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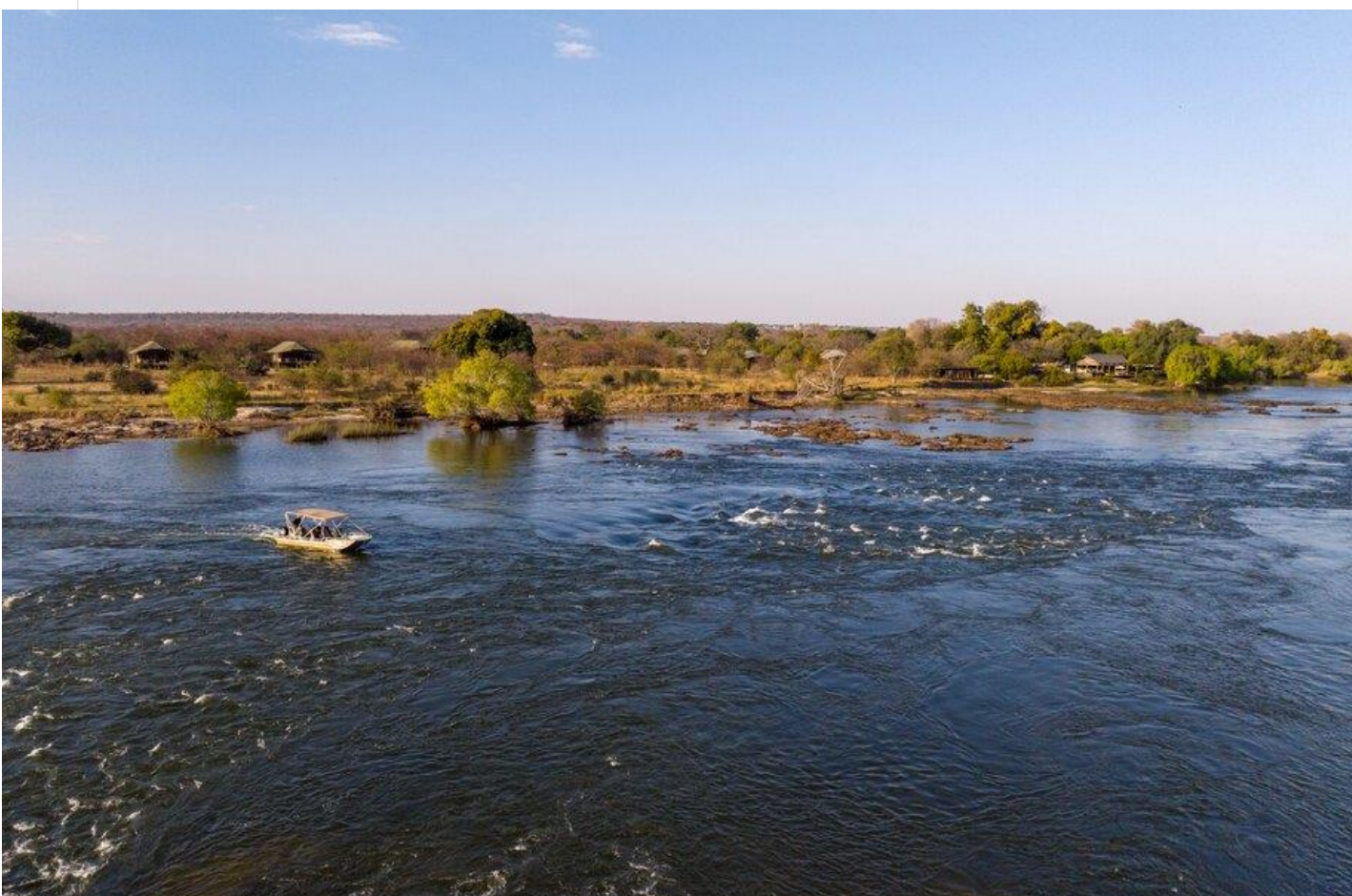
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## DESTINATION GUIDE

# REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

We're pleased to be hosting you at our camps in Zambia and have compiled travelling tips, guidelines and some facts about the destination. Check out [www.wildernessdestinations.com](http://www.wildernessdestinations.com) for more information, or the official Zambia Tourism Board website [www.zambiatourism.com](http://www.zambiatourism.com).

**Zambia** is vast and one of Southern Africa's least travelled, though most rewarding, destinations, with superb wildlife, birding and cultural encounters. It lies at some 1,200 metres above sea level, and has three impressive rivers flowing through its landscapes – the Zambezi, Kafue and Luangwa. Livingstone is the well-known adventure capital with a host of adrenaline-packed activities around the Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River. Zambia's wildlife is impressive in diversity and concentration, and the national parks are home to some of the wildest and most remote game-viewing areas in Africa. The birdlife is excellent and attracts birders from all over the world. Zambia's population is estimated at 19 million. The country is double the size of California or Germany.



ZAMBIA

## GREAT-TO-KNOW FACTS



Green represents agriculture.  
Red is for the struggle for independence.  
Black is for the people of Zambia.  
Orange represents the mineral wealth of the country, specifically copper.  
The eagle speaks of the people's ability to rise above adversity.

### Government

Independent since 1964, Zambia derived its name from the Zambezi River, changing from Northern Rhodesia, its name while a British protectorate.

### Economy

Zambia's economy has experienced strong growth in recent years, with real GDP growth in the mid-2000s. Privatisation of government-owned copper mines in the 1990s improved the chances of copper mining returning to profitability. Agriculture is Zambia's second-largest industry after copper mining.

### Currency

The official currency of Zambia is the Kwacha (ZK). US Dollars (2006 and later series only) are accepted for transactions in most instances, including departure taxes and entry visas. Small denominations of US Dollars are encouraged for easier and quicker transactions, and it helps to have the exact amount to hand as change is sometimes not provided. Most major currencies can be exchanged at the airports. Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs at the airport, while most larger retail outlets and lodges/hotels accept major credit cards.

### Language

The official language is English. However, over 70 additional African dialects are spoken in Zambia.

### Time

Two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2) in the Central African Time Zone (CAT).

### Climate

The weather in Southern Africa is generally pleasant throughout the year – warm to hot days, and cool to warm nights. During our winter months however (May to August), the nights and early mornings can become really cold, particularly when on safari, so we suggest that you pack accordingly – very warm clothing including an anorak/winter jacket, a beanie, scarf and gloves are recommended. Please refer to our packing suggestions list.



## Essentials to Pack



SAFARI  
SUN HAT



BINOCULARS



GOOD  
CLOSED SHOES



SAFARI  
DUFFLE BAG



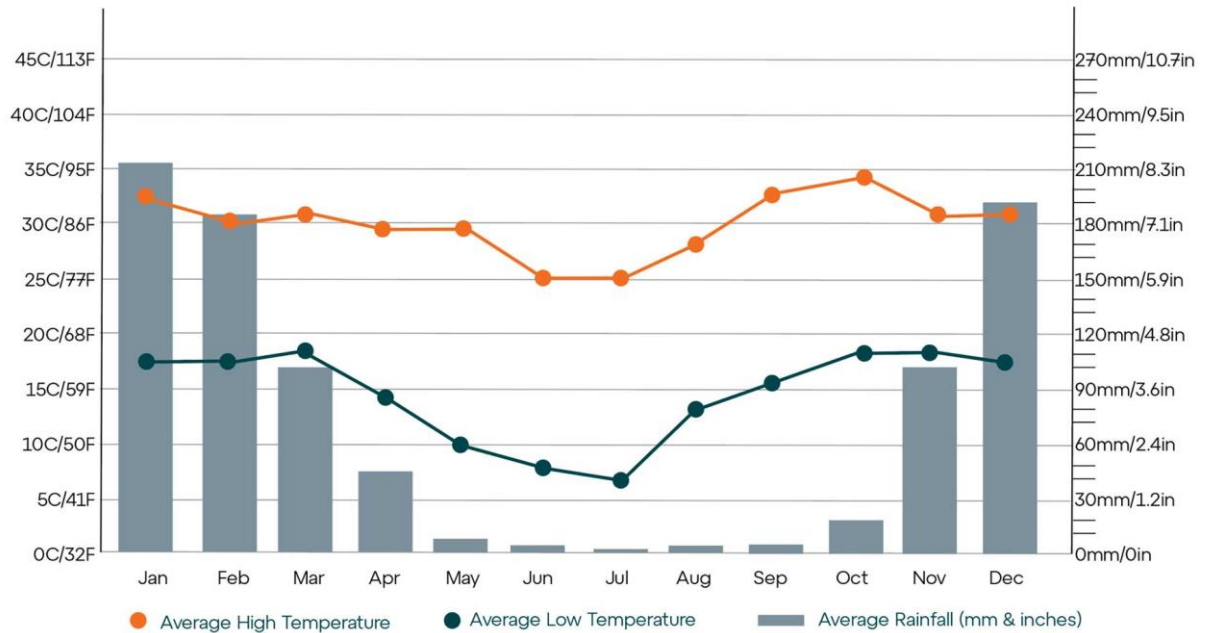
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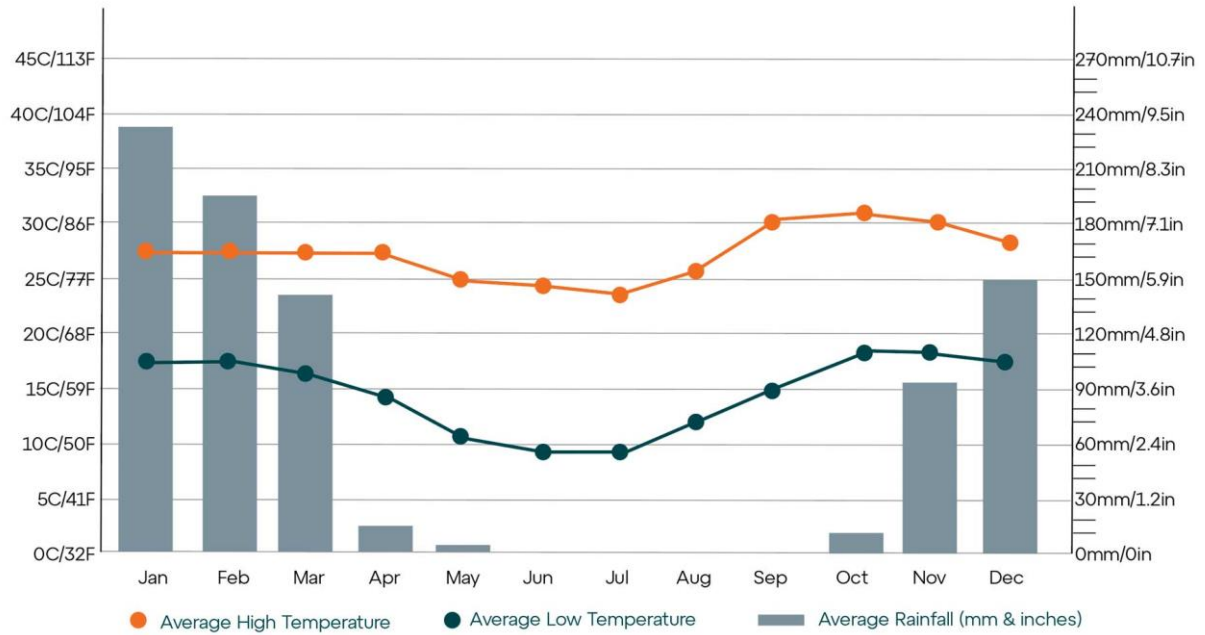
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Temperature Average (°C) (°F). These are the average lows and highs.  
Average Rainfall (mm) & (inches). This varies according to the year and location.



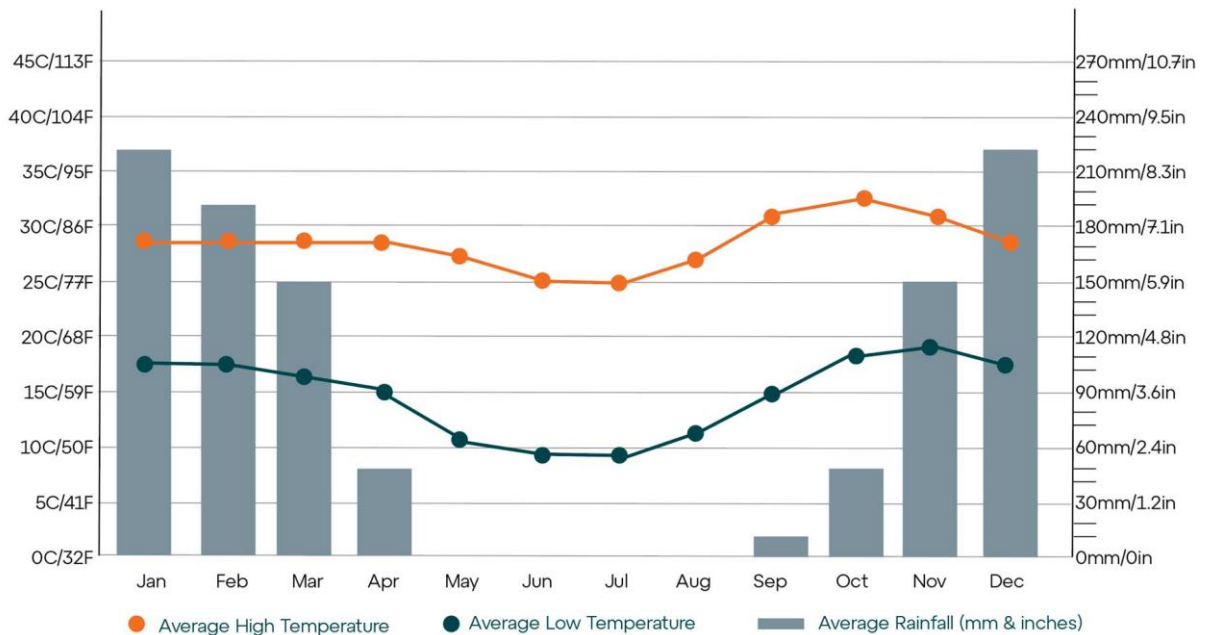
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## KAFUE

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## Public Holidays

The dates of certain public holidays change from year to year – refer below. If a public holiday falls on a Sunday, then the Monday is also declared a public holiday.

New Year's Day	01 January	Africa Freedom Day	25 May
Women's Day	08 March	Heroes Day	03 July
Youth Day	12 March	Unity Day	04 July
Good Friday	Varies	Farmers Day	07 August
Holy Saturday	Varies	Independence Day	24 October
Easter Monday	Varies	Christmas Day	25 December
Labour Day	01 May		

## USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Visas

Visas are the responsibility of the traveller. Nationalities that require visas to enter Zambia may apply in advance. However, some nationalities are able to obtain these on arrival at the Port of Entry. For further information, please refer to the website: [www.eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home](http://www.eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home).

### 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 when travelling to Zambia, and carry a medical practitioner's prescription with you, with the medication in its original container.

### Departure Taxes

All taxes are paid in Kwacha or US Dollars. Your Travel Designer will advise at time of quoting what the current costs are.

- International Departure Tax, including the International Security Tax and International Infrastructure & Development Tax – Livingstone Airport and Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (Lusaka) – USD 40.00 per person
- Domestic Departure Tax, including the Domestic Security Tax and Domestic Infrastructure & Development Tax – USD 16.00 per person
- International Passenger Safety Charge – USD 10.00 per person is prepaid to Wilderness
- Domestic Passenger Safety Charge – USD 5.00 per person is prepaid to Wilderness
- All helicopter transfers incur a prepaid USD 6.00 per person Domestic Passenger Safety Charge

## Banks

There are ATMs outside Barclays, Standard Chartered, ZANACO and Stanbic banks in all the major towns which accept Visa cards only. Foreign exchange can only be obtained from Bureaux de Change offices.

## Shopping

Traders sell a wide range of locally crafted items at Zambia's colourful markets.

## Value Added Tax (VAT)

All goods and services in Zambia are priced to include value added tax (VAT) of 16%.

## Power Supply

Our camps in Zambia are all powered by a combination of solar power, diesel generators and large batteries with inverters and chargers. Sleep apnoea machines can be accommodated by either the use of the standard plug outlets or arranging for a 12V battery and an inverter to be placed in the rooms. However, please note that prior notice is required. Bring a spare battery/ies as a back-up as power outages may occur. In cities and towns, all electrical appliances run on 220V/240V. Outlets are square 3-pin plugs accessible via 13-amp alternating current.



Map of Zambia

