

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of (4) four blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Zambia and Zimbabwe. A&K recommends obtaining a KAZA UNIVISA (valid for both countries) on arrival.

KAZA UNIVISA: Can be obtained on arrival at certain ports of entry in either Zambia or Zimbabwe. It is valid for 30 days and allows multiple entries into either country. The current fee is USD \$50 (subject to change without notice). This amount must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars.

The allowable ports of entry include:

Zambia

- KK International Airport Lusaka
- Harry Mwaanga International Airport Livingstone
- Victoria Falls Land Border with Zimbabwe
- Kazangula Land Border with Botswana

Zimbabwe

- Harare International Airport
- Victoria Falls International Airport
- Victoria Falls Land Border with Zambia
- Kazangula Land Border with Botswana

Availability of the KAZA UNIVISA can be sporadic. In the event the KAZA UNIVISA is unavailable, individual visas for Zambia and Zimbabwe can be obtained on arrival in each country as follows:

Zambia

- Single-entry visa for Zambia: USD \$50. Valid for 90 days.
- A “day trip” visa for Zambia: USD \$20. Valid for one day (no overnight lodging). This visa is a good option for travellers staying in Zimbabwe who want to visit Victoria Falls from the Zambian side.
- Note: Multiple-entry visas for Zambia are not offered on arrival.

Zimbabwe

- Single-entry visa for Zimbabwe USD \$30. Valid for 30 days.
- Multiple-entry visa for Zimbabwe USD \$60. Valid for 60 days.

All visa fees subject to change without notice. Payment must be made in cash in U.S. dollars.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at visacentral.com/abercrombiekent or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

Visit the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel.

Entry Requirements

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Zambia and Zimbabwe for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

Zambia

- All travellers entering Zambia must provide printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of their departure for Zambia, immediately upon arrival. Any person failing to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result will not be allowed to enter the country.
 - Note: All travellers arriving into Zambia are subject to random COVID-19 testing at the discretion of the Zambian Ministry of Health. Those travellers selected will be required to transfer directly to their hotel/lodge/camp after the test and self-isolate in their room until a negative result is returned. The current cost is USD \$120 (subject to change) and must be paid by cash in US dollars or local currency. Results are typically provided within 4 hours. *Travellers who can present an official COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card indicating full vaccination at least 14 days prior to arrival are exempt.*
- All travellers are required to visit <https://trustedtravel.panabios.org> to create a TrustedTravel Account. Once the traveller logs in they can upload their COVID-19 PCR test results and download a TT code to show at the airport on arrival and departure. For additional information and instructions and to find laboratories associated with the Trusted Traveller program, visit the Trusted Travel portal (www.africacdc.org/trusted-travel). Travellers with results from other laboratories should create a Global Haven account at <https://globalhaven.org/travel-guide/> and upload their negative PCR Test certificate at www.globalhaven.org for authentication.
- All travellers must complete a Health Questionnaire, which will be provided by their airline, and present it to airport officials on arrival.
- Travellers are subject to medical screening on arrival in Zambia, including a temperature check, questionnaire, and visual assessment. Those persons displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested at the airport and will be required to enter isolation protocol at a Zambian government facility. Should results prove positive, the traveller will be required to quarantine at a designated site for 10 days. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.

Zimbabwe

- All travellers entering Zimbabwe must provide printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 48 hours of their departure for Zimbabwe, immediately upon arrival. Any person failing to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result will not be allowed to enter the country.
- All travellers must complete a COVID-19 contact-tracing document on arrival.
- Travellers are subject to medical screening on arrival in Zimbabwe, including a temperature check, questionnaire, and visual assessment. Those persons displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may be required to take another PCR test. Should results of any COVID-19 test prove positive, the traveller will be required to quarantine at a designated site for 10 days. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.

Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 testing during your time in **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe** as follows:

Zambia

- The current cost for local testing in Zambia ranges from USD \$150-\$265 (subject to change).

Zimbabwe

- The current cost for local testing in Zimbabwe is USD \$70 (subject to change) with results typically provided within 3 hours.

Guests returning to the United States

Before boarding a flight to the United States, all travellers are required to show printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test (PCR or rapid antigen) result taken no more than one (1) day before travel, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

For up-to-date details and FAQs visit [Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 | CDC](#). Be sure to check state COVID-19 entry requirements, as they may vary.

Guests returning to Canada

All travellers, including Canadian passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of boarding their flight to Canada. Additional information can be found at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories.

Note all guests with flights connecting through and/or continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter all four countries **if** you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

Restrictions on Taking Non-Prescription Medications into Zambia

The Zambian Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) has in the past detained a number of travellers for possession of Benadryl and other over-the-counter medications which contain small quantities of diphenhydramine, an active ingredient that is on Zambia's list of controlled substances. Although unaware of these restrictions, travellers have been charged with drug trafficking offenses, had their passports confiscated, and been jailed. As a result, you should consider leaving all non-prescription medications behind.

STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

In accordance with local regulations in Zambia and Zimbabwe, face masks must be worn during any indoor or outdoor public activities and all persons are required to practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 meters). We encourage you to bring your own masks; a supply will be on hand where needed. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Zambia: The country has a cash-based economy. Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a limited basis at shops, hotels, safari lodges and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is extremely limited.

Zimbabwe: The country has a cash-based economy. Cash transactions must be made in Zimbabwean dollars (though U.S. dollars are still accepted for the purchase of visas on arrival, provided that payment is made in recently issued bills in smaller denominations.) Major credit cards are accepted on a limited basis shops, hotels, safari lodges and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is extremely limited and any ATMs you do find are likely to be either out of order or out of money.

Connecting through Johannesburg en route to Zambia

If you are connecting through Johannesburg en route to Zambia, in order to reduce the risk of your luggage being lost or delayed, we highly recommend that you do NOT check your luggage all the way through to Zambia and instead check it only through to Johannesburg and then re-check it prior to boarding your flight to Zambia.

In addition to this, as a further precaution, we highly recommend that you pack at least one change of clothing in your carry-on luggage as a precautionary measure in the event that your checked luggage is delayed.

Airport Taxes and Fees in Zambia and Zimbabwe

All applicable airport taxes and fees are included on our **Small Group Journeys** for both domestic flights within Zambia and Zimbabwe and/or international flights departing from Zambia and Zimbabwe.

If you are traveling on a **Signature** or **Tailor Made** program, both domestic flights within Zambia and Zimbabwe and international flights departing Zambia and Zimbabwe are subject to Departure Taxes and Aviation and Infrastructure & Development fees.

The current applicable taxes and fees in **Zambia** range in cost between 5 and 56 Zambian Kwacha (approximately USD \$1-\$10) per sector (subject to change without notice) and must be paid directly on site either in local currency or U.S. dollars.

The current applicable departure taxes in **Zimbabwe** are USD \$15 per sector (subject to change without notice) and must be paid directly on site in U.S. dollars.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Southern Africa, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 carry-on bag with a combined total weight of no more than 44 pounds (20 kilograms). This includes the weight of purses and camera equipment in addition to your other luggage. Luggage restrictions are adhered to very strictly and passengers should pack their bags accordingly. Soft-sided luggage or duffels are required for luggage storage on safari vehicles and also on light aircraft used throughout Southern Africa. Dimensions of your checked bag should not exceed 23 inches (58 centimeters) long x 13 inches (33 centimeters) high x 10 inches (25 centimeters) wide. As a convenience, A&K provides each safari guest with a complimentary, custom-designed A&K Duffel. This bag is specifically crafted to meet airline standards. Your carry-on bag should be small enough to fit in your lap or under your seat.

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

Safe Travel Essentials

Be sure to bring personal protective equipment (PPE), including face masks, travel-sized hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, facial tissues and disinfecting wipes or spray.

Clothing

Choose comfortable and casual clothing in natural, "breathable" fabrics and versatile styles that can be layered as temperatures may vary considerably in the course of the day. For game viewing, wear neutral colors (though not camouflage, which is illegal in most national parks and

reserves). Black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Note: If your itinerary includes a journey aboard the Rovos Rail train, the required dress code at dinner in the main dining car is a jacket and tie for gentlemen, and elegant for ladies, such as cocktail/evening dresses or suits. The Victoria Falls Hotel in Zimbabwe has relaxed its long-standing dress code for dining in the Livingstone Room. Long pants and collared shirts for men and corresponding attire for women are now considered the standard.

- Casual slacks
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers.
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Walking shorts
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- If you are travelling during Africa's winter months of mid-May through early September, bring warm clothing —heavy sweater, hat, gloves, lined jacket —to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Sports bra for women for bumpy roads
- Socks

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses / Sun block
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos and tsetse flies*
- Simple first-aid kit
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack
- Low-suds detergent for washing small items of personal laundry

*Note: many properties provide insect repellent in rooms/tents. However you may wish to bring your own preferred brand.

Laundry Service is available at most hotels, lodges and camps. Because some laundries in Africa do not accept any underclothing, be prepared to wash your own smalls. Laundry techniques may not be suitable for delicate and/or synthetic fabrics. Check costs and return times before using these services.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Safari Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Game Trackers (spot game from front of vehicle to assist Safari Guide)	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Driver-Guides for City Sightseeing	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Bush Lodges and Permanent Tented Camps	\$10 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted at each property and shared among the staff.
Staff aboard Trains or Cruise Vessels (if applicable)	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.