



# Zimbabwe

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## Why Go?

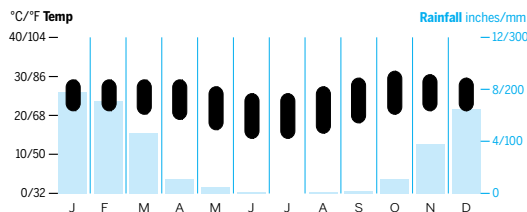
After a decade of political ruin, violence and economic disaster, finally some good news is coming out of Zimbabwe – tourism is back. Visitors are returning in numbers not seen since the turmoil began to spot the Big Five strut their stuff around spectacular parks, discover World Heritage-listed archaeological sites and stand in awe of a natural wonder of the world: Victoria Falls.

A journey here will take you through an attractive patchwork of landscapes, from central highveld, balancing boulders and flaming *msasa* trees, to laid-back towns, lush Eastern Highland mountains and a network of lifeblood rivers up north. Along the way you'll receive a friendly welcome from locals, famous for their politeness and resilience in the face of hardship.

While there may be a long way to go, sure signs of recovery continue in Zimbabwe, giving hope to this embattled nation that a new dawn will soon rise.

## When to Go

### Harare



**Apr–Oct** Best time seasonally, with sunny days and spectacular Victoria Falls views.

**Nov–Apr** Sporadic rain and dramatic afternoon electrical storms.

**Jul–Sep** Prime wildlife-viewing, white-water rafting and canoeing the Zambezi.



## Zimbabwe Highlights

**1** Revel in the spray from the seventh natural wonder of the world that is **Victoria Falls** (p1015).

**2** Explore the atmospheric 11th-century stone ruins of **Great Zimbabwe** (p1010).

**3** Visit **Mana Pools** (p1008), Africa's only park (with lions)

that allows unguided walking safaris.

**4** Shop for crafts in the capital city and don't miss **HIFA – Harare's International Festival of the Arts** (p1001).

**5** Exchange arid highveld for cool, lush mountain air in the **Eastern Highlands** (p1008).

**6** Find the spiritual heart of Zimbabwe, packed with balancing rocks and birdlife in **Matobo National Park** (p1014).