

ZAMBIA

Official Name: Republic of Zambia

Capital: Lusaka

Languages: English, Bantu languages

Most of Zambia is situated on plateaus from 600 to 2100m (2000 to 7000ft) above sea level. This gives it a pleasant climate.

Best time: May to October.

May to August: Dry and pleasant 25°C (77°F) in the afternoons. Above 1500m (5000ft) nighttime temperatures can fall to freezing.

September to late November: Dry, but gets progressively hotter. October is the hottest month, 32°C (90°F) on the plateaus but in excess of 40°C (104°F) in the low-lying valleys of Lower Zambezi and Luangwa.

Late November to April: Hot, wet. Thunderstorms are common in the afternoons but sometimes rain falls continuously for two or three days. The heaviest rainfalls occur in January in most areas. The north is wetter than the south. Uncomfortably high humidity is a result of the rain.

Natural attractions:

1. South Luangwa National Park, a superb wildlife park. **The best time to visit is June to October**, during the dry season. In the dry season animals concentrate around the diminishing waterholes and the grass is shorter. Both conditions make game viewing easier.

2. Victoria Falls, on the Zambezi River. Refer to the information under Zimbabwe.

Lusaka, Zambia: Altitude 1154m (3786ft)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Sunrise °C(°F)	17(62)	17(62)	16(60)	16(60)	12(53)	11(51)
Mid-afternoon °C(°F)	26(78)	26(78)	29(84)	26(78)	24(75)	23(73)
Days with precipitation	17	17	10	3	0	0
Precipitation mm	264	236	131	48	4	0
Precipitation inches	10.4	9.3	5.2	1.9	0.1	0
Daily hours of sunshine	5	5	8	8	9	8

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sunrise °C(°F)	9(48)	11(51)	14(57)	19(66)	18(64)	17(62)
Mid-afternoon °C(°F)	22(72)	25(77)	29(85)	30(86)	29(85)	26(78)
Days with precipitation	0	0	0	2	8	17
Precipitation mm	0	0	1	16	102	275
Precipitation inches	0	0	0.04	0.6	4.0	10.8
Daily hours of sunshine	9	9	9	9	6	6

