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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Zimbabwe as a tourist. This can usually be obtained upon arrival at the port of entry and generally allows a stay of up to 30 days in Zimbabwe. The cost of a visa is US\$30 for single entry and US\$45 for double entry, travellers should carry small denominations of US dollars when entering and exiting Zimbabwe. Those also travelling to Zambia and entering through specific ports may be eligible to apply for a Kaza visa on arrival, which covers entry into both countries. Travellers are recommended to have at least two blank pages and six months validity on their passport from the date they intend to depart Zimbabwe, as well as documentary evidence of their onward/return travel arrangements and their ability to financially maintain themselves for the duration of their stay. Alternatively travellers may apply for a visa prior to departure from the Embassy of Zimbabwe in Canberra. Travellers are recommended to contact a Zimbabwean mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to receive a visa upon arrival in Zimbabwe (especially those under 18 years of age).

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a traveller's individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Zimbabwe. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against rabies (particularly if working with animals) and typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Zimbabwe. Cholera is reported in Zimbabwe but vaccination is generally not recommended. Care with food and beverage selection is far more important. There is a high risk of malaria in Zimbabwe and dengue fever also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti-malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Do not swim in fresh water to avoid exposure to diseases such as schistosomiasis (bilharzia).

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Zimbabwe should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Current Travel Advice from DFAT

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise a high degree of caution in Zimbabwe due to the risk of crime and the possibility of civil unrest and political violence. Pay close attention to your personal security at all times. Political demonstrations can occur across Zimbabwe and become violent. The security situation could deteriorate quickly. See [Safety and security](#). The US dollar is the most commonly used currency in Zimbabwe. In 2016, Zimbabwe introduced new 'Bond Notes' which have the same value as the US dollar. There is a cash crisis in Zimbabwe. Authorities have blocked international debit cards from making cash withdrawals from ATMs. Take sufficient cash to cover your needs for the duration of your stay. Check with hotels and other providers whether they accept card payments, especially outside of Harare. See [Safety and security](#).

The current economic issues in Zimbabwe are contributing to an increase in crime and theft. Security risks are heightened at night. Some robberies have taken place during the day, particularly in high density urban areas. See [Safety and security](#). The European Union has banned Air Zimbabwe flights to the EU due to safety standards issues. See [Local travel](#). Road conditions in Zimbabwe are poor. Accidents are common. Drive carefully. Avoid driving at night. Sometimes there are fuel shortages. See [Local travel](#). Health services in Zimbabwe are poor. Make sure you have comprehensive travel insurance that covers you for medical evacuation. On 6 September 2018, local authorities declared a cholera outbreak in Harare. See [Health](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Zimbabwe at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Zimbabwean Representation in Australia

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O'MALLEY ACT 2606
Tel: (02) 6286 2700
Fax: (02) 6290 1680
Web: www.zimembassycanberra.org.au



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Time Differences between Zimbabwe and Australia

Zimbabwe is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Zimbabwe is called Central Africa Time (CAT).

Zimbabwe, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 6pm; Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Zimbabwe, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Zimbabwe: +263

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
 00 98960 (not available from payphones)

Travelex Card Services:
 Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
 Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
 Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
 Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:
 All - 999
 Ambulance - 994
 Fire - 993
 Police - 995

The emergency services should have English speaking staff. If not, you should have a Zimbabwean call on your behalf, or contact the Australian Embassy.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Zimbabwe

Australian Embassy, Zimbabwe

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 Borrowdale
 HARARE

Tel: (+263 4) 853 235 55
 Fax: (+263 4) 870 566

Web: www.zimbabwe.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Zimbabwe are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Harare, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Zimbabwe and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Zimbabwe:

Alcohol: 5 litres of alcoholic beverages (only 2 litres of which may be spirits).
 Other Goods: Up to a value of US\$300.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors)

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. The Zimbabwean limits are only applicable once per month. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Zimbabwe and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Zimbabwean customs please visit www.zimra.co.zw, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.border.gov.au.

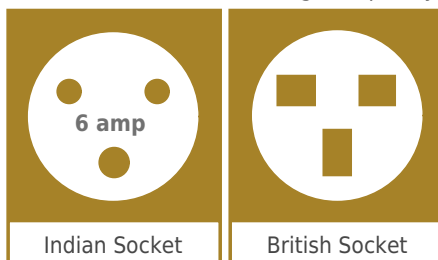
Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: British and Indian (old British).

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: South African and British.

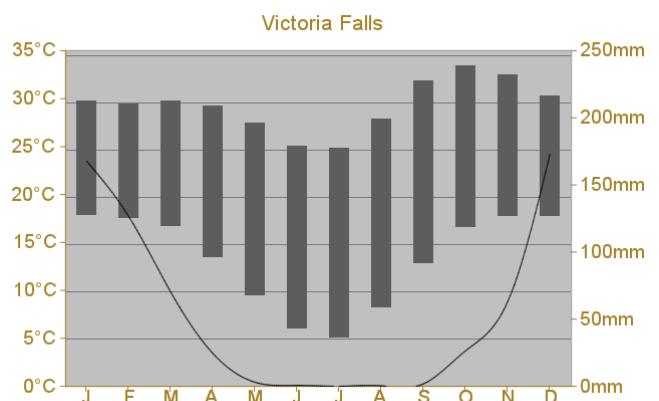
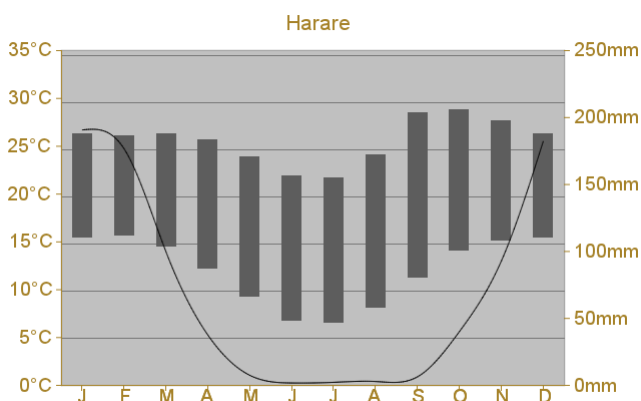
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information, go to www.korjo.com.au.



Zimbabwean Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Years Day	25 May:	Africa Day
21 Feb:	Mugabe Youth Day	13 Aug:	Heroes' Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	14 Aug:	Defence Forces Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	22 Dec:	Unity Day
18 Apr:	Independence Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
01 May:	Workers' Day	26 Dec:	Boxing Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Zimbabwe



For local forecasts please go to www.weather.co.zw or www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.72 US Dollars
 1 US Dollar (USD) = 1.39 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 0.69 US Dollars
 1 US Dollar (USD) will cost 1.45 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

\$0.50 USD = \$0.72 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.			
\$1 USD	= \$1.45 AUD	\$10 USD	= \$14.46 AUD	\$100 USD	= \$144.61 AUD
\$2 USD	= \$2.89 AUD	\$20 USD	= \$28.92 AUD	\$200 USD	= \$289.22 AUD
\$3 USD	= \$4.34 AUD	\$30 USD	= \$43.38 AUD	\$300 USD	= \$433.83 AUD
\$4 USD	= \$5.78 AUD	\$40 USD	= \$57.84 AUD	\$400 USD	= \$578.44 AUD
\$5 USD	= \$7.23 AUD	\$50 USD	= \$72.31 AUD	\$500 USD	= \$723.05 AUD
\$6 USD	= \$8.68 AUD	\$60 USD	= \$86.77 AUD	\$600 USD	= \$867.67 AUD
\$7 USD	= \$10.12 AUD	\$70 USD	= \$101.23 AUD	\$700 USD	= \$1,012.28 AUD
\$8 USD	= \$11.57 AUD	\$80 USD	= \$115.69 AUD	\$800 USD	= \$1,156.89 AUD
\$9 USD	= \$13.01 AUD	\$90 USD	= \$130.15 AUD	\$900 USD	= \$1,301.50 AUD
				\$1,000 USD	= \$1,446.11 AUD

Zimbabwean Currency

The Zimbabwean dollar has been removed from circulation indefinitely. The most commonly used currencies for day to day transactions are the US dollar, the South African rand and the Botswanan pula (near the Botswanan border). In November 2016 Zimbabwe introduced \$1, \$2 and \$5 bond coins and notes that trade at par with the US\$.

Travellers cheques and credit/debit cards are not widely accepted in Zimbabwe. Although it is possible to withdraw cash from some ATMs, you should not rely on this service being available throughout the country. It is illegal to exchange foreign currency anywhere other than at officially licensed dealers (eg banks). The following images are for the US currency in general, travellers to Zimbabwe should carry small denomination notes as change is rarely available. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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About Zimbabwe

Full Name: Republic of Zimbabwe (formally Rhodesia).
Independence: 18 April 1980 from the UK (officially recognised).
Size: 390,757 sq km (half the size of NSW).
Population: 13 million (55% the size of Australia).
 Harare (capital) - 1.6 million. Other main cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Masvingo & Gweru.
Language: English is the official language. The indigenous languages of Shona & Ndebele are also spoken.
Religion Syncretic (Christian/Indigenous mixture) 50%, Christian 25%, Indigenous beliefs 24%.
GDP Per Capita: US\$600 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:
 Pre 1830 - Ndebele and Shona peoples inhabit Zimbabwe.
 1830's - European hunters, traders and missionaries explore the region of Zimbabwe.
 1889 - Cecil Rhodes's British South Africa Company (BSAC) receives a British mandate to colonise the region.
 1890 - First white settlers found Harare (then Salisbury).
 1922 - Settlers opt to become a self governing British colony.
 1965 - Rhodesia rebels, declaring independence under white minority rule and sparking a guerrilla war.
 1980 - Peace agreement and a new constitution ends white minority rule. Robert Mugabe elected to power.
 2000 - Mugabe initiates white farm seizures, worsening food shortages, economic meltdown and autocratic rule.

