# Zambia

## **Travel Facts**

### **US State Dept Travel Advisor**

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Zambia. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

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

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

### **US Embassy/Consulate**

EMER: +(260) (0) 211-357-000; US Embassy Lusaka, Eastern end of Kabulonga Road, Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka, Zambia; ACSLusaka@state.gov; <a href="https://zm.usembassy.gov/">https://zm.usembassy.gov/</a>

### **Types of Travelers**

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</a>

### **Telephone Code**

260

### **Local Emergency Phone**

999

### **Vaccinations**

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Zambia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. <a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>

### 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 types(s): C, D, G







**Major Languages** 

Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi, Chewa, Nsenga, Tumbuka, Lunda, Kaonde, Lala, Lamba, English

### **Major Religions**

Protestant 75.3%, Roman Catholic 20.2%, other 2.7% (includes Muslim Buddhist, Hindu, and Baha'i)

### **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**

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### **Tourist Destinations**

Victoria Falls; Devil's Pool; Zambezi River; Kafue National Park; Lusaka National Museum; Siavonga; Blue Lagoon National Park

### **Major Sports**

Soccer, boxing, tennis

### **Cultural Practices**

Always greet before starting a conversation, and if a person approaches you, offer the initial greeting. Men should withhold their hands when greeting a woman, until the woman offers her hands. Gifts are presented as a sign of honor, friendship or appreciation.

### **Tipping Guidelines**

Tip 10% in restaurants. Tip guides directly at the end of a tour \$5-10 (USD) per person per day.

### Souvenirs

Wood and stone carvings, handmade pottery and glassware, basketware, batik fabric and decorative items; wrought iron sculptures and copperware; carved tribal items including masks, drums, and animals; beadwork and handmade jewelry; local gemstones

### **Traditional Cuisine**

Nshima — a dough-like porridge made from ground maize used to scoop up side dishes (ndiwo) such as soups, stews, sauces, or relishes

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