

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO ZIMBABWE

CLIMATE – December–March: Rainy season with warm to hot days, mild to warm evenings. April and May: Mainly sunny, warm days with cool to cold evenings. June–August: Winter months with mild, sunny days but it can be distinctly cold in the evenings. No rain. September: Pleasant sunny days but may be cool in the evenings. October–December: Summer months with hot, sunny days with high temperatures. Nights are warm.

COMMUNICATION – For international calls from Zimbabwe to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence.

+ 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Zimbabwe, dial the following sequence.

011 + (263) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a land line.

+ (263) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

Zimbabwe's cellular network allows for roaming access. Please check with your local cellular provider as to whether they have an agreement to provide roaming facilities in Zimbabwe.

WATER – Bottled water is generally recommended.

TIME – Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Zimbabwe does not observe daylight savings.

Eastern time plus 7 hours from the beginning of November to mid–March.

Eastern time plus 6 hours from mid–March to the beginning of November.

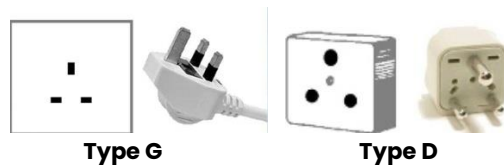
MALARIA – You are visiting an area where malaria is found, so please contact your physician or travel clinic for advice as to what precautions against malaria, they suggest for you.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS – United States of America and Canadian passport holders require a visa for Zimbabwe which is obtainable on arrival at the point of entry. Ensure that you are in possession of a valid passport with at least **TWO BLANK PAGES** marked “VISA” (2 pages for each country) and that it is valid for at least 6 months after your intended return date from Southern Africa. If you are visiting other countries, please establish entry requirements and have additional blank visa pages for those countries as well.

The Zimbabwe Immigration Department has an online immigration declaration form that must be completed by all travellers prior to arriving in Zimbabwe. You will still be able to complete the form on arrival (subject to Wi-Fi availability) using your own devices, or Immigration officials will provide you with access to devices at the port of entry. Alternatively, you may fill out the physical version provided by immigration on arrival.

[Click here to access the declaration form](#)

ELECTRICITY – Power supply is 220v, 50 Hz. Outlets may be the D or G type or as pictured.



MONEY MATTERS

Currency – The local currency is a Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL), but cash is not widely available. US\$ cash can be used for visas, activities and at restaurants and for most other purchases. Foreign debit/credit cards can also be used in most establishments at the prevailing rate of exchange.

Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted in all hotels in Zimbabwe. Other cards are still not widely accepted. You may be able to withdraw some local currency against your international credit card as specially marked ATM's.

SHOPPING – shops are open from 8:00am–5:00pm and closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

What to buy: Stone carvings, copper, and basketwork.

US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS – The import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins.

FLIGHT RECONFIRMATIONS AND CHECK-IN – Please check in at least three hours prior to departure for international flights, two hours for regional flights and 90 minutes prior for domestic flights. Always have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES – Lion World Travel offers structured, safe excursions through our local affiliates into game reserves and other wildlife viewing areas. Should you consider purchasing any other optional excursions such as lion walks or elephant back safaris, please be aware that safety standards and training vary, and even animals marketed as “tame” should be respected as wild and extremely dangerous. We do not endorse these activities.

It is a criminal offence in Zimbabwe to make derogatory or insulting comments about the President, a member of his government, or the Zimbabwean government itself.

FINAL NOTES – Safaris offer a small glimpse of the diversity that is Africa. Some areas you visit will be quite poor by North American standards. Carry only small amounts of cash. Lock cash, valuables and passports in hotel and lodge safes or leave them with camp managers.

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