

Zambia

(Travel Brief)



Location

Zambia is located in south-central Africa and takes its name from the Zambezi River. Its official name is the Republic of Zambia. Its capital is Lusaka.

Did you know? Zambia is about three times the size of the U.K. and slightly larger than the U.S. state of Texas.

National Symbols of Zambia

Motto: One Zambia, One Nation

Language: English and Bantu dialects

Animal: African fish eagle

Plant: Bougainvillea (*boo guhn VI lee uh*), a flowering climbing plant

Food: Nshima (*in SHE muh*), a cornmeal porridge

Religion: Christianity, Muslim, Hindu, Indigenous beliefs

National Sport: Football (Soccer)



Symbolism of Flag:

Orange – Wealth in copper

Black – The people

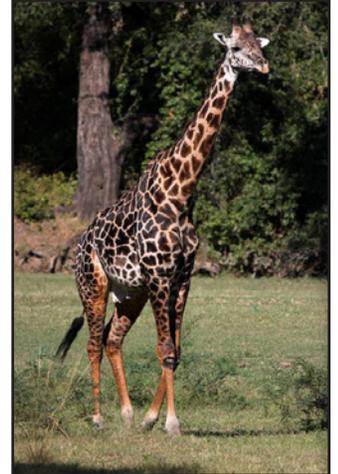
Red – Historical struggle

Green – Rich environment

Eagle in flight – Freedom

Trivia

- Zambia protects over 30% of its land and has 20 national parks and reserves and 34 game management areas.
- Thornicroft giraffes are native exclusively to Zambia. Giraffes are the world's tallest species. Their necks evolved to give giraffes a competitive edge to reach vegetation growing where other herbivores can't reach.
- Copper mining is the largest industry in Zambia.



Important Events & Places

- Zambia is part of the northern African Rift Valley, known as one of the cradles of mankind. Evidence of human existence here traces back almost three million years. Thousands of years ago, the region was inhabited by hunter-gatherers. Now, it's one of the most urbanized African countries.
- In the mid-1800s, Europeans began to explore the country, including David Livingstone, a Scottish physician and Christian missionary. His guides brought him to the magnificent waterfalls on the Zambia River. Livingstone named the waters Victoria Falls, after British Queen Victoria.
- In 1964, Zambia gained its independence from Britain and is a multi-party democracy.
- In the drought of 2019, the water shortage was so severe that the mighty Victoria Falls was reduced to just a trickle.

