



Population: 18 million with a broad cultural diversity



Languages: Kinyarwanda, French, English



Size: 752,000km². The size of Germany, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland & Hungary combined.



Time Zone: 00:00 | GMT/ UTC +1



Currency: Local: Kwacha
International: USD | GBP | Euro | ZAR



National Bird: Fish Eagle



Inbound Airlines: Emirates | Kenya Airways | Ethiopian Airlines | South African Airways | SA Airlink | Rwandair | Air Tanzania

Capital city: Lusaka



CLIMATE

Zambia experiences two main seasons: :

May - September: Winter, cold mornings & evenings with lovely daytime temperatures. Peak time to travel

October: Beginning of summer & the hottest month with temperatures of c.40°C.

November - April: Summer. Rain provides relief from the heat. Great light for photography and parks are quieter. Most camps are closed but many lodges open.



Peak temperatures can hit 40°C in October in the day

Dry season: May - October
Be aware that May - end July can have very cold mornings and evenings. Perfect for camp fires.



November - March
Rains. Humidity is high in November and drops as the months progress.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Victoria Falls Flow

April / May: The Falls at it's fullest with magnificent spray. No access to devils pool. Angels pool may also be closed depending on water height

November: The Falls are a trickle. Devils and Angels pool open

N'Cwala Ceremony

February | Annual | Chipata

A thanksgiving ceremony celebrating the first harvest of the season & the Ngoni people commemorate their victories during the tribal wars when migrating from South Africa.

Carmine Bee Eater migration

August- October | Annual

A spectacular occurrence. Arriving to nest in the dry banks of the Luangwa & Zambezi Rivers. Many camps have hides for great photo opportunities.

Fruit Bat Migration

Oct - Dec | Annual | Kasanka NP

The biggest mammal migration in the world. Up to 10million fruit bats descend on Kasanka NP to feed on the abundance of wild berries & fruit.

Victoria Falls Lunar Rainbow Monthly | Livingstone

Can occur at every full moon depending on cloud cover. Best in May and June.

Livingstone International Cultural & Arts Festival

March | Annual | Livingstone

Watch Zambia's best cultural group's stage panoramic dances from all 10 provinces of Zambia. Traditional cuisine on offer and a flamboyant street carnival.

Kuomboka Ceremony

April | Annual |

The biggest & best known traditional ceremony in Zambia. Kuomboka is an ancient ritual of the Lozi people marking the movement of the king from the palace in the flood plains to the palace on the higher land, paddled in 2 huge canoes by 50 oarsman.

Wildebeest Migration

Nov-Dec | Annual | Liuwa NP

The second largest wildebeest migration in Africa with between 40,000-50,000 individuals migrating within the broader Liuwa system, moving between the numerous pans following seasonal burns & flooding