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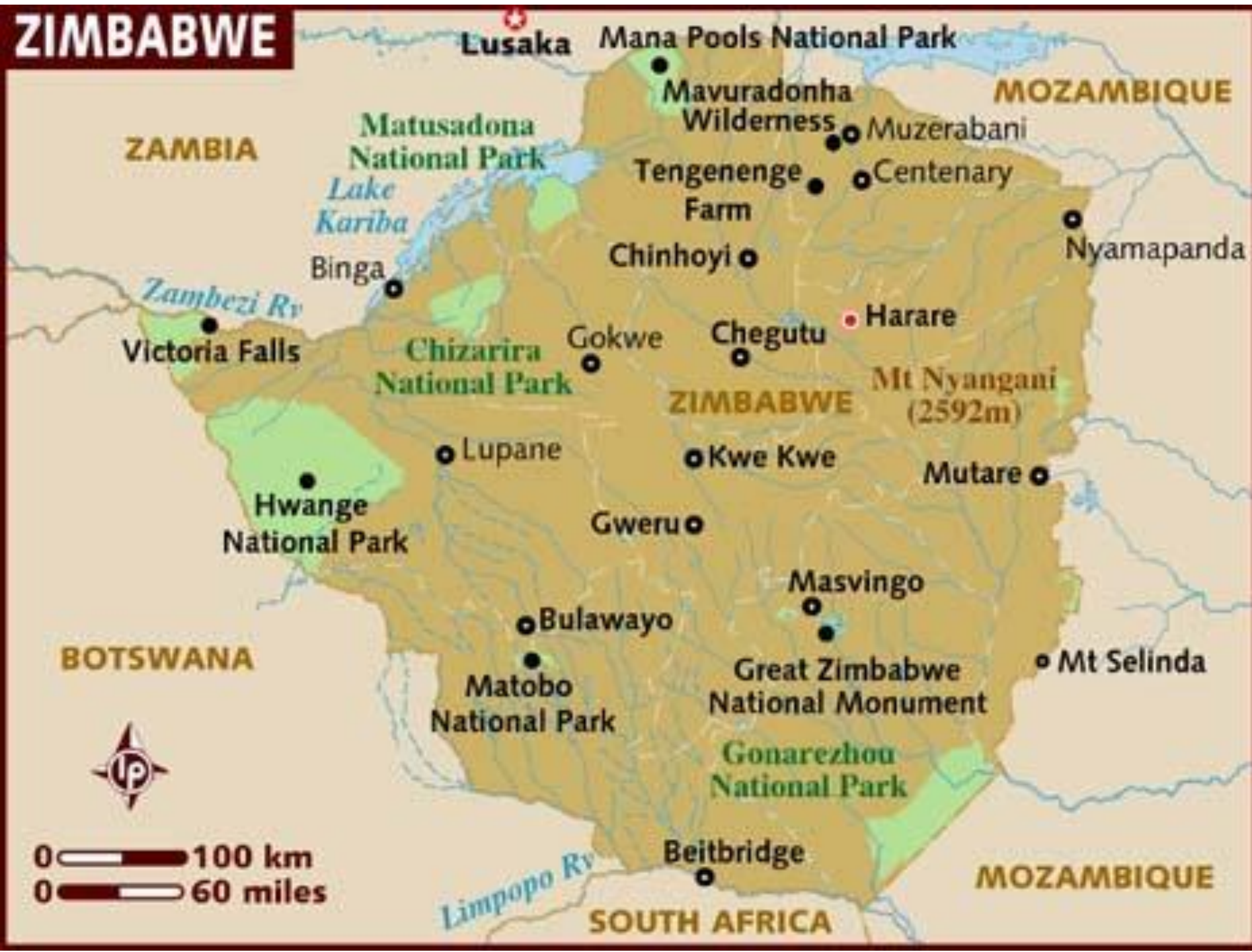
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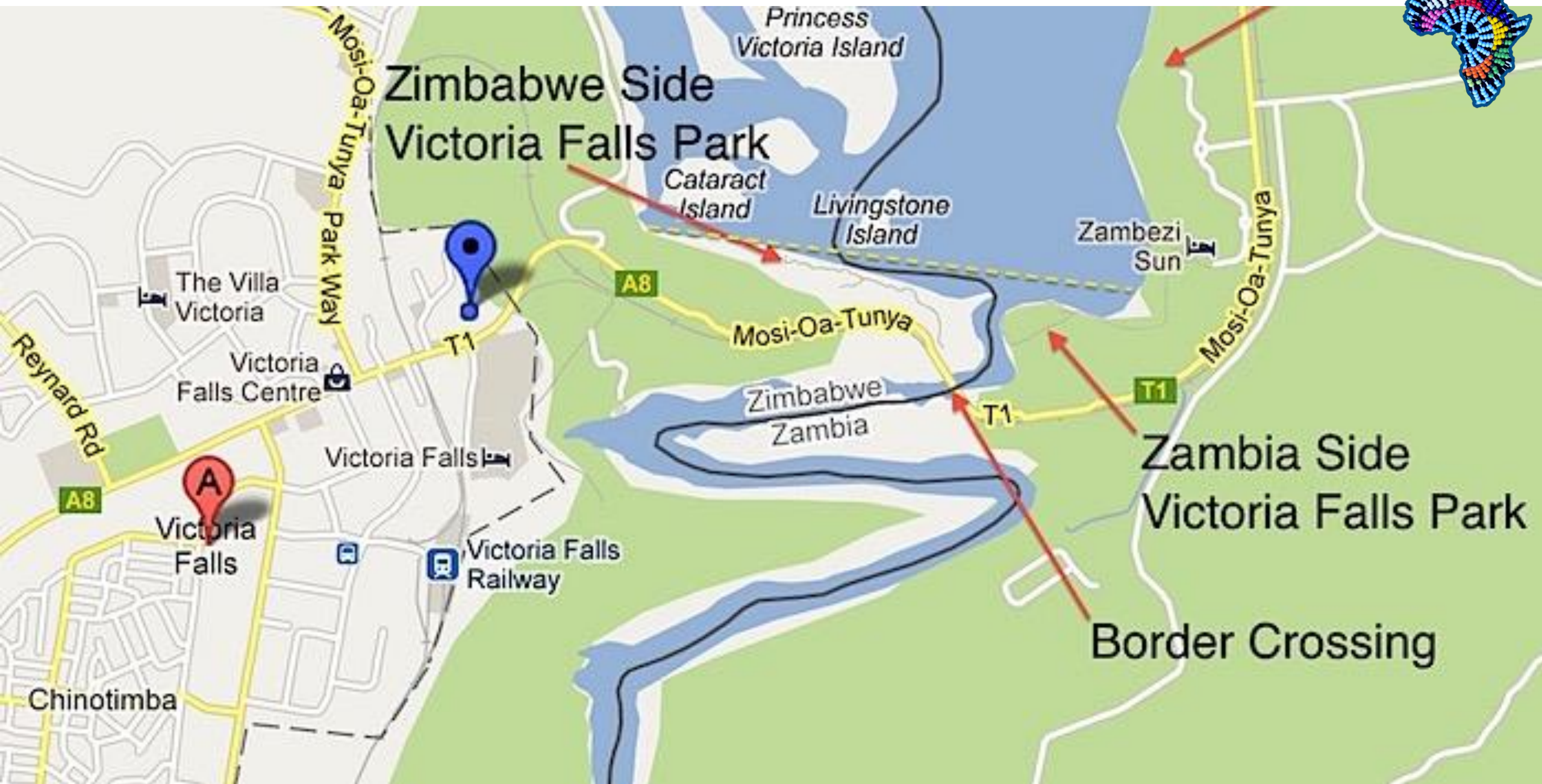
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Zimbabwe

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Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa known for its dramatic landscape and diverse wildlife, much of it within parks, reserves and safari areas. On the Zambezi River, Victoria Falls make a thundering 108m drop into narrow Batoka Gorge, where there's white-water rafting and bungee-jumping. Downstream are Matusadona and Mana Pools national parks, home to hippos, rhinos and birdlife





- **Capital:** Harare (previously known as Salisbury)
- **Medical requirement:** Proof of yellow fever vaccination only if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.
- **Currency / Exchange Rate:** The Zimbabwean dollar Z\$ was the official currency from 1980 to 12 April 2009.

The new currency is RTGs dollar.

- **National Carriers:** Air Zimbabwe
- **Main airports:** Victoria Falls Airport (Victoria Falls, VFA), Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport (Bulawayo, BUQ), Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (Harare, HRE)
- **Time Zone:** Same as SA
- **Public transport:** Trains and Buses (very unreliable). Petrol is expensive and difficult to get so do not offer car rental, transfers are a much better option.
- **Best time to visit:** The best time to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls is from **February to May**, directly after the region's summer rains, when you'll see the world's largest sheet of falling water flowing at its greatest volume. With mild temperatures, virtually no rain and a low malaria risk, the dry May to October winter season is generally seen as the best time to visit Zimbabwe for game-viewing, although note that September and October are extremely hot and dry months.
- **Food specialities:** Sadza (stiff maize meal porridge eaten with meat or stew), Nhedzi (rich wild mushroom soup), Game meat (ostrich, warthog and crocodile tail), Whawha (traditional maize beer), Bota (Porridge flavoured with peanut butter, milk, butter or jam and traditionally eaten for breakfast).
- **Language:** English, Shona, Ndebele (the 3 Official languages), Southern Sotho, Xhosa, Tswana, Venda, Chewa, Tsonga, Tonga



Top Travel Destinations in Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls

Mana Pools National Park

Lake Kariba

Hwange National Park

Matopos

Eastern Highlands



The Smoke That Thunders

Victoria Falls are locally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, "the smoke that thunders".

The Victoria Falls are 1 708 meters wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world.

It was designated as a World Heritage site in 1986.

Lake Kariba

Lake Kariba, constructed on the Zambezi River, is one of the world's largest manmade lakes in the world. Nyaminyami (also known as the Zambezi River God) is believed by the Tonga people to control life on the Zambezi.

Ancient City

Great Zimbabwe is an ancient city that hosts the largest stone structures south of the pyramids. Built entirely of stone, the ruins span more than 7km². It is estimated that the city housed as many as 18,000 inhabitants.

Shona Culture and Art

Sadza is the Shona language name for a cooked corn meal that is the staple food in Zimbabwe. A porridge made by mixing corn with water to produce a thick past, is eaten for lunch and dinner. It will be eaten with spinach, beans and meat and is often eaten with curdled milk and know as mukaka wakakora.

Bota is eaten for breakfast and is a thinner porridge and usually flavoured with milk, butter, jam or peanut butter. Shona sculpture is a contemporary art form, where artists with little education and training, produce exquisite sculptures. The Sculptures are unique as most of the artists carve with no pre-conceived idea. They let the stone dictate what form is held within it. Using only hand tools, artists carve their works of art from serpentine, opalstone, verdite, leopard rock, and steatite.





MOSI-OA-TUNYA
NATIONAL PARK

ZAMBIA

LIVINGSTONE
STATUE

DEVIL'S
CATARACT

CATARACT
ISLAND

MAIN
FALLS



LIVINGSTONE
ISLAND



DEVIL'S POOL

HORSESHOE
FALLS

RAINBOW
FALLS

EASTERN
CATARACT

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

BUNGEE BRIDGE
SWING



