

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO ZAMBIA

CLIMATE – December to April: Warm and rainy.

May to August: Cool and dry.

September to November: Hot and dry.

Average temperatures in summer range from 25°C – 35°C (77°F–95°F) and in winter from 6°C to 24°C (43°F–75°F).

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

00 + 1 + (area code) + (local phone number).

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

011 + (260) + (city code) + (local phone number)

Cellular service in remote areas is poor. If you wish to bring your cellular phone, please check with your local provider as to whether they have roaming facilities in Zambia.

WATER – Bottled water is generally recommended.

TIME

Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Zambia does not observe daylight savings.

EST plus 7 in winter

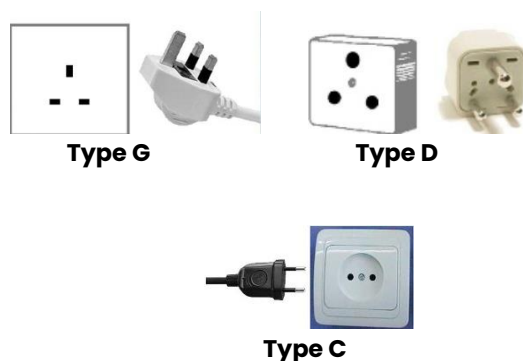
EST plus 6 in summer

PASSPORTS AND VISAS – United States of America and Canadian passport holders do not require a visa for Zambia. You would however need to still purchase a visa for Zimbabwe, should you want to go across the border. Please ensure that you are in possession of a valid passport with at least THREE blank visa pages marked “VISA” 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.

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.

MEDICATION – Certain over-the-counter medications contain ingredients that are on Zambia’s list of controlled substances. As a precaution we recommend that you do not take unnecessary non-prescription medication with you. For prescription medication, please carry a doctor’s prescription and ensure that the medication is in its original bottle.

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



MONEY MATTERS

Currency – The Zambian currency is the Kwacha (KR). Zambian banks do not accept traveler’s checks and US Dollars are no longer accepted. The only acceptable form of payment is credit cards or local currency cash. You CAN pay for Visas in US Dollars on entry to Zambia but once past Immigration you will need Zambian Kwacha to pay for airport departure taxes and any other cash incidentals.

*Carry sufficient \$US to allow for currency fluctuations when changing your money.

*Bring new notes, only those printed less than 9 years ago.

Credit Cards and ATM’s – Most hotels, restaurants and larger shops will take Visa or MasterCard. American Express and Diners are not readily accepted. There are Automated Teller Machines (ATM) which accept Visa cards only at the banks in the major towns. You cannot change US Dollars in a bank, so foreign exchange needs to be obtained from Bureau de Change offices.

SHOPPING

Gift shops can be found in most hotels, lodges, and camps. You may also find local markets for souvenirs.

What to buy: Wooden and 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.

FINAL NOTES –

Carry only small amounts of cash. Lock valuables, money and passports in hotel/lodge safes or leave them with camp managers.

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