



Zambia

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Why Go?

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. Adventures undertaken here will lead you deep into the bush where animals, both predators and prey, wander through unfenced camps, where night-time means swapping stories around the fire and where the human footprint is nowhere to be seen. Where one day you can canoe down a wide, placid river and the next raft through the raging rapids near world-famous Victoria Falls.

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

Best Places to Eat

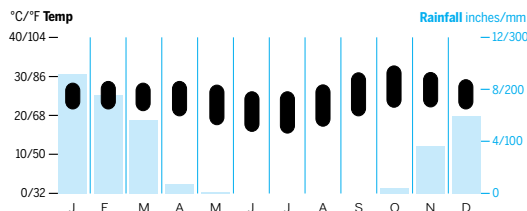
- ➔ Sugarbush Cafe (p989)
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Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Chizombo (p993)
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When to Go

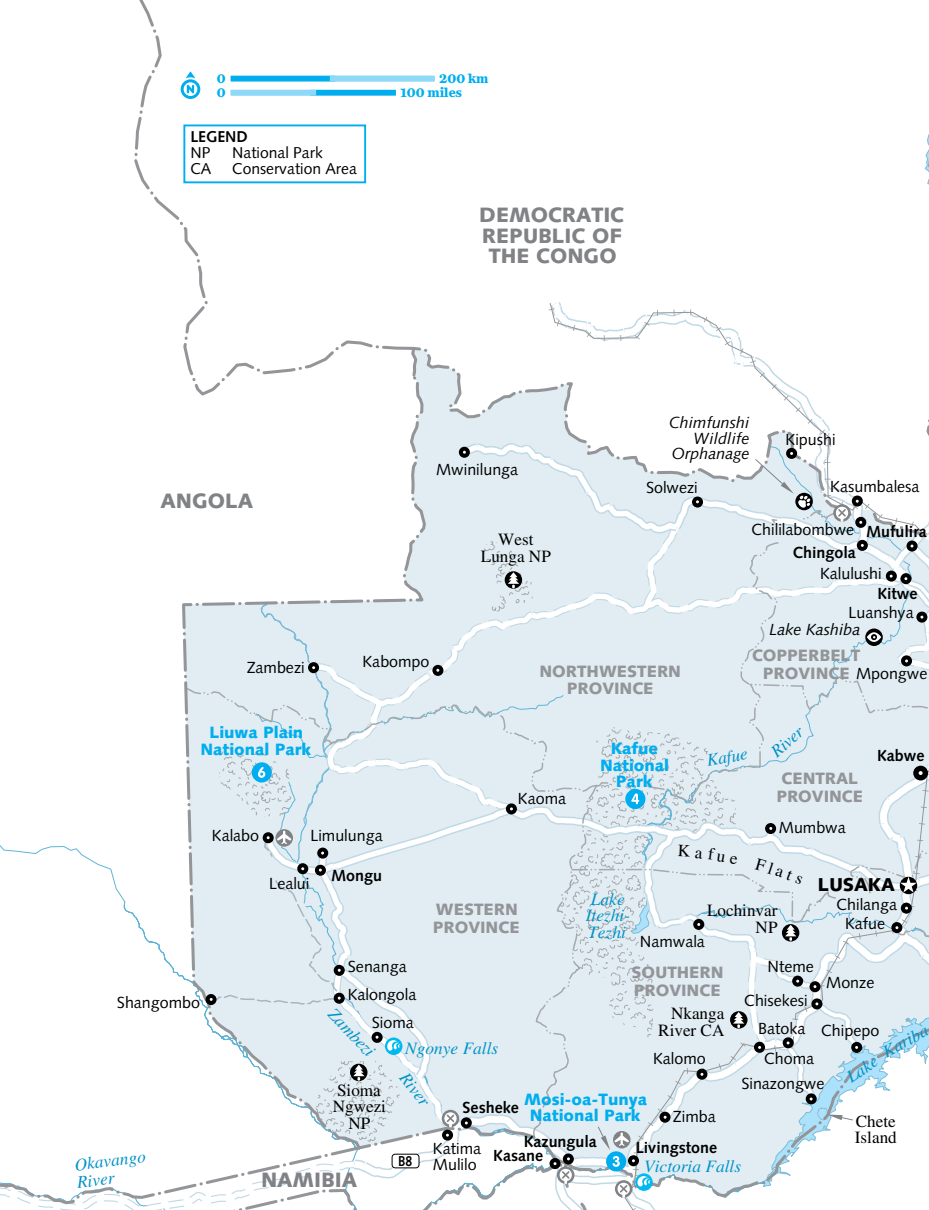
Lusaka



Late May–early Oct Dry season, with prime wildlife viewing; tourist high season.

Jun–Aug Dry, cooler temperatures and sometimes frosty nights.

Nov–Apr Vibrant, blooming landscapes during the rainy ('emerald') season. Wildebeest and bat migration.



Zambia Highlights

- 1 South Luangwa National Park** (p993) Bushwalking like a detective following the tracks of wild animals.
- 2 Zambezi River** (p994) Paddling a canoe down this

- mighty river past pods of hippos, menacing-looking crocs and thirsty elephants.
- 3 Victoria Falls** (p969) Rafting, bungee jumping or getting your adrenaline going

- in any one of the adventures available at Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park.
- 4 Kafue National Park** (p995) Spotting leopards in this behemoth wilderness area