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## 14 Day Private Guided Zimbabwe

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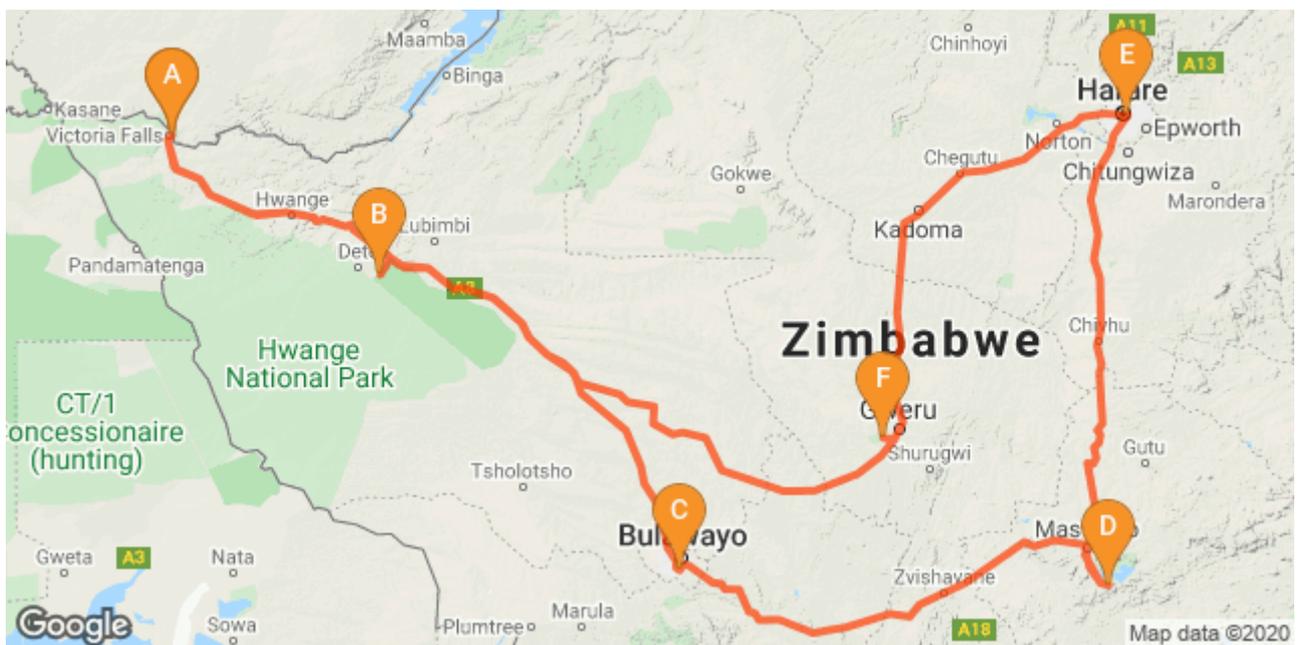


## Zimbabwe

*Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Bulawayo - Masvingo - Harare - Antelope Park*

*14 Days / 13 Nights*

**2021 / 2022**



## Introduction

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Accommodation	Destination	Duration
The Kingdom Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	<b>3 Nights</b>
Hwange Safari Lodge	Hwange National Park	<b>2 Nights</b>
Travellers Guest House	Bulawayo	<b>2 Nights</b>
Lodge at the Ancient City	Masvingo	<b>2 Nights</b>
Holiday Inn Harare	Harare	<b>2 Nights</b>
Antelope Park	Antelope Park	<b>1 Night</b>
The Kingdom Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	<b>1 Night</b>

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**TOUR Price from: € 3,655 / ZAR 63,464 pro person sharing based on 2 travellers**

**€4,385 / ZAR 76,140 single person**

## Day 1: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Day Itinerary

Meet and greet at Victoria Falls airport and transfer to hotel for check in.

Sunset cruise on the luxury deck of Zambezi Explorer (incl. return transfers, river usage fee, drinks and snacks on the boat) Incl. transfers from Victoria Falls airport to hotel of choice

**Overnight at The Kingdom at Victoria Falls/Elephant Hills Resort in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

### Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

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## Day 2: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at hotel

Morning guided falls tour on the Zimbabwean side incl. entry fees, rest of day at rest or optional activities available upon request.

**Overnight at The Kingdom at Victoria Falls/Elephant Hills Resort in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

## Day 3: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at hotel

Day at rest or optional activities available upon request

**Overnight at The Kingdom at Victoria Falls/Elephant Hills Resort in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

## Day 4: Hwange Safari Lodge, Hwange National Park (Mon, 21 December)

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at hotel and road transfer to Hwange Safari Lodge (scheduled transfer), Afternoon game drive incl park fees. Lunch and dinner on own account

**Accommodation at Hwange Safari Lodge in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

### Hwange National Park

Situated in western Zimbabwe, the Hwange National Park is the country's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides a sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. The park's magnificent terrain ranges from desert dunes, savannah lands and mopane woodlands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests. Visitors can look forward to game drives, guided walks or horse riding safaris. Other highlights include: the Bumbusi National Monument and the Nyamandhlovu Pan.

### Overnight: Hwange Safari Lodge

Hwange Safari Lodge caters for a diverse range of individuals and groups from the lone adventurer to couples, families and tour groups. It offers comfort, modern conveniences and the opportunity to experience the real African wild. Guests soon learn that this is the home of the wildlife they have come to see but that they, and the Lodge, are guests of the real owners of the land, the elephants, rhino, lions and giraffes.




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## Day 5: Hwange Safari Lodge, Hwange National Park

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at lodge

Full day game drive incl. park fees, and lunch, Dinner clients own account

**Accommodation at Hwange Safari Lodge in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

## Day 6: Travellers Guest House, Bulawayo

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at lodge, check out and visit the painted dog project. Afterwards road transfer to Bulawayo.

Check in at Travellers Lodge. Afternoon city tour of Bulawayo, where you will be taken on a drive through the city as well as visit the National Natural Museum

**Accommodation in a standard room on Dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Travellers Lodge**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle and entrance fees for places visited on city tour**

### Bulawayo

Situated in the heart of Matabeleland in southwestern Zimbabwe, Bulawayo is the country's second-largest city. It is named after the royal kraal of Mizilikazi - founder of the Matabele Nation. This historic city features wide tree-lined avenues bordered by colonial-style buildings. It serves as a gateway to the nearby Matobo National Park - a highlight of the area- home to abundant wildlife and plant life. Visitors can look forward to a variety of museums including the country's main museum, the natural history museum; as well as exploring the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage and discover the ancient Kame Ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site as it is one of southern Africa's magnificent Late Iron Age ruins.

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### Overnight: Travellers Guest House

At Travellers Guest House, a friendly smile and efficient service accompany our exceedingly comfortable and attractive rooms with spotless en-suites. Enjoy charming décor and delicious food in a lush, tropical garden setting.




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## Day 7: Travellers Guest House, Bulawayo (Thu, 24 December)

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at lodge

You will be picked up for a full day tour of Matobo game drive incl rhino tracking . Matobo Hills is an area of mighty granite whalebacks, ancient rock paintings of the vanished bushmen and Rhodes grave at The View of The World, packed lunch included

**Accommodation in a standard room on Dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Travellers Lodge**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

## Day 8: Lodge at the Ancient City, Masvingo (Fri, 25 December)

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### Day Itinerary

Breakfast at lodge.

Check out and transfer by road to Great Zimbabwe, with rest of day at leisure

**Check in at Lodge at The Ancient City in a standard room on Dinner bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

### Masvingo

Situated in southeastern Zimbabwe, the capital of Masvingo Province, Masvingo town was formerly known as Fort Victoria. It is located in close proximity to the Unesco-listed Great Zimbabwe National Monument, the ruins of an ancient city of mysterious origins that dates back thousands of years and shows evidence of an advanced civilisation. Masvingo serves as an excellent base from which to explore the attractions in the surrounding region including Lake Mutirikwi Recreational Park, the Kyle Dam and the Kyle National Reserve, home to abundant wildlife. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the nearby Mushandike National Park, known for its natural landscapes.

### Overnight: Lodge at the Ancient City

Take a few steps back in time to the era of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe when you enter the luxury Lodge at the Ancient City. The Lodge evokes the splendour and mystery of the Great Zimbabwe Monument - the famous remains of the city that once housed a thriving African civilisation. The colonial government used to refer to it as the Zimbabwe Ruins.

Harare and Bulawayo in Zimbabwe are both a 3 hours' drive from the Lodge at the Ancient City.

Built on a granite outcrop, the Lodge at the Ancient City has sweeping views of a valley filled with trees, and faces in the direction of the Great Zimbabwe monument, so that you can see the Great Enclosure with its famous Conical Tower from the Hotel. Lake Mutirikwi, the third largest man-made dam in Zimbabwe, can also be seen. The main complex and guest lodges at the lodge are built from stone and thatch, with structures of granite stonewalling capturing the atmosphere of Zimbabwe's oldest UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The lodge can accommodate 48 guests in luxurious chalets decorated in such a way that you might feel as if you were an African emperor in a previous life. There are 4 family chalets, each accommodating 4 guests (extra beds can be arranged), as well as 14 chalets with twin or double beds. The chalets are all en-suite, equipped with bath, shower, toilet and basin. Square 13A 220V sockets are provided.

At night the firelight and soft mbira music at the Lodge at the Ancient City create a magical atmosphere. You can enjoy Table d'hôte meals in the open-air summer house, or, if the weather in Zimbabwe is not pleasant, in the thatched dining hall. Huge granite boulders, characteristic of the geology of many parts of Zimbabwe, form part of the lounge and bar at the Lodge of the Ancient City.

Activities revolve around the Great Zimbabwe Monument. Expert guides based at the Lodge offer a variety of explorative excursions to the famous Zimbabwe Ruins where they explain the origins and history and eventual decline of the city, the various trading routes as well as religious and social practices of the once thriving community. Game drives and walks in the nearby Lake Mutirikwi Recreational Park, sunset cruises on Lake Mutirikwi, as well as drives into the tribal areas surrounding the Great Zimbabwe site are also offered at the lodge.

In addition to a swimming pool, gift shop and laundry, the Lodge at the Ancient City offers well-equipped conference facilities for a maximum of 40 delegates. The Lodge at the Ancient City is an exceptional and unusual wedding venue and can accommodate up to 120 wedding guests. Airport transfers can also be arranged.




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## Day 9: Lodge at the Ancient City, Masvingo (Sat, 26 December)

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### Day Itinerary

#### Breakfast Lodge

After breakfast you will be picked up for a guided tour of Zimbabwe Ruins. You will get to explore the largest ancient complex south of the Sahara, it's great enclosure and hill complex. You will have lunch at Great Zimbabwe Hotel (excl drinks). After lunch drive to scenic Mutirikwe Dam or Kyle Game reserve and includes sunset cruise.

**Overnight at Lodge at The Ancient City in a standard room on Dinner bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

**Day 10:      Holiday Inn Harare, Harare      (Sun, 27 December)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Breakfast at Lodge

After breakfast , depart by road to Harare . Harare is the country’s capital city and gate way to many attractions.

**Check in at Holiday Inn Harare in a standard single room on Bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

### **Harare**

Zimbabwe’s capital city is the country’s most cosmopolitan and contemporary destination, dotted with restaurants and bars, shops and markets. Its proud historical and cultural heritage is reflected in several well-preserved old buildings and informative museums, while its many parks and gardens provide a pleasant contrast to the bustling urban sectors. Located within easy reach of the city centre are the Mukuvisi Woodlands, comprising over 250 hectares of natural wilderness, while The Kopje – a rocky hill to the southwest of Harare – offers great views over the city. Other city highlights include: the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Museum of Human Sciences, the Chapungu Sculpture Park, and the National Botanic Garden.

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### **Overnight: Holiday Inn Harare**

Holiday Inn Harare is located on the perimeter of the city’s central business district and is 15 km away from Harare International Airport. Guests are sure to enjoy comfortable, spacious rooms that feature Wi-Fi access, a television and air conditioning. Guests may enjoy delicious meals at the onsite restaurant as well as unwind with a refreshing drink at the bar. The hotel also offers an outdoor swimming pool and a business centre.



**Day 11:      Holiday Inn Harare, Harare      (Mon, 28 December)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Breakfast at Hotel

After breakfast you will be picked up for a guided tour of Harare. This tour includes National art gallery, Harare gardens, Kopje area, Queen Victoria Museum

**Check in at Holiday Inn Harare in a standard single room on Bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

## **Day 12: Antelope Park, Antelope Park (Tue, 29 December)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Breakfast at hotel

After breakfast , check out and embark on a road transfer to the City of Gweru, lunch at own cost. Check in at Antelope Park, thereafter you will be taken on a sunset game drive .

**Overnight at Antelope Park in a standard en suite tent on dinner , bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

### **Antelope Park**

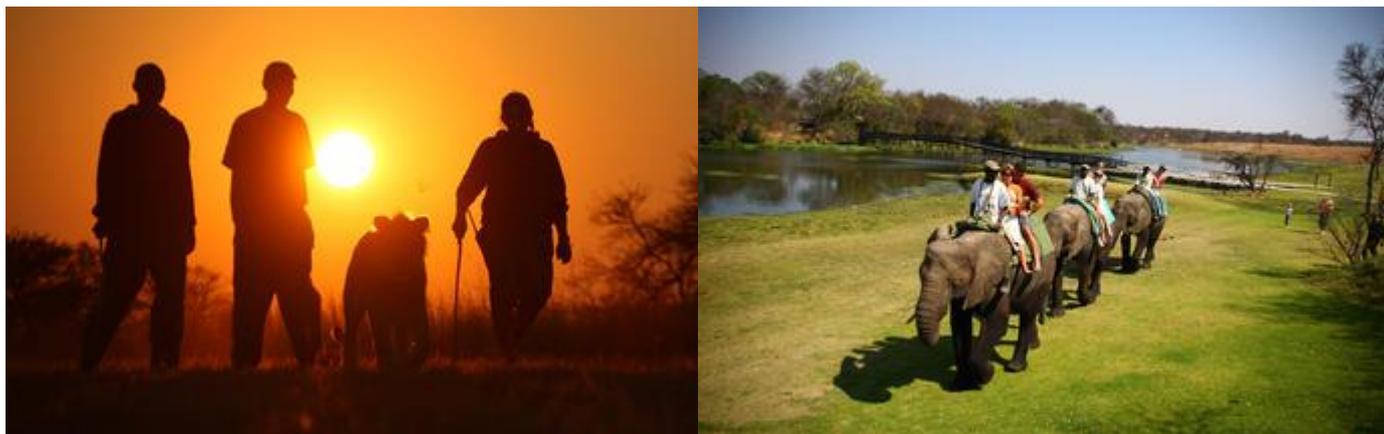
Located in central Zimbabwe, stretching over vast savannah grasslands, Antelope Park is a unique game reserve and the country's premier private wildlife park. Set in the African bush, the park offers visitors picturesque views and is known for its ecotourism. It is home to a world-famous lion rehabilitation centre. Popular activities include: camping, horse riding, fishing, boating, bird watching, canoeing, day and night game drives, feeding and walking with lions, elephant encounters, and magnificent sunset boat cruises. The park is home to over 20 mammal species, including wildebeest, giraffe, kudu, impala, hartebeest and zebra, as well as 150 different species of bird including vultures, rollers, sunbirds and hornbills.

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### **Overnight: Antelope Park**

There is an earnest exquisiteness to the place that we call home. Set on over 3000 acres of open savannah grassland, Antelope Park is a unique game reserve and a haven of tranquillity set in the African bush. It gives us great pleasure to welcome guests and volunteer eco-tourists alike to Antelope Park. We have a wide range of accommodation options available, our facilities are extensive and our staff are here and on hand to ensure that your every need is attended to. We also have an array of activities on offer; walk with lions, ride through the wilderness on elephant or horseback, view the abundance of wildlife in the Park or canoe on the scenic lake. During the evening, our World Exclusive Night Encounters offer a truly amazing, close up experience of lions hunting in their natural environment. Alternatively, you can simply gather around the camp fire and enjoy an evening of gazing into the stars.

We are the ideal destination for weekend getaways, day visits, weddings and special events, as well as conferences, team building and similar educational based programmes. We can accommodate over 100 people at any one time, we have a team of professional and extremely proactive persons who will strive to ensure that your expectations are met and exceeded at every opportunity.




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**Day 13:      The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe      (Wed, 30 December)**

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**Day Itinerary**

Packed breakfast , check out and early road transfer to Victoria Falls. Lunch and dinner for own account.

**Overnight at The Kingdom at Victoria Falls/Elephant Hills Resort in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis**

**Included in this day are Driver guide and vehicle**

**Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

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**Day 14: End of Itinerary (Thu, 31 December)**

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**Day Itinerary**

Breakfast at hotel

Check out and transfer to Victoria Falls Airport

## Travel Information



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

Zimbabwe uses its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar. No other currency is accepted. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

#### **Banking**

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

### ***Climate and Weather***

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February and March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April and May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July and August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season' – days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September and October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose-fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year-round. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

***Electricity and Plug Standards***

Electrical sockets in the Republic of Zimbabwe are Type G (BS-1363) and Type C (CEE 7/16 Europlug) and Type D (BS-546). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets usually supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 230 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn't compatible with 230 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.

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