

**Symposium on Regional Aviation Safety Agencies
Livingstone, Zambia, 13-15 July 2009**

Practical information on your stay in Zambia

The Symposium will be held at the Fall Resort and Convention Centre situated right next to the world famous Victoria Waterfalls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

On Livingstone

Livingstone is one of the oldest towns in Zambia, and is 11km from the famous Victoria Falls. In the last few years tourism has developed rapidly. There are many tours and activities available, including elephant rides, horse back safaris, white water rafting, bungee jumping, river cruises, microlight and helicopter flights over the Falls.

Livingstone is probably better oriented towards visitors than any other corner of Zambia. In spite of this, visitors travelling north from Zimbabwe are attracted simply by the Victoria Falls. Until recently the town of Livingstone often remained unseen. In the past, some have even viewed it with suspicion, being bigger and less well known than the small Zimbabwean town which shares the name of the waterfall. As a result of Zimbabwe's political instability, however, much of this has changed in recent years.

From Livingstone, you can make interesting day trips to the falls, Mosi-oa-Tunya national park directly adjacent to Livingstone or to Chobe National park just across the border in Botswana. Fairly new is the opportunity to make a trip with the Victoria Fall Steam Train Company that takes you for a picture perfect experience on the steam train from Livingstone onto the magnificent Victoria Falls Bridge.

Airport departure tax

On leaving Zambia, non-residents pay a departure tax of US\$25. This is now normally included in the cost of an air ticket but you will be asked to pay this separately in US Dollars if it is not.

Climate

The dry season (May to November) is the easiest time to travel, as then you are unlikely to meet rain and can expect clear blue skies.

Daytime temperatures may range from 23° to 31° C (73-88° F), dropping at night to as low as 5° C (41° F) in June and July. Do not forget some warmer clothes (sweater)

In short: June-August: Warm days, cold nights, dry, full Falls

Credit Cards

Most hotels will take credit cards. Most of the bigger banks will advance local currency against a credit card. Standard Chartered, Stanbic and Barclays Banks have ATM's which accept visa cards for cash.

Currency

The Kwacha has denominations of 50, 100, 500, 1.000, 5.000 and 10.000, 20.000 and 50.000 kwacha notes. As of May 2009, 1 United States Dollar equals approximately K 5.000 but this rate fluctuates regularly and sometimes quite dramatically.

Electricity

The local current is 220v, 50 cycle AC and the sockets have the British 3 square pin layout.

Emergency numbers

Livingstone Central police 0213.323.575 or 0213.320.116

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Health

Medical services are underdeveloped and only in Lusaka, Ndola and Livingstone can you find anything resembling western standards. Emergency services are limited - one of the private emergency services is Special Emergency Services (www.ses-zambia.com). You should know your blood group. You may wish to visit your own doctor or a medical service some 2 weeks before the symposium to check whether there are any vaccinations you may still need to get or any anti malaria prophylaxes you may need to take.

Security

Petty theft is as common as any major city where unemployment is high. Be very awake when walking around carrying anything of value, there are master pickpockets here and there. Never leave your vehicle unlocked and never change money on the streets. For the most part, however, Zambians are very friendly and helpful.

Visa

A visa can be obtained at a Zambian Embassy or Consulate in your country. Alternatively, you can buy a visa upon arrival in Zambia at the 'port of entry'. For most countries, the fee upon arrival will be US\$ 50.00.

For all visa, your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after proposed entry into Zambia.

For more information, please visit the website of the Zambia Immigration services at www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm

Foreign travel Advisories*British Foreign Office*

www.fco.gov.uk/en/travelling-and-living-overseas/travel-advice-by-country/sub-saharan-africa/zambia

United States Department of State

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1062.html

Further travel information

For more information about Zambia as a destination, see the website of the Zambian Tourist Board www.zambiatourism.com

Extensive further travel information on Zambia from a previous edition of one of the main travel guides on Zambia (slightly outdated when it comes to telephone numbers etc.) can be found at www.zambia-travel-guide.com/bradt_guide.asp?bradt=170

Appendix 1 Accommodation in Livingstone

Hotel/lodge	Accommodation from
Zambezi Sun Hotel Mosi-oa-Tunya Road, Livingstone, Zambia Telephone: + 260 (21) 3 321122 - Fax: + 260 (21) 3 322930 Email: zambia.reservations@zm.suninternational.com Website: www.suninternational.com/Pages/blank.aspx & select 'Zambezi Sun'	Conference rate: US\$ 225 (different rates for SADC citizens and international) - ensure you inquire properly
Protea Hotel Livingstone Plot 2110 Mosi-o-Tunya Road, PO Box 60286 Livingstone Telephone: +260 213 324 630 - Fax: +260 213 324 640 Email: reservations@phlivingstone.co.zm Website: www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-livingstone.html	US\$ 156
Chrismar Hotel P.O. Box 60614 Livingstone Zambia Tel: +260 213 323141 - Fax: +260 213 323142 Email: chrismar@zamnet.zm Website: www.chrismar.co.zm/livingstone/index.php	Approx. US\$ 110 (K530.000)
Maramba River Lodge Tel: (+26) 0213 324189 - Fax: (+26) 0213 323130 Email: maramba@zamnet.zm Website: www.maramba-zambia.com	US\$ 95 per person single (excl. breakfast)
Wasawange Lodge Airport Road, Livingstone Tel. +260 213 324066/078 - Fax. +260 213 324137 Email: waslodge@zamnet.zm / wasoffice@zamnet.zm	Approx. US\$ 75 (K 375.000)
Waterfront Tel: +260 213 320608 - Email safaris@safpar.com Website: www.safpar.net/waterfront/	Standard room, B&B basis: US\$80 per person sharing
Ngolide lodge 110 Mosi-o-Tunya Rd, Livingstone. Tel / Fax: (260) (0)213 321091/2 Email: ngolide@zamnet.zm Website: www.ngolidelodge.com	Approx. US\$ 55 (K285.000)
Chanters Lodge Lukulu Crescent (off Obote Avenue) Livingstone, Zambia Email: richard_chanter@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.chanters-livingstone.com	US\$ 55
Wane's Guestlodge P.O Box 60293, Lusaka, Zambia Email: wangull@zamnet.zm Tel: +260 213 324058 www.waneguestlodge.com	Approx. US\$ 45 (K240.000)
Zigzag Tel. +260 (213) 322 814 Email: info@zigzagzambia.com www.zigzagzambia.com	From US\$ 45 for single room

Other hotels and lodges are available in Livingstone (www.zambiatourism.com).

However, please be advised that the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) & the National Airport Corporation Ltd. (NACL) will only provide courtesy transportation between the venue and the FIRST FIVE hotels/lodges mentioned above. Participants booking into other accommodation in Livingstone will need to take care of their own transportation needs.

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