

## **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 kilometres

**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.

## **CURRENCY**

Zimbabwe Dollar (Z\$) = 100 cents

Visitors may bring any amount of foreign currency in bank notes and travellers cheque. Visitors no longer need to declare the amount on entry to Zimbabwe.

## **Exchange rate**

1 USD = Z\$250 (*May 2007*)

## **CREDIT CARDS**

International credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Some banks have ATM machines where visitors can use their international credit cards. Please check with your bank if you can use your ATM card in Zimbabwe. Travellers Cheques can be cashed at the bank.

## **MONEY WIRING SERVICES**

Western Union: 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

## **AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX**

Most airlines now include this sum in the price of the ticket; please check if this has been included on your ticket.

## **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.

## **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.

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

### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2008**

New Year's Day 1 January  
Good Friday 21 March  
Easter Sunday 23 March  
Easter Monday 24 March  
Independence Day 18 April  
Worker's Day 1 May  
Africa Day 25 May  
Heroes Day 8 August  
Defence Force Day 9 August  
National Unity Day 22 December  
Christmas Day 25 December  
Boxing Day 26 December

### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

GDP (Gross Domestic Product) 2006 USD 5.54 Billion Dollars  
Per Capita income 2006 USD 472 dollars

## **MAJOR EXPORTS BY CATEGORY**

### **Agriculture**

- . Tobacco
- . Sugar
- . Horticulture
- . Beef
- . Coffee

### **Minerals**

- . Asbestos
- . Nickel
- . Platinum
- . Gold
- . Black Granite

### **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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### **Important Addresses**

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

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Ottawa, Ontario  
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Canada  
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**Fax:** 613-563-8269  
**Email:** [zim@zimembassy-can.org](mailto:zim@zimembassy-can.org)  
**Website:** [www.zimembassy-can.org](http://www.zimembassy-can.org)

#### **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  
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**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)

#### **Zimbabwe Tourism Authority**

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**Zimbabwe Investment Centre**

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

**Confederation of Zimbabwean Industries**

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**Export Processing Zones Authority**

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