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1. Geographical location

The second-largest city of Zimbabwe after the capital Harare, Bulawayo is located in Matabeleland and 439 kilometers (273 miles) southwest of Harare. The industrial capital of Zimbabwe sits on a plain that marks the Highveld of Zimbabwe and lies close to the watershed between the Zambezi and Limpopo drainage basins. The southern side of the city is hillier and the land becomes more broken near the Matobo Hills in the south. The population of the city is estimated to be 653,337 as per the 2012 census.



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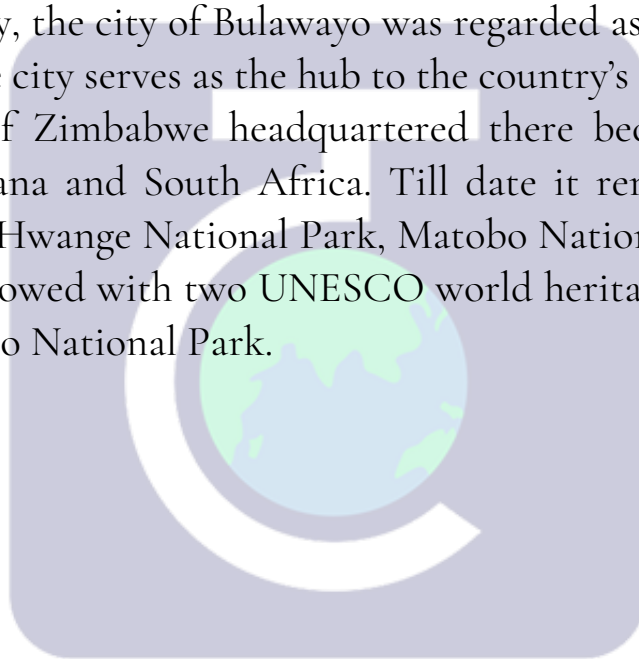
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Neighboring Cities Of Bulawayo Are Gweru With A Distance Of 157.6 Kilometers, Chitungwiza With An Approximate Distance Of 438.1 Kilometers, Harare With A Distance Of 439 Kilometers And Mutare With An Approximate Distance Of 561 Kilometers.



3. Significance

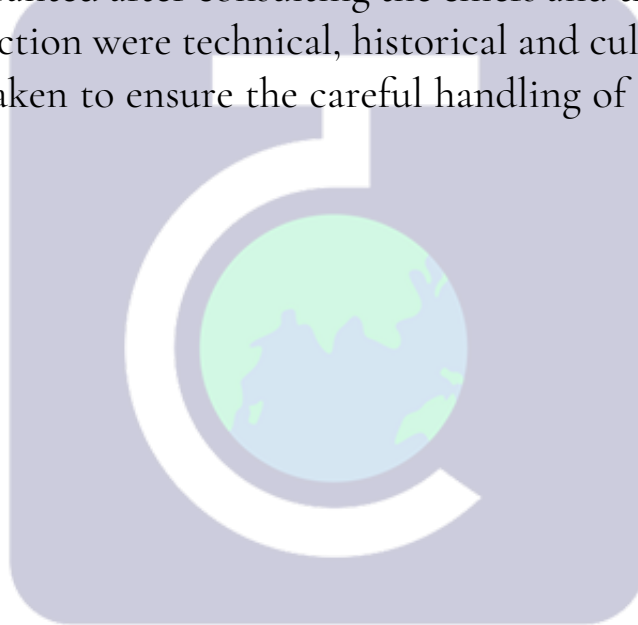
Bulawayo is the second largest city in the country of Zimbabwe after the capital city, Harare. The city has been entitled with a number of nicknames. Some of which are ‘City of Kings’, ‘Bluez’, ‘Skies’ or ‘KoNtuthu ziyathunqa’ – an Ndebele phrase for “a place that continually exudes smoke”. The city’s historically large industrial base led to the discovery of this nickname. For a long time in the history of the country, the city of Bulawayo was regarded as the industrial centre of Zimbabwe and the city serves as the hub to the country’s rail network with the National Railways of Zimbabwe headquartered there because of its strategic location near Botswana and South Africa. Till date it remains the one of the largest cities near to Hwange National Park, Matobo National Park and Victoria Falls. The city is bestowed with two UNESCO world heritage sites – The Khami Ruins and the Matobo National Park.



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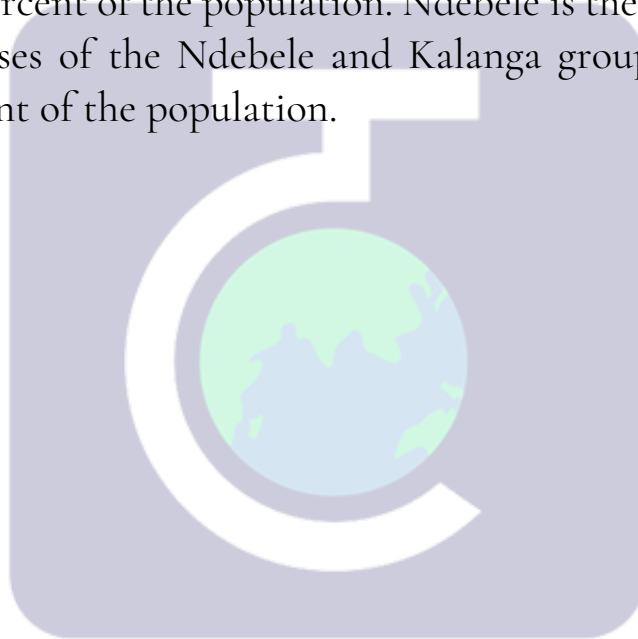
4. History

Successor to King Mzilikazi, King Lobengula established Bulawayo in 1870. Initially it was named as “Gibixhegu” and later it was named as “ko Bulawayo”. The king lived in the city until 1881. In 1992, the National museums and monuments of the country along with Dumiso Dabengwa, then Minister of Home Affairs, requested for the reconstruction of the Old Bulawayo. The approval for reconstruction was granted after consulting the chiefs and the Khumalo clan. The reasons for reconstruction were technical, historical and cultural. The decision of reconstruction was taken to ensure the careful handling of the artifacts found in the Old Bulawayo.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

The culture of a place reflects its society. Zimbabwe is one African country which exemplifies a diverse culture. Zimbabweans highly regard dance and music. Dancing plays a significant role in portraying the culture of the capital city, Harare. Shona, is the largest ethnic group of Zimbabwe which comprises of Manyika, Karanga, Zezuru, Rozwi, Korekore and Ndau groups, which constitutes around seventy six percent of the population. Ndebele is the second largest ethnic group which comprises of the Ndebele and Kalanga groups, which constitutes about eighteen percent of the population.



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6. Natural resources

The city of Bulawayo is rich with natural resources leading to a lucrative mining industry in the city. The city is home to copious amounts of coal and platinum. Zimbabwe has a significant percentage of the world renowned reserves of metallurgical-grade chromite. Other commercial mineral deposits include copper, gold, asbestos and iron ore.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe

Situated in the Centenary Park, Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe was constructed in 1962. In 1982, all the natural science exhibits were transferred here and the museum was renamed to the National History Museum. The museum displays some valuable research collections making it the best museum in Southern Africa and 4th largest in size among the other museums in the entire continent.

Address : Park Road & Leopold Takawira Avenue, Centenary Park, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1559226, 28.596393199999966

Contact : +263 9 250 045

Website : <http://naturalhistorymuseumzimbabwe.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Greyhound bus station

Entry Fee : Museum – Child: 1,800 ZWD (\$5) Adult: 3,600 ZWD (\$10)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Bulawayo Railway Museum

Exhibiting the background of railways in the country, the Bulawayo Railway Museum is a stimulus of the Bulawayo railway station. Dated as far as 1897, the oldest exhibit includes the private compartment of Cecil Rhodes. The museum is owned by the national railways of the country.

Address : Crew Road, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1635048, 28.574509199999966

Contact : +263 9 362 452

Nearest Public Transport : bulawayo railway station

Entry Fee : Locals: 1440 ZWD Tourists: 5400 ZWD

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Khami Ruins

During the reign of the Torwa Dynasty, Khami Ruins was formerly the capital of the Butua Kingdom. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986 and is dominated by a chain of decorated terraced stone ruins. Visitors can stroll around this site on several paths and take an insight of the unique cultural and natural heritage.

Address : Umguza, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1428081, 28.423247199999999

Website : <http://naturalhistorymuseumzimbabwe.com/khami-ruins/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mini bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Khami and Worlds View Matobo Hills Child: 1,800 ZWD (\$5) Adult: 3,600 ZWD (\$10)

Open & Close Timing : Gate closes at 16:30hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Matobo National Park

Awarded with the title of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Matobo National Park is a lush space divided into two parts- recreational park and the game park. The recreational park comprises of the World's View and the rock art caves, whereas the game park remains one of the best places to see both black and white rhinos to date. You can also experience the highest density of leopards in the country here.

Address : Matobo district, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.5572222, 28.512500000000045

Contact : +263 4 707 6249

Nearest Public Transport : renkini bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Child: 1,800 ZWD (\$5) Adult: 3,600 ZWD (\$10)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage

Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage primarily functions to provide a shelter to orphaned, abandoned and sick wild animals. Opened by an ex-game ranger, Vivian Wilson and his wife Paddy in 1973, this is not a zoo, rather it is an orphanage for the wild animals who have little hope for survival and is widely known as the country's most successful and largest wildlife rehabilitation center.

Address : Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.2610161, 28.822901

Contact : +263 772 301 871

Website : <http://chipangali.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : renkini bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: 1,800 ZWD Child: 1,080 ZWD

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday – 10:00hrs to 17:00hrs Monday–Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.6. Tshabalala National Park

Tshabalala National Park is located 10 kilometers from the city center. It is a wildlife sanctuary with a beguiling diversity of wildlife and birdlife including guineafowl, zebra, giraffe, francolins, warthog and many species of wild birds and waterfowl. Visitors are allowed to wander around in the National Park. You can explore the sanctuary either by driving or cycling.

Address : Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.3662378, 28.591469599999982

Nearest Public Transport : Greyhound bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : 8280 ZWD per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Zonkizizwe Shopping Centre

Visit Zonkizizwe Shopping Centre for a delightful shopping experience in the city of Bulawayo.

Address : Hillside Rd, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1759031, 28.589646000000016

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Bulawayo Centre

Zipcode : 0

Location : -20.1564469, 28.581019500000025

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Bradfield Shopping Center

Zipcode : 0

Location : -20.1786175, 28.592814900000008

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Open Flea Market

Treat your eyes with an assortment of colorful baskets, clothing, food and other items. Goods produced locally are not very expensive; however, the imported ones are relatively costlier.

Address : Sixth Ave, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.151656199999999, 28.582844900000055

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Safari Tours -**

Address : 140 Robert Mugabe Way, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1257954,28.6029728999999

Contact No : +263 9 60365

Website : <http://www.zulusafaris.co.zw/>

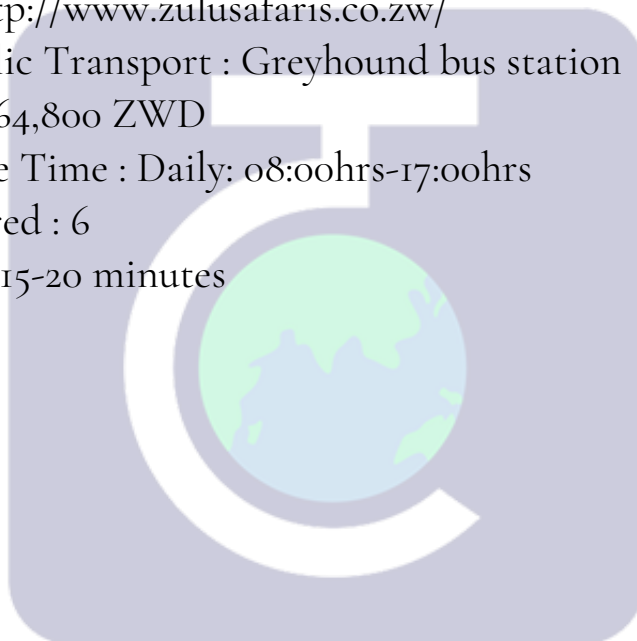
Nearest Public Transport : Greyhound bus station

Entry Fees : 64,800 ZWD

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Wait Time : 15-20 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The most popular sports game among the people of Bulawayo is football. Although cricket, rugby union and netball are played too, but traditionally among the white minority. Throughout the city field hockey is played with high spirits. The city is home to two of the three grounds in Zimbabwe where test match cricket has been played. Also, it houses Hartsfield Rugby grounds where many international test matches have been played.

- **Queens Sports Club:**

Address : A5, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1448833,28.588916499999982

- **Bulawayo Athletic Club Sports Grounds:**

Address : Twelfth Ave, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1651025,28.593293200000062

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10. Spas and relaxation

The city of Bulawayo doesn't boast many day spa and beauty centers, but it has got many spa options in its 4-star and 5-star properties.

- **The Haven Relaxation & Beauty Spa:**

Address : 281 Leopold Takawira Avenue, Khumalo, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.140105,28.612557

Contact No : +263 778940400

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/The-Haven-Relaxation-Beauty-Spa-482642041788620/>




11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Zimbabwe International Trade Fair



One of the oldest and the most prominent business exhibition in the country, the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair is an annual affair held in Bulawayo every year in the month of April. It's a week-long event which turns out to be the most convenient trade hub in the SADC region, with other business expos running parallel within the same venue.

Vic Falls Carnival

One of Africa's biggest and must attend end-of-year festival, the Vic Falls Carnival is a three-day extravaganza event which begins on December 29th and ends on December 31st.

Zimbabwe Colour Run Event

Zimbabwe Colour Run Event is an annual event which is organized in the first weekend of December. It's a 5 km paint race that brings together everyone to

**celebrate health, happiness, life
and individuality.**



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12. Key local guides and tours

The capital city of Zimbabwe can be explored with or without a local tour and local guide. But, it is advisable to explore the city through the eyes of a local guide or a tour. Some of the tour agencies in the city are Tours by locals, Wengayi Nhau Tour Guide and Nyati Travel.



13. Transportation hubs

Airport: Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport (BUQ) serves the Bulawayo city. The airport is located at a distance of 23 kilometers from the city center and it will take you around half an hour to reach the city center from the airport. **Train Station:** Bulawayo Railway Station is the only station in the city of Bulawayo. There's a train which runs from the city to the Victoria Falls every day and the trip takes about 14 hours with an expected amount of delays. A journey in the first class coach would cost you around 4320 ZWD and a ride in a second class would cost 2880 ZWD. It is advisable to carry a torch along as the train is usually without electricity and it gets quite dark inside the train. **Bus Station:** Intercap and Greyhound are two of the most recommended bus companies running daily services from Johannesburg to Bulawayo. The journey would cost you around 18000 ZWD on high quality luxury coaches. Pathfinder is a bus company which offers a daily luxury coach service operating between Harare and Bulawayo. Also, the company offers a 3-times a week service between Victoria Falls and Bulawayo.

Index**14. Transportation cost**

Taxis: In the city of Bulawayo a taxi ride would normally cost you around 360 ZWD per kilometer. Local taxis are mostly light blue in color and a taxi ride from the train station to the center of the city would cost you around 1440 ZWD or you may be asked to pay 1800 ZWD but don't pay more than that. The city is fairly walkable though. **Minibuses:** The city of Bulawayo offers an informal bus system, too. The minibuses are used to take people around the city. A single journey would cost you around 130 ZWD.



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15. Baggage allowance

Prefer exploring the city of Bulawayo either by taxi or a cab when carrying a large suitcase. Large suitcases are allowed in the buses but refrain yourself from travelling via same because pickpockets are the regular passengers. One can carry a backpack easily when exploring the city. When riding on the city bus, no additional fee is charged for carrying extra luggage but it is advisable not to carry bulky and too many baggage. Else, keep an eye on your luggage.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Maize / Corn is the main staple of Zimbabwe gastronomy and it is used in a variety of dishes. Food in Zimbabwe is influenced by traditional African food only for the most of its part. However British colonization has apparently left its mark on Common British breads, spices, sugar and tea. Following dishes are a must try when in the cultural city, Bulawayo:



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

The second capital city of Zimbabwe is very vibrant. Bulawayo is one Zimbabwean city which never sleeps. The nightlife of the city of Bulawayo is very lively but a little infamous. The restaurants and clubs are scattered throughout the city but a cluster of clubs in the Zonkizizwe Mall will give you a feel of a US strip mall.

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- **Dickies Restaurant:**

Address : Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.159036,28.5875237999999

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **Haefeli's Swiss Bakery:**

Address : 103 Fife St Btn 10th & 11th Ave, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1582763,28.5838787000000

- **Roosters Pub & Grill:**

Address : Shop 2 Chinos Zonki Zizwe Complex, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.17489,28.589143000

Contact No : +263 9 880 663

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Roosters-Pub-and-Grill-136111646553951/>

Open / Close Time : Monday: Closed Tuesday to Sunday: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Indaba Book Cafe:**

Address : 92 Josiah Tongogara Avenue, Corner 9th Avenue, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.15728,28.5876359999999

Contact No : +263 9 670 68

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/indababookcafe?fref=ts>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday: Closed

- **26 On Park:**

Address : 26 park road, Sixth St, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.154924,28.5982168000000

Contact No : +263 9 230 399

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/26-on-Park-Restaurant-For-the-finer-things-in-life-169517766442030/>

Open / Close Time : Monday and Tuesday: Closed Wednesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **The Kraal Pizza & Grill:**

Address : 54, Fairbridge Way, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1869755,28.6078992000000

Contact No : +263 78 507 7187

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Kraal/294707550569760>
Open / Close Time : Sunday & Monday: Closed Tuesday to Saturday:
12:00hrs-15:00hrs and 18:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Eden Night Club:**

Address : Twelfth Avenue, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1685022,28.6068765

Contact No : +263 77 456 5297

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: Closed Friday & Saturday:
16:00hrs-04:00hrs Sunday: 16:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **New Orleans Restaurant:**

Address : 4 Banff Road, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1894611,28.6086559000000

Contact No : +263 9 243 176

Website : <http://www.banfflodgehotel.com/new-orleans-restaurant-bulawayo/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 07:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Middy's Coffee Shop:**

Address : Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Location : -20.1640427,28.5862443999999

Contact No : +263 9 73324

Open / Close Time : Daily: 07:30hrs-16:00hrs

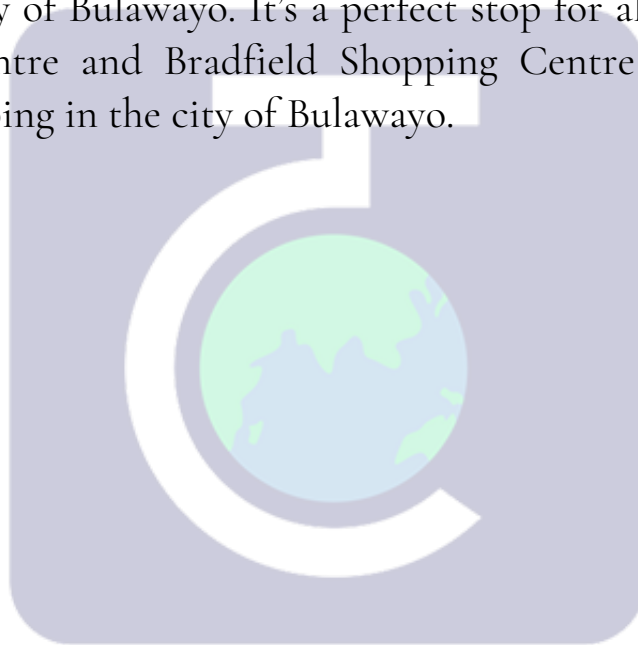
Index**18. Average meal cost**

Economical meal: 3,600 ZWD Mid-segment restaurant: 12,000 ZWD Luxury dining: 20,000 ZWD



Index**19. Shopping**

To have the best shopping experience in the city of Bulawayo, it is advisable to stroll around at the open flea market at the center of the city. Treat your eyes with an assortment of colorful baskets, clothing, food and other items. Goods produced locally are inexpensive. The imported goods are expensive relatively to South Africa. Visit Zonkizizwe Shopping Centre to have a best shopping experience in the city of Bulawayo. It's a perfect stop for all the shopaholics out there. Bulawayo Centre and Bradfield Shopping Centre remain shopaholics' choices too for shopping in the city of Bulawayo.



20. Tourist benefits

The provision for VAT refund services to a tourist in Zimbabwe in foreign currency is zero rated if supplied by:

- The operator of a tourist facility designated as such in terms of Statutory Instrument 106 of 1996.
- The operator of a hunting safari
- The owner of any place (other than a place wherein the owner ordinarily resides) where persons are provided on payment of a charge with residential accommodation, whether with or without meals.



21. Essential local apps

Download Byolife Streets – Bulawayo to search restaurants and accommodations in and around the city of Bulawayo. To notify your Facebook friends if something goes wrong, download Yalahwy and your friends will mobilize to come at your rescue.



22. Driving

One of the best ways to explore Zimbabwe is self-driving. The roads in the country are better than in many other African countries. Nonetheless vigilance is a must for speeding vehicles and animals crossing. The scenery around the country and the sheer stretches of sun-kissed bushes make a perfect backdrop to your unforgettable road trip. First time visitors are advised to avoid driving through the Beitbridge border from South Africa as the delays and paperwork can be time-consuming. Traffic lights are non-operational most of the times and the country has deep potholes in the roads which results in accidents as a common sight on the roads of Zimbabwe. It's recommended to drive carefully on inter-city roads, lock car doors, always wear seatbelts and carry a comprehensive medical kit whilst traveling in Zimbabwe. Anyone possessing a driving license in English language and a photograph on it can drive in Zimbabwe for up to 90 days. For non-English language licenses, it's mandatory to apply for an International Driving Permit from your local AA.

Index**23. Travel essentials**

The power sockets in Zimbabwe are of type D and G. The voltage throughout the country is 220-240 volts AC 50 Hz. So, ensure packing a travel adaptor or portable charger when traveling to Zimbabwe. To relish some game viewing, pack a good pair of binoculars.



Index**24. Essential clothes**

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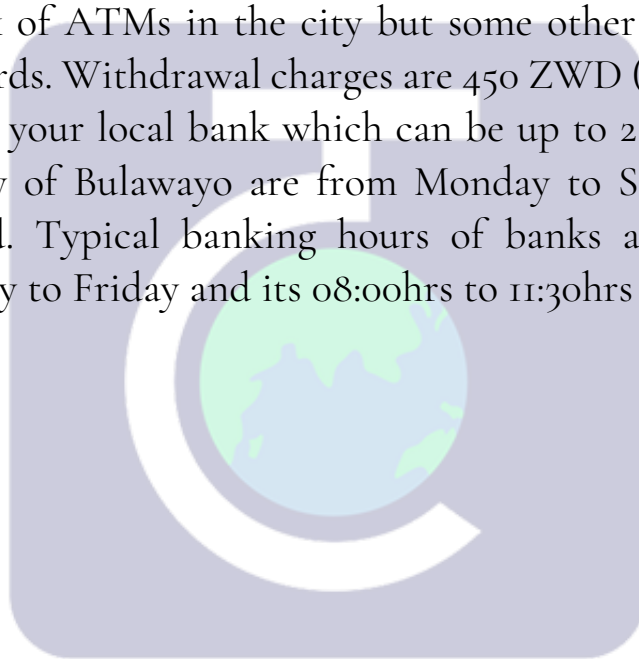
Index**25. Local currency**

Zimbabwean Dollar is the official currency of Zimbabwe. It is denoted as ZWD. 1 USD = 360 ZWD



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Authorized banks and Bureau de Change remain the best source of exchanging currency. Nonetheless, one can change currency at hotels too. Also, for convenience, private exchange agencies are located in the city. No commission is charged for currency exchange in the second largest city of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo. ATMs are ubiquitous in the city of Bulawayo. Barclays and Standard Chartered have a large network of ATMs in the city but some other local banks will also take foreign VISA cards. Withdrawal charges are 450 ZWD (\$1.25) per transaction plus the charge from your local bank which can be up to 2 to 3%. Working days for banks in the city of Bulawayo are from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday, banks remain closed. Typical banking hours of banks are from 08:00hrs to 15:00hrs from Monday to Friday and its 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs on Saturdays.



27. Staying connected

Econet and Net One are two of the best networks in Zimbabwe. It's super easy to buy a sim card in the city of Bulawayo. And the cherry on the cake is it's cheap, too. A sim card ranging from 360 ZWD (\$1) to 1800 ZWD (\$5) can be bought from any of the shops and vendors of Econet and Net One. All you need is a copy of your passport. Visit any of the shops, they'll register you and activate the sim on the spot. You can buy from a vendor, too but it'll be trickier to get yourself registered with a vendor.



28. Time Zone

Zimbabwe Time Zone: UTC+02:00



Index**29. Languages**

There are 16 official languages spoken in Zimbabwe. English, Ndebele and Shona are the most widely spoken languages in the country. Seventy percent of the population speaks Shona as their first language. Around twenty percent of the population speaks Ndebele as their first language.



30. Political Scenario

The African country, Zimbabwe is a legislative democracy regulated by a president. The president is elected by direct vote and he/she holds the office for six years. The legislative power is conferred in both the government and parliament.



31. Economic Scenario

After 2000, the economic condition of the country shrank resulting in widespread poverty and a 95% unemployment rate. The country has reserves of metallurgical-grade chromite and other commercial minerals are copper, coal, asbestos, nickel, gold, iron ore and platinum which are helping in rebuilding the economy of the city. But unemployment and poverty are at its peak at the moment.



Index**32. Religious belief**

Christianity (of many different denominations, including Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Dutch Reformed Churches and Presbyterian) is practiced widely across the country. But till date many people hold on the traditional beliefs in their ancestors as well as in prophecy and divination, where divine inspiration is sought through communication with the spirits.



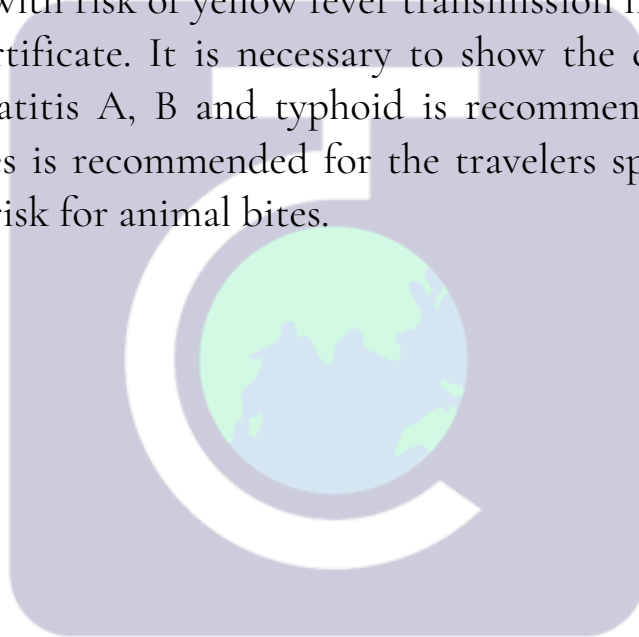
33. Visa requirements

Australian, British, Canadian, Other EU and USA nationals need a passport valid for at least six months beyond the date of departure, a return ticket and a VISA to explore Zimbabwe. Nationals of Cyprus and Malta don't require a VISA. All other nationals may buy a VISA on arrival except the nationals of Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Romania. These nationals need to buy a VISA in advance. VISA issued on arrival is valid for up to 90 days. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



34. Essential vaccination

Every traveler should be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before every trip. These vaccinations include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine and your yearly flu shot. Also, travelers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and travelers who have transited more than 12 hours through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission need to possess yellow fever vaccination certificate. It is necessary to show the certificate on arrival. Inoculation for Hepatitis A, B and typhoid is recommended for all travelers. Inoculation for rabies is recommended for the travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, or at high risk for animal bites.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Moderate level of crime including pick pocketing, mugging and jewelry theft prevails in the city of Bulawayo. Due to poor street lighting, extra vigilance is required especially after dark. Don't carry valuables and large amounts of cash whilst exploring the city. Ensure safety of your accommodation at all the times.



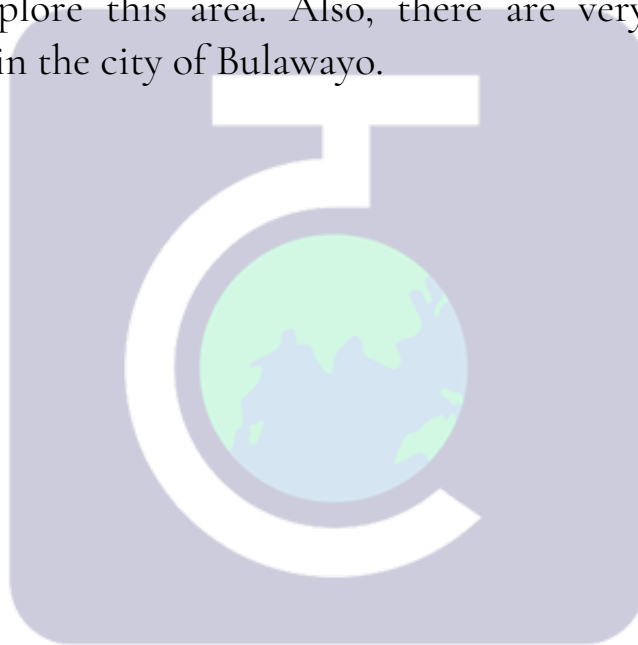
Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

To know more about foreign embassy consulates in Zimbabwe, click here
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/zimbabwe>



37. Accessibility

The second largest city of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo is not ‘differently-abled’ friendly. Seemingly it needs a lot of improvement with respect to infrastructure to ensure easy accessibility for disabled. Majority of the tourist attractions in the city are not accessible by “differently-abled”. Also, cobblestones and potholes are common throughout the city due to poor and old infrastructure. Manual wheelchair is a better option to explore this area. Also, there are very limited wheelchair accessible restrooms in the city of Bulawayo.



Index**38. Emergencies**

• Dial 995 to reach out to police in Zimbabwe. • Dial 994 for any medical help and call an ambulance in Zimbabwe. • Dial 993 to call a fire brigade in Zimbabwe. Following are a couple of major hospitals in Bulawayo: 1. Mpilo Central Hospital, Bulawayo 2. Bulawayo Central Hospital

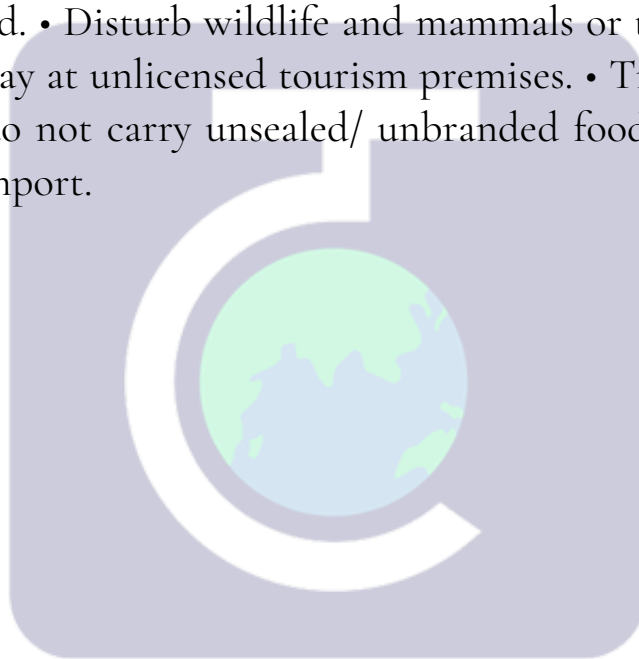


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39. Do's and Don'ts

Dos • Greet everyone and shake hands with the people you meet in the city of Bulawayo. • Carry minimum cash and valuable items whilst exploring the city. • Always keep an eye on your luggage when moving places. • Apply sunscreen before getting sun tanned. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance.

Don'ts • Litter around. • Disturb wildlife and mammals or their nesting grounds by feeding them. • Stay at unlicensed tourism premises. • Travel alone at night. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

There is no tipping culture in the city of Bulawayo. But 10-15% of tipping is standard in restaurants.

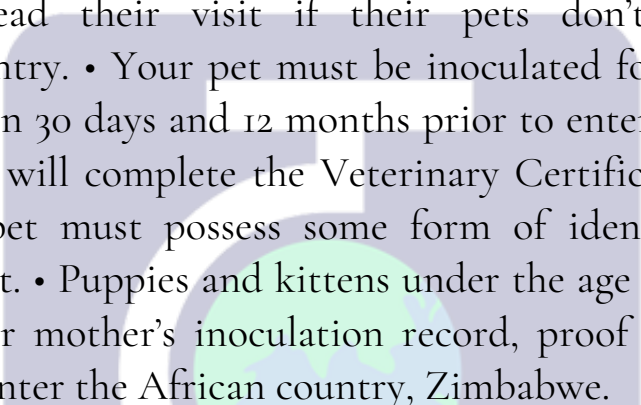


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41.Pet info

Healthy pets meeting the following requirements are not quarantined in Zimbabwe:

- An import for entry is a must for the dogs and cats who are not from another SADC member (Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland). It is highly recommended to the visitors to apply for the permit of their pets well ahead their visit if their pets don't belong from the abovementioned country.
- Your pet must be inoculated for rabies and various other diseases between 30 days and 12 months prior to entering the country.
- A licensed veterinarian will complete the Veterinary Certificate for Zimbabwe.
- The owner of the pet must possess some form of identification indicating ownership of your pet.
- Puppies and kittens under the age of 3 months must be accompanied by their mother's inoculation record, proof of parvovirus and a health certificate to enter the African country, Zimbabwe.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

One of the most vibrant African city, the city of Bulawayo offers many great things to do for the visitors visiting Zimbabwe. The city is one of those places in the world where you could visit on your tailor-made trip. The second capital city of the country is very fascinating and is a well-designed place. It is home to plenty of parks and open spaces to unwind and adore the culture of working Africa. The city is located close by to some of the most significant nature reserves of the country. Since it is sited on one of Zimbabwe's highest plateau, the air you'll breathe is fresh and the view is magnificent. The city enriched the Zimbabwean history by playing a significant role in the history of Zimbabwe. The city of Bulawayo is known widely for its UNESCO world heritage sites, the Khami ruins and the Matobo National Park. Also, the city offers a very fine and intrigue craft work. You simply cannot afford to miss out on the Shona soft stone carvings in the city. To get the best and the finest of the craft work, visit the curio stalls. Your visit to the capital city of Zimbabwe is considered incomplete if you don't step into the various national parks and the sanctuaries. You'll be spellbound to see an assortment of plant and animal species here including countless varieties of bird and mammal. Impala, zebra, giraffe, red cuck, bushbuck, white and black rhinos, elephants and eland are a common sight here. Enjoy your vacation in the city by spending some time at the charming outdoor cafes and indulging in some outdoor massages and spa in the city.

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