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**All You Need to Know About Your Stay in Harare  
Zimbabwe**

# Travel Regulations and Regulations

## Visa Application

To apply for a visa to Zimbabwe, visit the official Zimbabwe eVisa website at [evisa.gov.zw](http://evisa.gov.zw) to complete the online application form. You will receive email confirmation of your e-Visa application, and after processing, the e-Visa will be sent to you via email to be printed and presented upon arrival in Zimbabwe for stamping. Some nationalities are exempt from needing a visa

## Passports

To enter Zimbabwe, all travelers must meet specific passport requirements. These requirements ensure smooth entry and exit from the country.

- **Validity:** Your passport must be valid for at least **6** months beyond the intended date of departure from Zimbabwe.
- **Blank Pages:** The passport must have at least **2** minimum blank pages for entry & exit stamps.

## Currencies and Card Transactions

Zimbabwe operates a multi-currency system. The most commonly accepted currencies are:

- US Dollar (USD)
- South African Rand (ZAR)

Major hotels, supermarkets, and shops accept Visa and MasterCard. Cash is essential, especially outside major cities, as card use may be limited. Check with your bank regarding international transaction fees and notify them of your travel plans.

## Shopping Services

Zimbabwe has a variety of shopping malls which include:

- Sam Levy Village in Borrowdale
- Avondale Shopping Centre in Avondale
- Green fields Showgrounds in Belvedere
- Big B Shopping Mall in Belvedere
- Eastgate shopping Mall

## Local Taxi Services

### Tour guides and travels

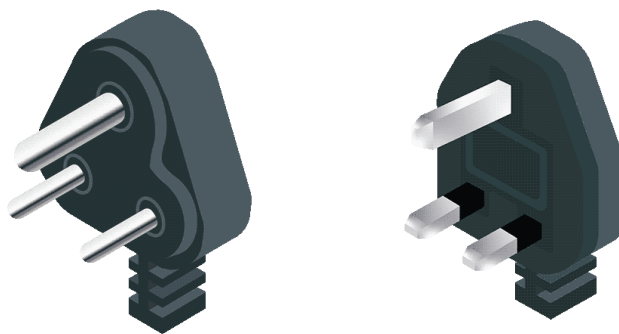
Taxi services include:

- Go and Tap
- InDrive
- Goby Taxis
- Vaya
- Hwindi

## Tour Guides & Travel Planning

Zimbabwe offers a wide range of tourist destinations. Local guides can help tailor your itinerary to your interests. Platforms such as Showaround, TourHQ, and Private Guide connect you with locals eager to share the best of Harare.

In Zimbabwe, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type D and type G are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. See the image below:



## Weather

### October Weather in Harare Zimbabwe

Daily high temperatures are around 27.8°C, rarely falling below 23°C or exceeding 31.7°C.

Daily low temperatures *increase* by 5.1°C, from 14.4°C to 16.1°C, rarely falling below 11.7°C or exceeding 18.9°C.

For reference, on *October 31*, the *hottest day* of the year, temperatures in Harare typically range from 16.1°C to 27.8°C, while on *July 11*, the *coldest day* of the year, they range from 8.3°C to 20.6°C.

## Health and Safety

### Hospitals, Pharmacies and General Clinics

Medical facilities near the conference venue include:

## Medical Facilities Near Rainbow Towers

- Avenues Clinic
- Corporate 24 Hospital
- BMC Hospital
- Micheal Gelfand Hospital

## Vaccination Requirements

Maintaining good health while traveling is crucial. For those planning a trip to Zimbabwe, understanding the recommended and required vaccinations is essential for a safe and worry-free experience.

- **Yellow Fever Vaccination:** Travelers must have a copy of their yellow fever vaccination certificate with them.
- **Hepatitis A:** Recommended for most travelers due to the risk of food and water contamination.
- **Polio:** An adult booster is recommended for most travelers, even if you completed the primary series as a child.
- **Malaria Vaccination:** If you are visiting Zimbabwe during the rainy seasons (**November to June**) then you need to have a malaria vaccination.
- **Typhoid:** Health professionals recommend this vaccination for most travelers, particularly those who will stay with friends or relatives or visit smaller cities or rural areas.
- **COVID-19** vaccination proof is not currently required.

## Police stations

You're well covered near Rainbow Towers in Harare—here are the closest police stations in order of proximity and relevance:

1. **Harare Metropolitan Police Headquarters** – A central hub for law enforcement operations in the city.
2. **Z.R.P Harare Central** – Located on Robson Manyika Street, this is one of the most accessible and active stations in the CBD.
3. **Avondale Police Station** - Located along King George Avenue.

## Emergency Contacts

In case of emergency, contact the Zimbabwe Republic Police at 999 or the Ambulance Service at 994. Local police stations are accessible throughout Harare. Other emergency help lines are:

- Ambulance Services: 994 (landline only)

- St John Ambulance: +263 24 2 798 555 / +263 772 123 456
- City of Harare Ambulance: +263 24 2 705 654
- Fire Brigade: 993 (landline only) / +263 24 2 783 983
- National Blood Service Zimbabwe: +263 24 2 251851 / +263 772 162279
- ZINARA Road Emergency: +263 24 2 705 091
- AA Zimbabwe Roadside Assistance: +263 24 2 751 202
- Mars Ambulance Services: +263 24 2 771221/ 087135951
- EMRAS Ambulances: +263 24 2 250612/0718889889
- Netstar Ambulance Services: +263 24 2 797589/ 0774828888
- Cimas Ambulance services: +263 24 2 700070/ +263 24 2 700085/26

## **Restaurants and Accommodation**

Harare offers a variety of restaurants serving local and international cuisine. Accommodation options range from budget to luxury hotels. A list of recommended hotels and discount codes will be provided on the conference website.

### **Nearby Restaurants**

#### **1. The Rainbow Towers Hotel and Conference Centre**

You don't even have to leave the building—this hotel features three restaurants offering a mix of local and international cuisine in a relaxed setting.

#### **2. Chop Chop Grill House**

A favorite for grilled meats and hearty portions, this spot delivers bold flavors and a lively atmosphere.

#### **3. The Kitchen**

Located at the Meikles Hotel, this upscale restaurant is known for its refined dishes and elegant presentation.

#### **4. La Fontaine**

It is a renowned restaurant located within the luxurious Meikles Hotels in Harare. It offers a French-style dining experience with a blend of local grilled delicacies.

#### **5. Three Monkeys**

The restaurant has a relaxed indoor-outdoor setting with scenic views of the landscaped garden and a small dam. Located in the Honeydew Lifestyle Centre in Greendale.

### **Alternative Accommodation Near Rainbow Towers**

Name	Distance from conference venue	Price of standard room (\$)	Reservation contact
Rainbow Towers hotel	Conference venue	\$110	fadzai.Makuvise@rtg.co.zw
Island hotel	2 km	\$65	islandzim@gmail.com
Cresta Oasis	2.5 Km	\$110	reservations@oasis.cresta.co.zw
New Ambassador	2 km	\$75 (Discount from \$90)	Reservations.newambassador@rtg.co.zw
Monomotapa	1.5 km	\$85 (discount from \$115)	reservationsmgr@monomotapa.com
Holiday Inn	2.5 km	\$155	reservations@holidayinnharare.co.zw
Cresta Jameson	1 km	-	-
N1 Rotten Row	500 m	\$80	

## Mobile and Internet

Zimbabwe has several mobile service providers including Econet, NetOne, and Telecel. Internet access is widely available. Conference attendees will have access to eduroam at the venue, provided by ZIMREN.

## ZIMREN Offices

Visit the host of the 2025 UbuntuNet Connect Conference in Zimbabwe at their offices located at the Harare Institute of Technology, Harare. For more information, visit the ZIMREN website. [www.zimren.ac.zw](http://www.zimren.ac.zw)

## Consulates and Embassies

Zimbabwe has a number of embassies and consulates from various countries within and outside of Africa. Wikipedia's List of Diplomatic Missions in Zimbabwe offers an alphabetical breakdown of embassies, consulates, and honorary missions, including those accredited from other countries.

## Conference Support Contacts

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## Zimbabwe Security Forces/ Emergency Contacts

Zimbabwe security forces and emergency contact numbers you can rely on in case of urgent situations:

### **Emergency & Security Contacts in Zimbabwe**

#### **Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP)**

- General Emergency: 995 (landline only)
- Harare Central Police Station: +263 4 777 777
- CID Headquarters: +263 4 700 171

#### **Medical Emergencies**

- Ambulance Services: 994 (landline only)
- St John Ambulance: +263 4 798 555 / +263 772 123 456
- City of Harare Ambulance: +263 4 705 654

#### **Fire Brigade**

- Harare Fire Brigade: 993 (landline only)
- Direct Line: +263 4 783 983

#### **Other Key Services**

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- AA Zimbabwe Roadside Assistance: +263 4 751 202