

# ZIMBABWE FACT SHEET

## LOCATION

Situated in Central Southern Africa, between the Limpopo and the Zambezi, Zimbabwe is landlocked, bounded by Zambia, Mozambique, South Africa and Botswana

**Total Area:** 390757 square kilometers

**Land:** 386670 square kilometers

**Water:** 4 087 square kilometers

**CAPITAL:** Harare

Other main cities are Bulawayo, Mutare and Gweru

## POPULATION

13 Million

## TIME ZONE

Zimbabwe is +2 Hours GMT

## PREDOMINANT LANGUAGES

English (Official), Shona and Ndebele

## WEATHER

### December to March

Normally the rainy season with warm to hot days, mild to warm evenings Light clothing and rainwear

### April and May

Mainly sunny, warm days with cool to cold evenings pack a jersey for the evenings

### June to August

Mild, sunny days but can be distinctly cold in the evenings A jersey or anorak is strongly recommended

### September

Pleasant sunny days may need a jersey for the evenings

### October to December

Hot sunny days with high temperatures Nights are warm Light clothing

## **TRANSPORT**

**FLIGHTS:** Domestic flights run between the main cities

**ROADS:** Excellent road network

**DOCUMENTATION:** IDP is required and vehicle identification

**BUS:** Services are provided in most parts of the country

**RAIL:** Daily between the main cities

## **Passengers & Flight Enquiries**

**Harare** Tel +263-4-575111  
**Bulawayo** Tel +263-9-226491/2  
**Hwange/Dete** Tel +263-18-287 or 393  
**Kariba** Tel +263-61-2914  
**Victoria Falls** Tel +263-13-4250 or 4552

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Zimbabwe has three cellular network operators through which roaming facilities are available. If you wish to bring your cellular telephone along, it is advisable to check with your local cellular provider as to whether or not they have roaming facilities in Zimbabwe. Pay as you go cards are also available from the cellular companies in Zimbabwe.

## **ELECTRICITY**

220/240 Volts AC; 50 Hz

## **RELIGIONS**

Majority Christianity; Hindu and Muslim minorities. Traditional beliefs in rural areas.

## **BANKING HOURS**

0800 -1500 Monday to Friday

0800 -1130 Saturday

## **MONEY WIRING SERVICES**

Western Union: Available

Moneygram: Available

## **FOOD AND DRINK**

Piped water in urban areas is considered safe to drink Normal precautions should be observed with food All fruit and vegetables should be peeled before consumption

## **HEALTH MATTERS**

Yellow fever: Vaccination recommended

## **SHOPPING HOURS**

Monday to Friday 0800 to 1700hrs

Saturday 0800 to 1300hrs

A number of smaller shops stay open until later and many suburban supermarkets are open on Sunday morning In tourist areas most curio shops or markets are open all day and all week Throughout Zimbabwe many roadside markets sell hand made curios and carvings with a wide variety to choose from

## **PASSPORT INFORMATION**

Valid passport required by all with at least 6 months from date of entry Return Ticket Required Requirements may change at short notice Contact the nearest Zimbabwe Embassy before departure

## **VISA INFORMATION**

Contact the Zimbabwean diplomatic representative near you in order to obtain up to date information on visa requirements

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Indecent film and publications, ammunition, narcotic drugs, etc.

## LOCAL TOURIST INFORMATION

### Zimbabwe Tourism Authority

PO Box CY 286

Causeway

Harare

Zimbabwe

Tel: (4) 752570, 758730/34

Fax: (4) 758826/28

Email: [marketing@ztazim.co.zw](mailto:marketing@ztazim.co.zw)

Website: [www.zimbabwetourism.co.zw](http://www.zimbabwetourism.co.zw)

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Medical Air Rescue Services

24 hour country wide service

	Tel +263-4-737086
	Tel +263-4-739687
<b>Harare</b>	Tel +263-4-739642 / 3
	Tel +263-4-727540
	Fax +263-4-734517
<b>Bulawayo</b>	Tel +263-9-78946 / +263-9-60351
<b>Mutare</b>	Tel +263-20-64647
<b>Victoria Falls</b>	Tel +263-13-4764
<b>General emergencies</b>	Tel 999
<b>Police</b>	Tel 995
<b>Ambulance</b>	Tel 994
<b>Fire</b>	Tel 993

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2010

**1 Jan** New Year's Day.

**2 Apr** Good Friday.

**5 Apr** Easter Monday.

**18 Apr** Independence Day.

**1 May** Workers' Day.

**25 May** Africa Day.

**9 Aug** Heroes' Day.

**10 Aug** Defence Forces Day.

**22 Dec** Unity Day.

**25 Dec** Christmas Day.

**26 Dec** Boxing Day.

## **MAJOR EXPORTS BY CATEGORY**

### **Agriculture**

- Tobacco
- Sugar
- Horticulture
- Beef
- Coffee

### **Minerals**

- Asbestos
- Nickel
- Platinum
- Gold
- Black Granite
- Diamonds

### **Manufactured Products**

- Ferro-Alloys
- Cotton Lint
- Iron & Steel
- Textiles

## **MAJOR EXPORT PARTNERS**

- Germany
- United Kingdom
- South Africa
- Japan
- China
- United States of America

## **MAJOR IMPORT PARTNERS**

- South Africa
- Mozambique
- DR Congo
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Germany

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Commissioner General Zimbabwe**

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Mt. Pleasant Business park  
PO Box 2738  
Harare  
Zimbabwe  
**Tel:** + 263 4 369330/43  
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**Email:** [info@zimtrade.co.zw](mailto:info@zimtrade.co.zw)

### **Important Addresses**

#### **Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe in Canada**

332 Somerset Street West  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 0J9  
Canada  
**Tel:** 613-421-2824  
**Fax:** 613-422-7403  
**Email:** [info@zimottawa.com](mailto:info@zimottawa.com)  
**Website:** [www.zimottawa.com](http://www.zimottawa.com)

#### **Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe**

80 S. Machel Avenue  
PO Box 1283  
Harare  
Zimbabwe  
**Tel:** +263 4 215871, 703096  
**Email:** [dnaicker@rbz.co.zw](mailto:dnaicker@rbz.co.zw)

#### **Ministry of Industry & International Trade**

13<sup>th</sup> Floor Mukwati Building  
Livingstone Avenue  
Harare  
Zimbabwe  
**Tel:** +263 4 775501, 796489  
**Fax:** +263 4 704116

#### **Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce**

Malawi House  
42-44 Harare Street  
Harare  
Zimbabwe  
**Tel:** +263 4 749335, 749816  
**Fax:** +263 4 750375  
**Email:** [info@zncchq.co.zw](mailto:info@zncchq.co.zw)

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### **Zimbabwe Investment Centre**

109 Rotten Row

Harare

Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 757931/6, 780140/6

**Fax:** +263 4 757937

**Email:** [info@zic.co.zw](mailto:info@zic.co.zw)

### **Confederation of Zimbabwean Industries**

31 J. Chinamano Avenue

Harare

Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 251494/9, 252421

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### **Export Processing Zones Authority**

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Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 755702, 756170

**Fax:** +263 4 736484

**Email:** [administrator@epz.co.zw](mailto:administrator@epz.co.zw)

### **Immigration Department**

Liquenda House

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P. Bag 7717

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Harare

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