

# Zambia

## Information for applicants

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Zambia is a land-locked country in Southern Africa. Zambia is roughly the same size as France. It borders Tanzania to the north-east, Malawi in the east, Mozambique in the south-east, Zimbabwe and Botswana in the south, Namibia in the south-west, Angola in the west and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the north. In the north, Zambia also includes part of Lake Tanganyika. Zambia's ethnic diversity is impressive. Besides its official language English, 70 other languages are spoken.

### Climate and sights

Zambia's climate is tropical, but the temperatures are often moderate due to the country's elevation. There are three seasons: the cool, dry winter from May to September, the hot dry season in October and November and the hot and humid rainy season from December to April.

Zambia is a very popular holiday destination: The famous Victoria Falls, which plummet down the 108 misty metres into the narrow Batoka Gorge, are at the border to Zimbabwe. The indigenous peoples call them Mosi-oa-Tunya or 'the smoke that thunders'. The Victoria Falls Bridge, a spectacular lookout point, spans the Zambezi River just downstream from the waterfall.

### Medical care

Medical services in Lusaka are good. In the event of illness, though, you should always attend a private hospital. Malaria is endemic throughout Zambia, especially at Victoria Falls. The Federal Foreign Office and the Tropical Institute recommend taking prophylactic medication or bringing standby medication with you. Wearing long-sleeved tops and long trousers is also an effective way to protect against infection, as are mosquito sprays designed for the tropics, and sleeping in air-conditioned rooms or under mosquito nets.

### Accommodation and quality of life

The house market in Zambia is good. The GIZ office can provide contact details for suitable real estate agents.

Traffic in Zambia uses the left side of the road.

### Shops and services

You can find anything your heart desires at the large malls, supermarkets and the popular local markets in Lusaka.

### Accompanying partners and children

Accompanying partners will only be issued a work permit in exceptional circumstances.

**Schools:** There is an American, a French and an Italian school, as well as two international schools in Zambia. There is no German school.

The school year in Zambia's international schools usually starts in early August, and the summer holidays begin at the end of June. All schools also offer additional English lessons for beginners and advanced pupils.

**Childcare:** As in all African countries, the family plays an important role in Zambia. This is ideal for families with young children in particular, as care and support are available around the clock. In major cities, you can also choose from a range of kindergartens.

## Good to know

Zambian attitudes to homosexuality can differ significantly from the prevailing attitudes in Europe. Even consensual homosexual acts are criminal and can be punishable by up to fourteen years in prison and forced labour. Prostitution and possession of pornographic materials are also illegal. It is also against the law to smoke in public places. If caught, you can be fined or sentenced to up to two years in prison.

## Find out more

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