Zambia

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**  
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

**Passport/Visa Requirements**  
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 3 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

**US Embassy/Consulate**  
EMER: +(260) 211-357-000 or +(260) 966-050-123; US Embassy Lusaka, Subdivision 694/Stand 100 Kabulonga District, Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka, Zambia

**Vaccinations**  
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

**Climate**  
Tropical; modified by altitude; rainy season (October to April)

**Currency (Code)**  
Zambian kwacha (ZMK)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**  
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s) C, D, G

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**Major Languages**  
Bemba 33.4%, Nyanja 14.7%, Tonga 11.4%, Lozi 5.5%, Chewa 4.5%, Nsenga 2.9%, Tumbuka 2.5%, Lunda (North Western) 1.9%, Kaonde 1.8%, Lala 1.8%, Langa 1.8%, English 1.7%, Luvale 1.5%, Mambwe 1.3%, Namwanga 1.2%, Lenje 1.1%, Bisa 1%, other 9.7%, unspecified 0.2%

**Religions**  
Protestant 75.3%, Roman Catholic 20.2%, other 2.7% (includes Muslim Buddhist, Hindu, and Baha’i), none 1.8%

**Time Difference**  
UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

**Potable Water**  
Opt for bottled water

**International Driving Permit**  
Suggested

**Road Driving Side**  
Left
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

**World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: [American Automobile Association (AAA)](http://www.aaa.com) and [American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)](http://www.aataidp.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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