

# Elephant Lodge Safari

## 7 days | Starts/Ends: Victoria Falls



*PRIVATE SAFARI: Enjoy game drives in two of the world's finest national parks - Chobe in Botswana and Hwange in Zimbabwe. Free time is on offer at Victoria Falls so that you can experience it your way. Discover diverse animal life, local villages and the perfect African sunset on this 7 day adventure.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Victoria Falls - take a guided tour to the mighty waterfall and participate in optional activities such as helicopter rides and boat cruises
- Chobe National Park - spot lions, elephants, leopards and more on safari in Botswana's premier national park
- Chobe River - enjoy a river cruise in search of hippos, crocodiles, elephants and other African species that are coming to drink
- Hwange National Park - spend two days exploring Zimbabwe's largest national park, home to all of Africa's famous Big Five

#### What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- 6 nights SUPERIOR accommodation. DELUXE accommodation upgrade options are available upon request. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details
- For transfers between Victoria Falls, Hwange and Chobe, 2x4 vehicles may be utilised. Game drives are conducted in open-sided 4x4 safari vehicles
- Services of an English-speaking driver guide on the excursions specified
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and 7
- Game drives in Hwange National Park
- Game drives in Chobe National Park
- Chobe River game viewing boat cruise
- Victoria Falls guided tour
- Park entrance and river usage fees

#### What's Not Included

- Optional activities
- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Victoria Falls to Chobe National Park

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport in Zimbabwe, you will be met and transferred to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National

Park, where you will spend the next two nights. **Overnight - Kasane (D)**

#### Day 2 : Chobe National Park

While in Chobe National Park, your package includes all your meals and scheduled activities including game drives and game viewing boat cruises. The Chobe River, which flows along the northeast border of the park, is a major watering spot for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and Cape buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. **Overnight - Chobe National Park (B, L, D)**

#### Days 3-4 : Victoria Falls

After your morning activity, you will be transferred across the border to Victoria Falls. You will have the remainder of the day at leisure to experience some of the optional activities that are on offer such or simply sit back, relax and take in the views from the lodge.

On the morning of day 4, you will have the opportunity to explore the mighty Victoria Falls on a guided tour. There will still be time for additional optional activities in the afternoon should you wish to partake in these.

**Overnight - Victoria Falls (B:2)**

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## Days 5-6 : Hwange National Park

After breakfast you will be picked up and transferred to Hwange National Park where you will spend two nights at a lodge situated on a private concession. The area is home to many predators and endangered species such as the wild dog, plus a very large and varied birdlife.

On the way to the lodge, you will be able to interact with the residents of Dete during a visit to Dingani Primary School, the Vukani Bead Project or the Thandanani Sewing Project, witnessing the inspiring work done to uplift the local community. After check-in and lunch, you will have the opportunity to embark on a walking safari\*, led by a professional guide in the late afternoon. Here you will gain interesting perspectives about the fauna and flora in this area. The next day is spent on a full day game drive exploring the magnificent Hwange National Park.

\*Kindly note that walking safaris are subject to availability.

**Overnight - Hwange National Park** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 7 : Hwange To Victoria Falls

Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls Airport. Today you will depart Hwange National Park and be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for your onward flight. (B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Chobe Bush Lodge

### Ilala Lodge

Set amongst pretty landscaped gardens, the elegant Ilala Lodge is the perfect place for exploring Victoria Falls. Spread out over two floors, the guest rooms are beautifully

furnished in a classic style with teak wooden furniture. The falls are much more visible from the upper floors however the ground floor offers charming proximity to the friendly warthogs who frequent the hotel grounds to graze. The hotel also benefits from a gorgeous outdoor pool and award winning restaurant. The lodge is located within walking distance of the mighty Victoria Falls.



### Sable Sands Lodge

Situated in the Dete Vlei just outside Hwange National Park, Sable Sands is a lodge consisting of 11 rondavel chalets. These chalets are scattered around the lodge's central swimming pool. Rooms are en suite with private terraces. The lodge contains a waterhole which attracts large herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra and antelope. The lodge also boasts a library, lounge, bar and BBQ facilities. There are hammocks a plenty for you to relax in as well.



### Please note

**This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go.**

This safari runs with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 16 passengers. As there are no set departure dates it is unlikely that any other people will join your travelling party and a minimum of 2 passengers is required. This package consists of transfers between lodges with local guides for activities. A guide will not escort you for the whole duration of the trip.

### Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) - but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

**STANDARD** - Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.

**SUPERIOR** - Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.

**DELUXE** - Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.

**LUXURY** - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, this accommodation is a cut above the rest. Sheer opulence!

### Optional activities in Victoria Falls

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. You will be required to take your passport for any adventure and bridge activities. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below,

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we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

- Helicopter Flight (15 minutes) - \$150.00 (Govt levy of \$15, pay locally)
- Helicopter Flight (22 minutes) - \$235.00 (Govt levy of \$15, pay locally)
- Boma Dinner including transfers - \$51.00
- 2 hour Sunset Cruise - \$40.00 (River usage fee of \$10, pay locally).
- 2 hour Dinner Cruise - \$68.00 (River usage fee of \$10, pay locally).
- Bungee Jump 111m (excluding transfers) - \$160.00
- Bridge Swing (excluding transfers) - \$160.00
- Bridge Slide (excluding transfers) - \$45.00
- Rafting (full day, low or water) - \$120.00 (River usage fee of \$10, pay locally).
- Zambezi Canoe Day Trip, 9hrs - \$150.00 (Park entry fee of \$10, pay locally).
- Flying Fox (Cable Slide) - \$42.00
- Gorge Swing - \$95.00
- Canopy Tour - \$53.00
- Zip Line - \$69.00
- Big Air Experience (Bungee, Bridge Swing & Bridge Slide) excluding transfers - \$210
- Adrenaline High Wire Pass (Flying Fox, Zip Line & Gorge Swing) - \$137.00
- Historical Bridge Tour 2.5 hours - \$70.00

\*Please note prices are subject to change

## Visas

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A multiple entry visa is required for Zimbabwe for this safari. Please also note that travellers entering Botswana will be required to present a valid international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever should they originate from or have travelled through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas within the preceding 6 months.

## Insurance

It is compulsory for all travellers to have insurance covering their personal requirements, medical expenses and personal possessions. This is to be arranged before leaving your home country.

## Accommodation

On this safari, you will be accommodated in typical mid-range African lodges, situated either in the national parks, on the banks of a river, or other place of interest. Lodge Safaris offer accommodation with a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. All of them have a private bathroom with a shower or bath and a toilet. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

Our Elephant Lodge Safari package is based upon mid-range (superior) accommodation at the following properties: Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge, Hwange - Sable Sands and Chobe - Chobe Marina Lodge.

An upgrade to Deluxe accommodation is available upon request, please contact us for rates. Our Deluxe accommodation is: Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Hotel, Hwange - Elephant's Eye Eco Lodge and Chobe - Ngoma Safari Lodge .

Accommodation is subject to availability and if these properties are not available we will book similar properties and you will be notified at time of booking.

## Meals

Meals included in your safari will be taken in the restaurants at the various accommodation establishments, with a packed lunch from the lodges on days 3 and 5. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

## Luggage

Maximum baggage allowance: 15 kg. Jenman Safaris stipulates this luggage allowance, as an overloaded vehicle is a danger to both the clients and the guide. This does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the

way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

## Transport

Transfers are usually conducted in sedan vehicles or minibuses. The game drives take place in open 4x4 vehicles. For transfers between Kasane and Victoria Falls or Hwange and Victoria Falls (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised.

## Spending Money

Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios, tips, alcoholic drinks and additional entertainment. US Dollars and Botswana Pula are the most practical and convenient currencies.

## Things to bring

- Walking shoes and sandals
- Light trousers/jeans
- Swimming costume
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Sun hat
- Windbreaker
- Warm clothes (May – August)
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Torch & spare batteries
- Water bottle
- Camera
- UV protection
- Mosquito protection
- Towel

## Zimbabwe

This is a country blessed with great natural beauty, game reserves and mineral wealth. The diverse landscape changes from mountainous to wilderness to typical Bushveld. The country is also home to large animals and a large bird population. Zimbabwe is a country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa, between the Victoria Falls, Zambezi River, Kariba Dam and the Limpopo River. Zimbabwe is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north and Mozambique to the east.

## Victoria Falls

'So lovely it must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight' said David Livingstone

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of the supreme Mosi-oa-Tunya ('The smoke that thunders'). This legendary traveler first saw the Falls from the Zambian side and his memory is enshrined in the nearby town of Livingstone. The views from the Zimbabwean & Zambian side are quite different, varying dramatically depending on the season and water flow.

The Falls are over a mile in length and boast the largest curtain of water in the world - over 500 million litres of water per minute cascades over the falls and drop 100 m at Rainbow Falls on the Zambian side. Not surprisingly it is the seventh natural wonder of the world and fast becoming one of the top adventure destinations in the world.

The river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls. Below the Falls the river enters a narrow series of gorges, which represent locations successively occupied by the falls earlier in their history. Since the uplifting of the Makgadikgadi Pan area some two million years ago, the Zambezi River has been cutting through the basalt base rock, exploiting weak fissures, and forming a series of retreating gorges. Seven previous waterfalls occupied the seven gorges below the present falls, and Devil's Cataract in Zimbabwe is where the next cut back will form a new waterfall that will eventually leave the present falls lip high above the river in the gorge below.

## Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus very large and varied birdlife.

The park is situated on the main road between Bulawayo and the world famous Victoria Falls. Hwange National Park covers just over 14 600 square kilometres. The Park carries 105 mammal species, including 19 large herbivores and eight large carnivores. Elephant make up the largest proportion of the biomass.

All Zimbabwe's specially protected animals are to be found in Hwange and it is the only protected area where gemsbok and brown

hyena occur in reasonable numbers. The population of wild dog to be found in Hwange is thought to be one of the largest surviving groups in Africa today.

The landscape includes desert sand to sparse woodland as well as grasslands and granite outcrops. Due to the lack of water, man-made waterholes were introduced to sustain the animals through the dry season. The park has an interesting variety of landscapes with one part running alongside the North-eastern end of the Kalahari Desert. The south is sandy with extensive forests and open grassland. A feature of the area is ancient fossil dunes - ancient sand dunes held together by vegetation.

## Botswana

The San were among the first human inhabitants of this region before the Setswana migrated southwards and slowly occupied the region from the 16th century onwards, until early in the 19th century. By mid-century missionaries arrived, including David Livingstone and Robert Moffat, and by 1885 the territory was a British protectorate. Botswana gained its independence in 1966 and has been the most stable democracy in Africa. The first president ruled from 1966 until his death in 1980, the second till 1994 (re-elected twice, then resigned) and the third from 1998.

The country has a strong currency with one of the highest per capita incomes in Africa, maintains a neutral international political stance. It is heavily reliant on mining (especially diamonds) & tourism and maintains close ties with its neighbor South Africa, an economic powerhouse for the region.

Wildlife is abundant in Botswana and includes lion, giraffe, leopard, antelope, elephant, crocodile and ostriches. Botswana is semiarid and has an average annual (summer) rainfall of 640 mm (about 25 in) in the north to less than 230 mm (less than 9 in) in the Kalahari. Drought is therefore not uncommon and the vegetation is mostly savannah.

Geographically Botswana is relatively flat (the average elevation of about 1000 m) and can be viewed (for all intents and purposes) as three major regions as follows:

Chobe National Park in the north, another outstanding wilderness area of enormous diversity - lion and elephant can be viewed from river cruises or 4x4 game drives.

The Okavango Delta is a vast marshland and one of the largest inland river deltas in the world - 15 000 km<sup>2</sup> of wilderness and prime safari area. The Kalahari Desert in the central and southwestern regions occupies over half the land area of Botswana. It is a mystical, harsh and unspoiled landmass.

The salt pans of north-central Botswana and the Tuli block in the far eastern corner of Botswana are also areas of significance

## Chobe National Park

Chobe is approx. 11 000 km<sup>2</sup> of wilderness area watered by the Chobe & Savuti Rivers and thus attracting huge concentrations of game. This includes lion and some of the highest concentration of elephant in Africa - an estimated population of around 25 000 in winter. Game viewing is renowned and in the Northern areas near Kasane, both the riverboat game viewing experience and the 4x4 vehicle option are popular.

In addition the spectacular annual summer migrations of plains game, especially Zebra, is a highlight, as well Giraffe, Warthog and numerous antelope including Sable, Roan, Oribi, Reedbuck, Lechwe and the colourful Chobe Bushbuck.

Bird watching opportunities in Chobe are ample and include some 350 species including the awesome African Fish Eagle, the rare Pell's Fishing Owl, saddle-billed storks, long-toed Plovers, pink-backed Pelicans, African Skimmers, Bradfield's Hornbills and Carmine Bee-eaters. In addition, the sunsets are spectacular.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Passports & visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer

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Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

## Booking your flights

When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. Your tour leader can help to arrange post tour accommodation locally upon request.

## Allergies/likes/dislikes

Whilst all will be done to accommodate everyone, sometimes the choice available is limited as your cook may be making the best of very limited availability, so some flexibility may be required when encountering something you're not particularly fond of or have chosen not to eat as a lifestyle choice. Should you possess allergies which will result in a medical emergency or a life threatening situation then please ensure you speak to your cook on arrival so you can discuss the options available whilst en-route. This will ensure also that they are fully aware of what you can or cannot eat and make adjustments.

## Botswana Country Guide

### Visa

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you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and South African citizens do not require a visa for entrance into Botswana.

The few countries that do require visas; mostly Eastern European and Asian Nationals, need to obtain them prior to arrival at the border. Visas are not issued at Botswana ports of entry, if you arrive without a visa, immigration officials will refuse you entry to Botswana.

The border crossings we use in Botswana include:

Muhembo (Botswana/Namibia border)  
Kazangula (Botswana/Zimbabwe or Zambia border)  
Groblerberg/Martin's Drift (South Africa/Botswana)

### Botswana Tourism Levy from 1st June 2017 - postponed until further notice

From the 1st June 2017 a tourism levy of \$30USD is payable when entering Botswana. Payment is taken at the border in US dollars cash, debit or credit card. The Levy is valid for a 30 day period and can be used for multiple entry.

Please note this Levy has been postponed until further notice.

### Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Botswana from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Rabies may also be recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in certain areas of Botswana so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting. A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is also required if travelling into Botswana and you have previously been in an infected country.

## Currency & Banking

The currency of Botswana is the Botswana Pulas (BWP) 1 Pula = 100 Thebe. Notes are in denominations of BWP10, 20, 50 and 100.

Coins are in denominations of BWP1, 50, 25, 10, 5, 1.

There are no restrictions on the import of local or foreign currencies, provided they are declared on arrival. Export of local currency is limited to BWP50 and foreign currencies up to the amount declared on arrival. It is easy to change most forms of currency including US\$, GB£, Euros and South African Rand. The best place to change money in Botswana is the bureau de changes as banks charge commission to change either cash or travellers cheques. ATMs are available in all main towns, cities, shopping centres and most petrol stations. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club are all widely accepted.

Travellers cheques should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Proof of identity may be requested in some instances, so it's useful to carry a passport or some form of photo identification. In large cities travellers cheques can incur a high surcharge.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1530, Sat 0830-1100.

## Time & Voltage

Time Zone - Botswana is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

The standard voltage is 220 - 240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type M' - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

## Climate

Botswana's climate is mainly temperate. During the summer months (October-April) the weather can be very hot with daytime temperatures of around 30 Celsius and higher. The rainy season (typically lasting from January to March) can be hot with temperatures still in the mid 30's and only dropping to around the mid 20's overnight. Winter (May-September) brings a cool change yet is still reasonably warm and mostly

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pleasant with an average temperature of around 25°C. Early mornings and evenings may be cold and frosty especially in the Kalahari region. The amount of rainfall decreases the further you travel west or southwards during the winter and rainy season months.

## Travelling with children in Botswana

The Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs informs the general public that it has imposed requirements for minors (children under 18) travelling through the country's ports of entry.

Effective from the 1st October 2016 minors travelling through the country's borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates in addition to their valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate."

To summarise the above, should families be travelling with children below the age of 18 they will require the following:

- Valid Passports
- Certified unabridged birth certificates for all minors below the age of 18
- An Affidavit signed by the non-travelling parent should the minor be travelling with one parent

Unfortunately these regulations are very strict therefore we urge all parents travelling to Africa with their children to contact all relevant embassies well prior to departure to ensure they have the correct documentation as if you do not, there is a high chance you will be denied entry.

## Zimbabwe Country Guide

### Visas

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that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA and Canadian passport holders require a visa to enter Zimbabwe, these visas are available at the border for the following costs: Australian, New Zealand and US citizens: US \$30 single/\$45 double entry visa. British and Irish is US\$55 single/\$70 double. Canadians can only obtain a single entry visa at the border for US \$75. South African passport holders can obtain a visa for free. Visas can be brought using post 2003 US\$ notes, GB£ or South African Rand.

### KAZA Visa

Zimbabwe and Zambia have re-introduced the popular, and much-awaited KAZA (Kavango-Zambezi) "Uni-Visa", which allows visitors to stay in either (or both) countries for up to 30 days for a single payment of US\$50.

The UniVisa is available at Harare, Victoria Falls, Lusaka and Livingstone International airports, the Victoria Falls land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia) and the Kazungula land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia/Botswana).

The border crossings we use in Zimbabwe include:

Kazungula (Botswana/Zimbabwe)

### Vaccinations

Seek advice from your doctor or travel clinic at least six weeks prior to departure about what vaccinations you require. Typically the list includes typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A and B (for stays over 4 weeks).

In Zimbabwe a malarial risk exists from November to June in all areas below 1200m and throughout the year in the Zambezi Valley. We strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Other precautionary measures to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

### Currency

The Zimbabwean Dollar was abandoned in April 2009. The country has adopted a multi-currency scheme; the US Dollar and South African Rand can be used for domestic transactions.

Zimbabwe is essentially a cash-only society now with ATMs pretty useless for the foreigner. Credit cards only used in a handful of places, however all major hotels will now accept this payment. We recommend bringing enough cash to cover your stay in Zimbabwe (in either USD or ZAR) especially in the smaller denominations (US\$1-20 and ZAR10 - 200) as there is always a shortage of change and shopkeepers will often refuse larger bills. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over \$1000 (or equivalent) in cash.

Zimbabwe introduced Bond Notes into circulation on 28 November 2017 which will be used alongside the US dollar and other currencies. These Bond Notes will be at a 1:1 parity with the US dollar. However, they are only legal tender within Zimbabwe and as such can only be used there. These Bond notes will be in \$2 and \$5 denominations and there will also be a new \$1 Bond coin.

Banking hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 0800-1500 , Wed 0800-1300 and Sat - 0800-1130. In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club and Visa cards are widely accepted. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at bureaux de change and banks at the official exchange rate. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over \$1000 (or equivalent). As of June 2016 it is becoming increasingly difficult to withdraw money from ATMs in Zimbabwe. There is a cash limit of \$500 per day - however a lot of banks are not replenishing the ATMs. It is strongly advised that you bring enough money with you before you enter Zimbabwe and don't rely on getting any whilst there.

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Travellers cheques are accepted at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash so do not rely upon them as your sole source of funds.

available for this tax. Please note, departure taxes are subject to change.

## Time & Voltage

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type G' - British plug, or 'Type D' - old English plug or Indian plug. You will need a voltage converter and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Zimbabwe is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

## Climate

Although located in the tropics, temperate conditions prevail all year round in Zimbabwe as the climate is moderated by altitude and the inland position of the country.

Zimbabwe has a rainy season from November/December to March, during this time days are hot and sunny with possible afternoon thunderstorms. By April and May most of the rain is gone, skies are clear and days are sunny and warm. Night time temperatures drop dramatically between June and August although daytime temperatures remain pleasantly warm. Late August sees the start of the hot and dry season which continues until October.

## Zambian Airport Departure Tax

NOTES FOR THOSE FLYING OUT OF LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT IN ZAMBIA

An airport departure tax is in place for all flights departing from Zambian airports. It will no longer be included on the ticket and will now be collected in Zambian Kwacha cash direct from the passenger. The amount payable is currently K28,000 for Domestic Flights and K56,000 for International Flights and is payable on departure from all Zambian airports. Passengers need to have ZMK cash

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