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Zimbabwe



At 390 757 square kilometres, Zimbabwe is about the size of California.

It is a landlocked country blessed with fertile soils, mineral wealth and wonderful wildlife and natural scenery.

Two major rivers form its northern and southern boundaries: the great Zambezi River cuts along its northern frontier, while the more languid Limpopo forms the southern border with South Africa.

ACCESS

The main point of entry for International tourist visitors will be at Victoria Falls Airport. Victoria Falls Airport is an International Airport that is located 21 km out of Victoria Falls town, the hub for tourism in Zimbabwe. There are 4 International Airlines that operate out of Victoria Falls Airport namely British Airways / Com Air, South African Airways, Air Namibia and Air Zimbabwe.

VISAS

Visas are the responsibility of the traveller. Those nationalities that require visas to enter Zimbabwe may have to apply for these in advance, however, some nationalities are able to obtain these on arrival at the port of entry. The Zimbabwean Government has recently relaxed the visa regulations enabling certain nationalities to now receive visas on arrival. Please contact our office for more details.

Please Note:

- If possible and required, our recommendation is to obtain your Zimbabwe visa prior to arrival, as this will expedite the immigration process at both airport and border crossing.
- If visas are required, please ensure you have the correct cash amounts (US Dollars) available as credit cards and travellers cheques are not accepted.
- You must advise the relevant official of the total number of days that you are spending in Zimbabwe otherwise you may be charged to obtain an extension/additional visa later on.



PLACES OF INTEREST

VICTORIA FALLS

Quite possibly one of the most famous waterfalls in the world, the Victoria Falls is located in a National Park that provides magnificent views of this giant world wonder. Naturally, the Victoria Falls is the largest waterfall in Africa, as well as one of the highest, widest and most powerful. And it's for all of these reasons that a safari package to Zimbabwe can never really be complete without a stop off to view the Falls, described in the 1800s by the Kololo as "Mosi-oa-Tunya" which means "the Smoke that Thunders." Along the edge of the Victoria Falls forest is a path, which provides tourists with an inspiring vantage point of the Falls, for those brave enough to withstand the tremendous spray. When it comes to adventure activities on the Zimbabwe side of the Victoria Falls, there is no shortage of things to do. Adventure-lovers will be able to try their hands at white water rafting, bungee jumping, abseiling, river boarding, micro lighting, elephant back rides and more!

MANA POOLS

Mana Pools is a wildlife conservation area in northern Zimbabwe constituting a National Park. It is a region of the lower Zambezi River in Zimbabwe where the flood plain turns into a broad expanse of lakes after each rainy season. As the lakes gradually dry up and recede, the region attracts many large animals in search of water, making it one of Africa's most renowned game-viewing regions. Mana means 'four' in Shona, in reference to the four large permanent pools formed by the meanderings of the middle Zambezi. These 2,500 square kilometers of river frontage, islands, sandbanks and pools, flanked by forests of mahogany, wild figs, ebonies and baobabs, is one of the least developed National Parks in Southern Africa. The Mana Pools were designated a Ramsar wetland of international importance in January 2013.

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Hwange is a town in western Zimbabwe, in the province of Matabeleland North. It is also a tourism centre due to the presence of the nearby Hwange National Park. When looking for the best safari option near to Victoria Falls, look no further than Hwange National Park. At just over 14 600 square kilometres, Hwange is the largest National Park in Zimbabwe, and an important natural sanctuary for wildlife in Southern Africa. Situated on route between the two main centers of Bulawayo and the world famous Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park offers a terrific safari experience, boasting a tremendous selection of African wildlife and birdlife species.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

With mild temperatures, virtually no rain and a low malaria risk, the dry May to October winter season is generally seen as the best time to visit Zimbabwe for game-viewing, although note that September and October are extremely hot and dry months.

The best time to travel to Victoria Falls on the other hand is at the end of the summer rainy season when the Falls are in full flood - go between April and May for the most dramatic views. However, it is the August to December low water season that is regarded as the best time to go white-water rafting at Victoria Falls - the volume and speed of the water is reduced and the rapids are more exposed.

SUGGESTED HOTELS

VICTORIA FALLS

Victoria Falls Hotel

Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as "the grand old lady of the falls", is a luxurious Hotel on a World Heritage site overlooking the magnificent Victoria Falls. Established in 1904, and recently redecorated, this gracious colonial style hotel is set in the lush tropical gardens and epitomizes the romance of grand travel, offering total relaxation.

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is set high on a natural plateau, the westward facing Victoria Falls Safari Lodge borders the Zambezi National Park and is just four kilometers from the thundering Victoria Falls. Enjoying uninterrupted views of spectacular African sunsets and year round game at its on-site waterhole, accommodation at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is ideally positioned to offer the most discerning traveller a taste of Africa at its best.

Victoria Falls Safari Club

The new luxury Victoria Falls Safari Club 20-room block is situated within the magnificent grounds of the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge resort, overlooking a private waterhole. The Club includes 4 majestic suites and is a place where African history and the enchanting power of nature bring an atmosphere of exclusive African distinctiveness.

MANA POOLS

Ruckomechi Camp

On the middle reaches of the Zambezi River, a hundred kilometres below Lake Kariba is the Mana Pools National Park situated in the heart of the Zambezi Valley. Ruckomechi Camp lies on the banks of the Zambezi, shaded by a large grove of acacia and mahogany trees and with a superb view of the mountains of Africa's Great Rift Valley across the river in Zambia. The camp accommodates guests in ten spacious en-suite tented units, including a honeymoon suite, all of which overlook the Zambezi River. Each tent has both indoor and outdoor showers, and the camp boasts a favourite amongst guests: its outdoor 'bath-with-a-view' in a secluded, scenic spot. There is a separate deck with an infinity pool for swimming and sun bathing, and an inviting, cushion-strewn star gazing deck.

Chikwenya Safari Lodge

Chikwenya Safari Lodge is situated on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, at its confluence with the Sapi River. The Chikwenya lease area is a private concession of 12 000 acres, situated on the east boundary of the Mana Pools National Park and World Heritage Site. Designed to complement its wild surroundings, the lodge offers luxury accommodation in en-suite chalets, with air conditioning, each with its own private verandah and an outside bath and shower area. The main lodge offers an outside bar, swimming pool with viewing deck and dining and lounge area. Activities include fishing, game drives, game cruises and walking.

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Hwange Safari Lodge

Hwange Safari Lodge is situated just outside the borders of the well-known Hwange National Park, and essentially forms part of the Park. Hwange Safari Lodge is only an hour's drive from the Victoria Falls on the road from Bulawayo. At Hwange Safari Lodge guests are accommodated in 100 rooms and suites, all en-suite and with air-conditioning, fan and heating. All rooms overlook either the waterhole, savanna bush or swimming pool.

The Hide Safari Camp

The Hide Safari Camp has earned its reputation as a consummate safari destination, for both the exceptional wildlife experience and the hospitality it offers. As a guest, you'll stay in one of ten beautiful tented suites with views over the waterhole, where animals congregate day and night. Between game drives and walks in the National Park, there is plenty of time to relax in a comfortable lounge or sit quietly in a hide to watch the wildlife. After meals, all together around a giant table or al fresco under the Acacia trees, you can spend a lazy afternoon by the plunge pool or in the shade of your verandah.