

## FAQs for Zambia March 2023 Rotary Friendship Exchange Dated January 26, 2023

**Q Do I need an invitation letter?**

A Once we have your completed registration form, we will send you a personalized invitation.

**Q Will someone pick me up at the airport?**

A YES 100%, all guests will be met at the airport by a local Rotarian with transport to take you to your accommodation.

**Q How do I get around in Livingstone?**

A We will have a bus to take you to the Rotary events, outside of that, we can offer trusted taxi driver numbers.

**Q What are visa fees?**

A Zimbabwe – need a double entry visa, anticipate \$45  
Zambia – free for US passports  
Botswana – free for US passports

**Q What are the costs associated with this trip other than my airfare and accommodations?**

A If you would like to be hosted at a local Rotarian's home, please send in a \$250 deposit to confirm your spot. Email Yenjean Hwang at [yenjeanh@yahoo.com](mailto:yenjeanh@yahoo.com) to arrange for sending in the refundable deposit. We anticipate that activities such as the group meals, boat cruise, field trip to the IVV Zimba Eye Clinic will range from \$20-\$50 per activity. Admission to Victoria Falls is \$20 for US citizens and free if you stay at the Avani or Royal Livingstone. Final costs will be published as numbers are finalized. The optional Botswana safari and trip to Mwandu will be an extra fee. Please see the link to Botswana Safari and Mwandu Volunteering for details. Email Paula Winland ([paula.winland@gmail.com](mailto:paula.winland@gmail.com)) for more information on costs and schedule.

**Q How can I exchange money?**

A Zambia - ATMs are widely located in downtown Livingstone, and will disburse local Kwacha, most places will accept Visa and Master Cards, American Express is not widely accepted. There is an ATM at the Livingstone Airport, and you may want to withdraw local currency there.  
Cash US Dollars can be used and also exchanged. Fresh new \$20 bills are preferred by Zambian merchants if you must use USD.  
You are advised to use established outlets for currency exchange and will be asked for your passport/identification.  
Zimbabwe – Use cash US dollars (bring small denominations as change can be challenging) or credit cards  
Botswana – Use credit cards or ATMs. While on safari in Botswana, guides will accept tips in USD if you do not have local currency

**Q Where will the group activities be?**

A As indicated on the schedule in the Information Booklet  
Thursday 23 March 2023 – Welcome lunch & Rotary meeting  
Sunset Boat cruise on the Zambezi River  
Friday 24 March 2023 – Field trip to Zimba Hospital, about 45 minutes by car  
Saturday 25 March 2023 – Rotary dinner  
Sunday 26 March 2023 – Transfer to Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls, Bush dinner  
Monday 27 March 2023 – Transfer or stay in Victoria Falls

**Q What projects will we see?**

A Project visits that the local Rotary clubs are involved in, including the recent District 5160 Global Grant beneficiary the IVV/Zimba Eye Clinic.  
- Mosi-oa-Tunya Rotary projects  
- Livingstone Rotary projects  
- Victoria Falls Rotary projects

**Q What are the costs for hotels?**

A Special rates may be available, depending on numbers. Please see information sheet from December for rate ranges and details on the Registration Form.

**Q What can I bring for locals?**

A Anything for children, clothes, toys, books, pens, pencils, soccer balls.

**Q Are there local shopping opportunities?**

A There are craft markets in both Livingstone and Victoria Falls,

**Other Tips**

1. Drinking Water – Do not drink tap water! Bottled or filtered water is recommended.
2. We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance before your departure.
3. Zambian/Zimbabwean/Botswanan cultures place a premium on courtesy, where people greet each other with a “Good Morning.” Please respect local culture and customs, and always ask permission before taking pictures of local residents. Most are quite pleased to have their photos taken if asked.
4. Restaurants – There are many choices from Indian, Fish, Traditional Cuisine, International Cuisine. Try our local beer – Mosi Beer!

**Things to Bring to Africa**

- Pack lots of small snacks for the journey.
- Bring a few ball pens, pencils, puzzles, coloring, outdoor fun games, toys, educational games, footballs etc. to give to children on project visits.
- Optional to bring unused clothing, such as T-shirts, caps, sunglasses, sneakers – can use these to bargain for your curios shopping.
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, good closed toe walking shoes, insect repellent, water bottle with integrated filter.