

## ZAMBIA

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**Capital:** Lusaka **Time:** GMT + 2

**Background:** The territory of Northern Rhodesia was administered by the South Africa Company from 1891 until takeover by the UK in 1923. During the 1920s and 1930s, advances in mining spurred development and immigration. The name was changed to Zambia upon independence in 1964. In the 1980s and 1990s, declining copper prices and a prolonged drought hurt the economy. Elections in 1991 brought an end to one-party rule, but the subsequent vote in 1996 saw blatant harassment of opposition parties.

**Location:** Southern Africa, east of Angola

**Map References:** Africa

**Area:** total: 752,614 sq km, land: 740,724 sq km, water: 11,890 sq km

**Climate:** tropical; modified by altitude; rainy season (October to April)

**Terrain:** mostly high plateau with some hills and mountains

**Natural Resources:** copper, cobalt, zinc, lead, coal, emeralds, gold, silver, uranium, hydropower

**Population:** 9,582,418 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** *noun:* Zambian(s), *adjective:* Zambian

**Ethnic Groups:** African 98.7%, European 1.1%, other 0.2%

**Religions:** Christian 50%-75%, Muslim and Hindu 24%-49%, indigenous beliefs 1%

**Languages:** English (official), major vernaculars - Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga, and about 70 other indigenous languages

**Economy:** Despite progress in privatization and budgetary reform, Zambia's economy has a long way to go. The recent privatization of the huge government-owned Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM) should greatly improve Zambia's prospects for international debt relief, as the government will no longer have to cover the mammoth losses generated by that sector. Inflation and unemployment rates remain high, however.

**Industries:** copper mining and processing, construction, foodstuffs, beverages, chemicals, textiles, fertilizer

**Currency:** 1 Zambian kwacha (ZK) = 100 ngwee

**Railways:** total: 2,164 km (1995), narrow gauge: 2,164 km 1.067-m gauge (13 km double track), note: the total includes 891 km of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA), which operates 1,860 km of 1.067-m narrow gauge track between Dar es Salaam and Kapiri Mposhi where it connects to the Zambia Railways system; TAZARA is not a part of Zambia Railways

**Highways:** total: 66,781 km, paved: NA km, unpaved: NA km (1997 est.)

**Waterways:** 2,250 km, including Zambezi and Luapula rivers, Lake Tanganyika

**Ports and Harbors:** Mpulungu

**Airports:** 112 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 12, over 3,047 m: 1, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 3, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5, 914 to 1,523 m: 2, under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 100, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 2, 914 to 1,523 m: 67, under 914 m: 30 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except the following nationals of: British, Ireland (all other EU countries do require a visa), Romania and Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

**Duty Free:** 200 cigarettes or 450g of tobacco; 1 opened bottle of alcoholic beverages.

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers arriving from infected areas. Malaria risk exists all year throughout the country. Water used for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should have first been boiled or otherwise sterilised.

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