



## Country Profile: Zambia

Zambia is a developing country in southern Africa. Tourist facilities outside of the capital, Lusaka, Livingstone (Victoria Falls), and well-known game parks are not fully developed. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Zambia for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Zambia
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Lusaka
Boundary Countries:	Angola, Democractic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Lusaka, Livingstone, Chipata, Kabwe, Solwezi, Kitwe, Ndola, Kasama, Mpulungu, Mufulira, Kapiri Mposhi, Mongu
Country Size:	752,614 sq km
Population:	11,669,534

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English (official), major vernaculars - Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga, and about 70 other indigenous languages
Currency:	Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)
Predominant Religions:	Christian 50%-75%, Muslim and Hindu 24%-49%, indigenous beliefs 1%
National Holidays:	Independence day, 24 October (1964)
Economic Status:	Zambia's economy has experienced modest growth in recent years, with real GDP growth in 2005-07 between 5-6% per year. Privatization of government-owned copper mines in the 1990s relieved the government from covering mammoth losses generated by the industry and greatly improved the chances for copper mining to return to profitability and spur economic growth. Although poverty continues to be significant problem in Zambia, its economy has strengthened, featuring single-digit inflation, a relatively stable currency, decreasing interest rates, and increasing levels of trade.
Security:	<p>Zambian National Defense Force (ZNDF): Zambian Army, Zambian Air Force, National Service</p> <p>U.S. citizens are advised to exercise caution when traveling in northern Luapula Province and in areas of the Northern Province adjacent to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Although a cease-fire is currently in effect, the DRC is not yet stable and uncontrolled militias operate in the eastern DRC. In the past, armed gunmen have occasionally attacked vehicles near the DRC-Zambian border. Land mines and unexploded ordnance along the western, southern, and eastern borders make off-road travel to those areas potentially hazardous. For these reasons, the U.S. Embassy discourages travelers from driving off-road or on remote</p>

	little-used tracks near the borders with DRC and Angola. American citizens who must drive in these areas are encouraged to drive in convoy and to carry satellite telephones. U.S. citizens should avoid political rallies and street demonstrations and maintain security awareness at all times.
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#"><u>U.S. Embassy in Lusaka</u></a> Eastern end of Kabulonga Road Ibex Hill Lusaka, Zambia Phone: +260 (0) 211-357-000
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 107, Airports w/paved runways: 9 Lusaka Airport, Zambia, National Airports Corporation Ltd, PO Box 30175, 10101 Lusaka International Airport, ZAMBIA Tel: +260 (0)1 271044, +260 (0)1 271313 Fax: (Head Office MD) +260 (0)1 224777, (Airport Services) +260 (0)1 271292 Email: naclmd@zamnet.zmwww.nacl.co.zm Website: www.lun.aero or Livingstone Airport, Zambia, PO Box 60199, Livingstone, ZAMBIA Tel: +260 (0)3 324235

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