: Victoria Falls Land Border

Kazungula Land Border (border with Botswana):Harare International Airport

Electronic applications may be accepted at a later date.

30 DAY UniVISA

The Visa lasts for 30 days as long as you remain within Zambia and Zimbabwe. It also covers those who visit Botswana for day-trips through the Kazungula borders.

ELIGIBILITY

Citizens who are eligible to receive Visas on Arrival in both Zambia and Zimbabwe

If your passport is lost or stolen while you are in Zambia, visit the Zambian Department of Immigration office to apply for a replacement entry permit before attempting to depart the country.

Alternatively contact US Embassy Lusaka:

+260 211 255282 (Public Relations Office)

+260 211 252622 (Customer Service Center)

HEALTH, INOCULATIONS AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, recommends that the traveler takes precautionary measure against various diseases. In addition, some countries require certain inoculations, if you have passed through an infected area. Since requirements and recommendations do change and can be affected by your personal medical history, you should contact your physician, local Health Department, the CDC or a travel clinic in your area. Advise them of your exact itinerary and discuss the appropriate health precautions. As receiving inoculations overseas can result in unnecessary health risks, the CDC recommends that you have all inoculations before you leave home. You can contact CDC through any one of the following services:

U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL TRAVELERS' INFORMATION LINE
(404) 639-3311 (877) 394-8747 (888) 232-3299 www.cdc.gov/travel

Malaria is endemic in Zambia. Visitors should take antimalarial prophylactic medication pre travel to Zambia. Take further precautions in the early evenings and at night, by wearing long trousers and sleeves with a liberal application of repellent.

Travelers should carry their prescription drugs and medications in the original labeled containers, as well as a copy of the written prescription from their physician. Most important is to ensure medical insurance coverage is adequate in case you become ill or injured whilst travelling.

WEATHER

Zambia lies within the tropics, and much of the country has a pleasant climate because of high altitude. Dry season from May – August (cool season) to the end of October (hottest month) and a wet season from November to April. Temperatures are highest in the valleys of the Zambezi, Luangwa and Kafue rivers and by the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Mweru and Bangweulu. Livingstone has a hot climate, with extreme temperatures of 40.6°C (105°F) and -3°C (27°F) and an annual rainfall of almost 30 inches. Lusaka at 4,100 ft, has extreme temperatures of 39°C (100°F) and 5°C (41°F) and an average annual rainfall of 45 inches.

PACKING TIPS AND BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

Most transfers between parks use light aircraft which results in a luggage restrictions.

- ❖ Domestic flights inter camp within Zambia are booked on light aircraft. Soft (duffle type) bags only due to light aircraft luggage storage.
- ❖ Baggage allowance: checked baggage allowance of 12-15kg (33lbs) per person
- ❖ Hand baggage allowance 5kg (11lbs) – hand baggage is weighed.

There will be opportunities to do laundry along the way and it is always easier in airports /airstrips and in the camps to move a lighter bag. Please note that there may be an opportunity to store excess luggage and we request that you please discuss this with us before you travel.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING

A hat, sunglasses, high strength sun block, moisturizer, lip salve, insect repellent with you. Also binoculars and a Torch (Flash Light). Glasses – if you wear prescription glasses bring a spare pair. If you wear contact lenses bring a pair of glasses as well since dust can be a problem. Camera equipment, smart phone chargers and adaptors – Lens cleaning equipment and a dust proof camera bag. Spare batteries and memory cards are very important. Dust mask or scarf for dust if you are sensitive.

Also include:

- ❖ Day backpack - very handy for day trips and excursions
- ❖ Money belt or Bag – also to keep travel documents and immunization cards
- ❖ Flashlight – nights are dark
- ❖ Binoculars – so you don't miss a thing!
- ❖ Guidebook / phrase book – extra knowledge is always good
- ❖ A good book for leisure reading
- ❖ Travel diary or journal – you see and experience so much that this is a great way to keep an invaluable record of your amazing journey – just so you don't forget anything!

We suggest you leave your good jewelry at home, except, of course, jewelry you normally wear at all times. If you do bring very good jewelry, it is strongly suggested that you make use of safe deposit boxes at each hotel/camp which are generally offered free of charge. Holden Safaris cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen valuables. Check with your insurance company before departure to assure that any valuables you decide to bring are properly insured.

CLOTHING

Travelers require only comfortable, casual clothes in neutral colors – beige/khaki. Evening dress is casual. At times, the safari itinerary will take you to different places where the climate is variable, and to ensure your comfort, pack clothing that you can layer when it's chilly and peel off during the hottest part of the day. A light weight wind /rainproof jacket is very useful and comfortable trail shoes or hiking boots – preferably water-proof – are recommended when out in the bush.

Even though your travel time can be in the hottest months, it is advisable to include long pants and long sleeve shirts to minimize the number of insect bites, sun exposure and scrapes and scratches during bush walks, and of course a sunhat is a must.

CURRENCY IN ZAMBIA

Zambia's currency is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMW). Approximately \$ 1.00 UDS is equal to 9.90 Kwacha.

Major Credit Cards are widely accepted in Zambia. ATM's are widespread in major towns. We recommend some sort of back-up funds in case an ATM is out of service when you need it. It is suggested to carry some US\$ in cash, as it is possible to use US\$ cash to buy things in many places; for tipping and also to negotiate with locals while shopping. Carrying some local currency on your safari is also helpful for small local purchases such as drinks at the airstrips.

The newest series of US currency and bills without any writing, markings or tears on the bills are accepted. Be sure to bring notes of varying denominations since change is often a problem in Africa – the old series notes are no longer accepted anywhere in Zambia.

Call your credit card company and your bank and advise them of your travel plans. Authorization usually needs to be obtained for larger purchases and this is sometimes difficult. Visa is the easiest card to use, followed by MasterCard and American Express.

TIPPING

In most countries it is customary to tip as a way of expressing gratitude. Below is a general guideline, however this is just a guideline - tipping is at your discretion and depends entirely on your own opinion and your personal satisfaction:

- Porters US\$ 1 per person per day.
- Waiters US\$ 2 per person per day
- Driver guide US\$ 10 per person per day

Normally the guide/ranger is tipped separately in order to show your appreciation.

At many camps there will be a tipping box at checkout or you can give to the manager to share with Camp staff.

PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a photographer's paradise. If taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. They may ask for payment. As in most countries, do not take photographs in airports or airport buildings, military or police buildings and of uniformed personnel.

If you are traveling with digital photographic and/or video equipment, ensure you have the specific charging apparatus for each piece of equipment (as well as the appropriate socket plug adaptor and voltage converter if required).

Ensure you have enough memory cards before you head off for the bush – people usually end up taking more pictures than they thought they would!

ELECTRICITY

Electric Power is 220V - 240V running at 50Hz.

The Plug type used in Zambia is: "Type C, D & G"



Type C



Type D



Type G

PLEASE NOTE: Some camps have limited or no electricity. Candles and hurricane lamps may be provided.

SECURITY

Zambia is no different from any other destination in the world. Common sense should prevail and precautions should be taken as in any major city. Use hotel and lodge safety deposit boxes where possible. If walking in towns or cities only carry small amounts of cash and do not wear obvious jewelry or display expensive possessions.

Do not buy counterfeit and pirated goods, even if they are widely available. Not only are the bootlegs illegal in the United States, if you purchase them you may also be breaking local law.

If you become the victim of a crime, you should contact the local police and the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

NOTE: Smart Traveler Enrollment Programme is a free service to allow US citizens and nationals traveling abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. This provides you access to important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans. Help the US Embassy contact you in an emergency whether natural disaster, civil unrest or family emergency. <https://step.state.gov/>

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