



Zambia

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Best Places to Stay

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- ➔ Stanley Safari Lodge (p987)
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Best Off the Beaten Path

- ➔ Shiwa Ng'andu (p990)
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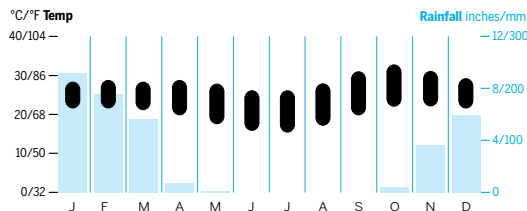
Why Go?

Get out into the bush where animals, both predators and prey, wander through unfenced camps, where nighttime means swapping stories around the fire, where one day you can canoe down a wide, placid river and the next raft through the raging rapids near world-famous Victoria Falls, and where the human footprint is nowhere to be seen. The rewards of travelling in Zambia are those of exploring remote, mesmerising wilderness as full of an astonishing diversity of wildlife as any part of Southern Africa.

Though Zambia is landlocked, three great rivers, the Kafue, the Luangwa and the Zambezi, flow through the country, defining both its geography and the rhythms of life for many of its people. For the independent traveller, however, Zambia is a logistical challenge, due to its sheer size, dilapidated road network and upmarket facilities. For those who do venture here, the relative lack of crowds means an even more satisfying journey.

When to Go

Lusaka



Late-May–early Oct The dry season, prime wildlife viewing time, but October can be brutally hot.

Jun–Aug Generally dry, though temperatures are cooler and it can get downright frosty at night.

Dec–Apr Rainy season; landscape is vibrant though wildlife difficult to spot; many lodges closed.



Zambia Highlights

- 1 Bushwalking like a detective following the tracks of wild animals in **South Luangwa National Park** (p983)
- 2 Paddling a canoe down the **Zambezi River** (p984) past

pod of hippos, menacing-looking crocs and thirsty elephants.

- 3 Rafting, bungee jumping or getting your adrenalin going in any one of the adventures

available at **Victoria Falls** (p986).

- 4 Spotting leopards in **Kafue National Park** (p989), a behemoth wilderness area