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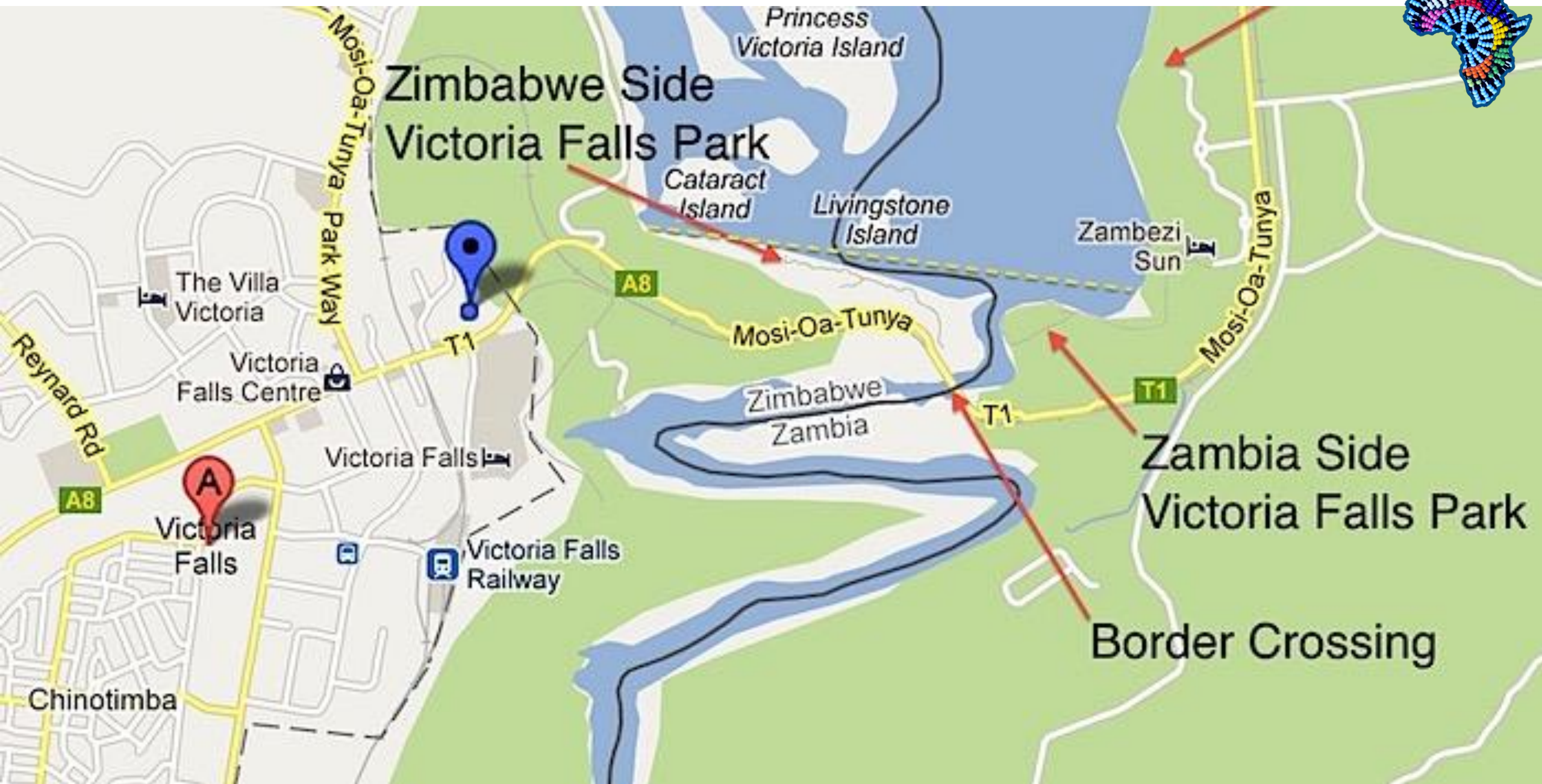


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Zambia



Zambia, in southern Africa, is a landlocked country of rugged terrain and diverse wildlife, with many parks and safari areas. On its border with Zimbabwe is famed Victoria Falls - indigenously called *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, or "Smoke That Thunders" - plunging a misty 108m into narrow Batoka Gorge. Spanning the Zambezi River just below the falls is Victoria Falls Bridge, a spectacular viewpoint.





- **Capital:** Lusaka
- **Medical requirement:** Proof of yellow fever vaccination only if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever
This is required on departure to enter your next port-of-call as Zambia is considered a yellow fever risk area.
- **Currency:** *Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)*.
- **National Carriers:** *Zambian Airways (suspended operations on 10 January 2009)*. (Aug2018) *Ethiopian Airways signed a shareholding agreement to relaunch Zambia Airways (which ceased operations in December 1994)*
- **Main airports:** *Livingstone International Airport (LVI), Lusaka International Airport (LUN), Ndola International Airport (NLA)*
- **Time Zone:** *Same as SA*
- **Transport:** *Air, Train, Bus and Car. 10,000 kms of the road network are tarred and another 8000 kms all weather gravel road. The rest range from reasonable to bad dirt roads.*
- **Best time to visit:** *June to October is the peak Safari Season. At Livingstone and Victoria Falls, the water level goes down as the season progresses. From May to July/August, the water is pumping, throwing spray hundreds of metres into the air. After August, the water level recedes making it the best time to visit for the Devil's Pool and 'low water' white-water rafting. November (and April and May) are the 'shoulder season' months in Zambia. In November, the rains haven't yet started in earnest, and in April and May, they're pretty much over.*
- **Food specialities:** *Nshima: A stiff porridge made from ground maize - a staple eaten daily in the rural areas. Ndiwo: A relish or sauce made from meat or fish boiled with green vegetables, usually served with nshima. Ifisashi: Vegetarian stew of peanuts, tomatoes, spinach and cabbage, usually accompanies nshima. Samp and beans: Starchy dish made from crushed maize kernels and beans. Biltong. Sautéed Insects: Grasshoppers, caterpillars, cicadas, flying ants and mopane worms are seasonal delicacies for rural Zambians. Kapenta: Small sardine from Lake Tanganyika that is salted and sundried before eating. Munkoyo: Non-alcoholic drink made from maize meal and the roots of the Munkoyo tree. Mosi: local beer. Chibuku: An opaque, often handmade beer made from maize or sorghum.*
- **Language:** *English, Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Luvale, Lunda, Kaonde and Lozi.*



Attractions in Zambia

Waterfalls - Victoria Falls

Vast Lakes - Lake Kariba

National Parks

The Zambezi River



Waterfalls

Zambia is one of the most water-rich countries in Africa and her many rivers cascade into fabulous displays of falling water as they wind over the undulating landscape. The most spectacular is of course the not-to-be-missed Victoria Falls, but there are 17 other beautiful falls dotted around the country.

Victoria Falls



One special vantage point is across the Knife-edge Bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot, where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge. Other vantage points include Livingstone Island, the Falls Bridge, Devils Pool and the Lookout Tree, both of which command panoramic views across the Main Falls.





Dry Season

November and December the Falls become little rivulets running over the edge and in some places along the 1,7km width, no water falls at all. The delight of visiting the Falls in this season is the view of the impressive cliffs that form the Falls wall, and the magnitude of the abyss can be fully appreciated.



Wet Season

Peak flood season is around March and April when the full power of the Falls can be experienced in all its glory. Due to the masses of spray rising from the fallen water, the full width of the Falls cannot be seen on foot. The aerial view at this time is spectacular, with clouds of spray rising high into the sky.

Zimbabwe

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MOSI-OA-TUNYA
NATIONAL PARK

ZAMBIA

LIVINGSTONE
STATUE

DEVIL'S
CATARACT

CATARACT
ISLAND

MAIN
FALLS

LIVINGSTONE
ISLAND

HORSESHOE
FALLS

RAINBOW
FALLS

EASTERN
CATARACT

ZAMBEZI
NATIONAL PARK
5.3km/3.3miles
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VICTORIA FALLS
NATIONAL PARK

ZIMBABWE

KNIFE
EDGE

BUNGEE BRIDGE
SWING





Vast Lakes

Despite being landlocked, there can be few places in the world as blessed as Zambia when it comes to water resources. Lake Tanganyika is the longest lake in the world, while Lake Kariba is Africa's largest man-made dam and rapidly becoming Zambia's very own French Riviera. For the more intrepid traveler, the tropical and wild Lake Mweru offers a fascinating glimpse of village life that lines the shores of this vast lake in the far north.



National Parks

About 30% of Zambia is reserved for wildlife. There are 20 national parks and 34 game management areas in the country.

South Luangwa, Kafue and Lower Zambezi rank among the finest game parks in the world.



The Zambezi River

- 4th longest river in Africa
- Longest east-flowing river in Africa
- Largest river flowing into the Indian Ocean from Africa.
- The main tributary of the Kariba dam
- Flows through 6 countries, (Zambia, Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique) and 7 national parks
- 500kms serves as the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- Fantastic playground for adventure sport (white-water rafting, kayaking, river boarding and jet boating).
- Hippo, Nile crocodiles and monitor lizards, are commonly found along many of the calm stretches of the river.
- Species of bird, like heron, pelican, egret and African fish eagle are found in large numbers here.
- Bull sharks (also called Zambezi Sharks) can be found here

