## **Country Profile: Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa, bordered by the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers. The official language is English; however, the majority of the population speaks Shona. Despite a new unity government that was formed in February 2009 amid renewed optimism for change, and although the country offers popular tourist facilities in Victoria Falls, Great Zimbabwe, and selected game parks, much of country's infrastructure has collapsed, and Americans should carefully evaluate the decision to travel to Zimbabwe at this time. Read the Department of State <a href="Background Notes on Zimbabwe">Background Notes on Zimbabwe</a> for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Zimbabwe
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Harare
Boundary Countries:	Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Harare, Bulawayo, Chitungwiza
Country Size:	390,580 sq km
Population:	12,236,805

## **COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language:	English (official), Shona, Sindebele (the language of the Ndebele, sometimes called Ndebele), numerous but minor tribal dialects
Currency:	Zimbabwean dollar (ZWD)
Predominant Religions:	syncretic (part Christian, part indigenous beliefs) 50%, Christian 25%, indigenous beliefs 24%, Muslim and other 1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 18 April (1980)
Economic Status:	Zimbabwe is a developing landlocked country in southern Africa. The government of Zimbabwe faces a wide variety of difficult economic problems as it struggles with an unsustainable fiscal deficit, an overvalued exchange rate, soaring inflation, and bare shelves.
Security:	Zimbabwe Defense Forces (ZDF): Zimbabwe National Army, Air Force of Zimbabwe (AFZ), Zimbabwe Republic Police
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Harare 2 Lorraine Drive, Bluffhill Harare, Zimbabwe Tel: 263 867 701
Major Airports:	Airports: 403, Airports w/paved runways: 17

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