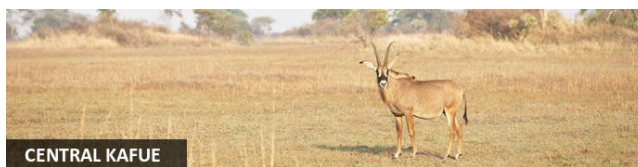


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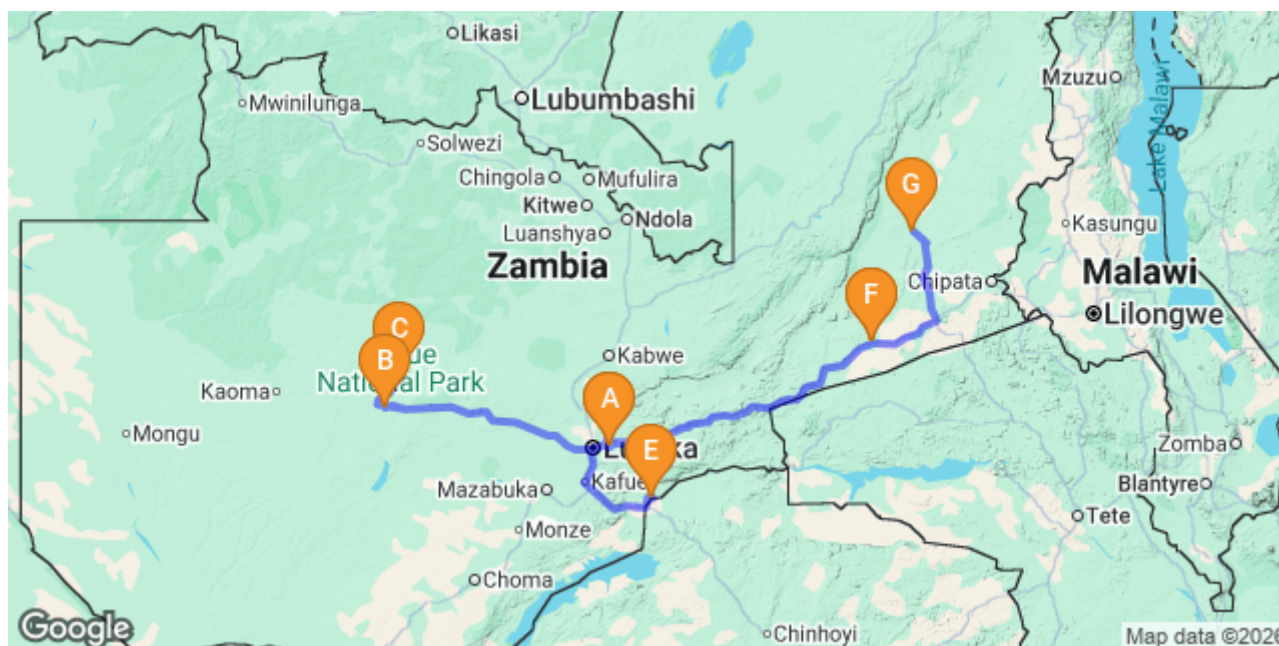


Zambia In Depth 16 Day Self Drive 2027

Lusaka - Central Kafue - Musekese Concession - Lower Zambezi - Petauke - South Luangwa National Park

16 Days / 15 Nights

2 - 4 Persons



Introduction

Day	Start	End	Activity	Accommodation	Type	B	L	D
1	Arrival	Lusaka	Pick up rental vehicle at airport; drive to Lusaka accommodation	Pioneer Camp	Safari Chalets BB	x	x	x
2	Lusaka	Kafue	Sundowner Boat Cruise with Mukambi Safari Lodge	Mukambi Safari Lodge	Chalet FI	0	0	0
3	Kafue	Kafue	2 x activities with Mukambi Safari Lodge	Mukambi Safari Lodge	Chalet FI	0	0	0
4	Kafue	Busanga Plains	Drive to Musekese Camp; afternoon activity	Musekese Camp	Safari Tents FB	0	0	0
5	Busanga Plains	Busanga Plains	Game & walking activities with Musekese Camp	Musekese Camp	Safari Tents FB	0	0	0
6	Busanga Plains	Busanga Plains	Game & walking activities with Musekese Camp	Musekese Camp	Safari Tents FB	0	0	0
7	Busanga Plains	Lusaka	Drive to Lusaka; evening at leisure	Pioneer Camp	Safari Chalets BB	0	x	0
8	Lusaka	Lower Zambezi	Drive to Lower Zambezi; afternoon at leisure	Kiambi Safari Lodge	Luxury apartment FB	0	0	0
9	Lower Zambezi	Lower Zambezi	Complimentary canoeing safari; optional activities	Kiambi Safari Lodge	Luxury apartment FB	0	0	0
10	Lower Zambezi	Lower Zambezi	Complimentary sunset cruise; optional activities	Kiambi Safari Lodge	Luxury apartment FB	0	0	0
11	Lower Zambezi	Petauke	Drive to Petauke	Chimwemwe Lodge	Super Executive Double Room BB	0	x	x
12	Petauke	South Luangwa	Drive to Flatdogs Camp; afternoon activity	Flatdogs Camp	Chalet FB	0	0	0
13	South Luangwa	South Luangwa	2 x game viewing activities	Flatdogs Camp	Chalet FB	0	0	0
14	South Luangwa	South Luangwa	2 x game viewing activities	Flatdogs Camp	Chalet FB	0	0	0
15	South Luangwa	Petauke	Morning game viewing activity; drive to Petauke in the PM	Chimwemwe Lodge	Super Executive Double Room BB	0	x	x
16	Petauke	Lusaka	Drive to Lusaka; drop off rental vehicle at airport	TOUR ENDS	x	0	x	x

Key

O: Meal from accommodation provider

X: Client own expense meal.

Included Transport in a Toyota Hilux 4x4 Meals and Accommodation as indicated Sundowner Boat Cruise with Mukambi Safari Lodge 2 x activities with Mukambi Safari Lodge Game & Walking activities with Musekese Camp Complimentary canoeing safari - Kiambi Safari Lodge Complimentary sunset cruise - Kiambi Safari Lodge Afternoon activity - Flatdogs Camp 2 x game viewing activities - Flatdogs Camp	Excluded All services except those listed above. Fuel, Toll fees Flights, Airport taxes, Visas, Porterage, Tips and gratuities, Anything of personal nature
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Day 1: Pioneer Lodge, Lusaka

Lusaka

Lusaka, Zambia's cosmopolitan capital, is a typical modern African city. Set on open plains at the heart of the country, northeast of the capital, the city serves as Zambia's rapidly developing economic and transport hub with new buildings popping up everywhere and many chain stores and shopping malls springing up all over the sprawling suburbs. Lusaka's wide, tree-lined boulevards feature a range of tourist facilities including hotels, guest houses, coffee shops, fast food outlets, nightclubs, and pubs. Visitor attractions include the Henry Tayali Gallery, showcasing local artworks; The National Museum, covering Zambia's colonial history; the Lilayi Elephant Orphanage; and a number of colourful markets. Don't miss the popular Munda Wanga Environmental Park where you will find a Wildlife Park and Sanctuary, Botanical Gardens, Recreational Village, and an Environmental Education Centre.

Day Itinerary

Pick up rental vehicle at airport; drive to Lusaka accommodation

Overnight: Pioneer Lodge

Pioneer Lodge in Lusaka, Zambia, is a charming retreat located just 14 km from Lusaka International Airport, making it a convenient stopover for travellers before or after their Zambian safari journey. Nestled slightly outside the city, the lodge offers 20 comfortable chalets accommodating up to 30 guests, along with a welcoming central bar and restaurant—perfect for sharing travel stories and connecting with fellow adventurers. Guests enjoy amenities such as a swimming pool, TV lounge, family-friendly spaces, and convenient airport transfers, all arranged on a flexible bed-and-breakfast basis. Whether you're preparing for a safari to Mfuwe or Kafue or returning home, Pioneer Lodge provides a peaceful, homey atmosphere and serves as an ideal base for planning routes, unwinding, or relaxing before your next adventure.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Mukambi Safari Lodge, Central Kafue

Central Kafue

Set in Zambia, the Kafue National Park is the largest park in the country and the second largest in Africa. The contrasting landscape of the Central Kafue features riverine bush, miombo and savannah woodlands, vast open plains and majestic granite outcrops. Visitors can enjoy the pristine natural beauty of the diverse scenery and its natural, unspoilt beauty. Drive along the Spinal Road for a chance to discover the most remote parts of the Central Kafue National Park. Don't miss the opportunity to spot a wide range of African wildlife with regular sightings of puku, impala and bushbuck and catch a glimpse of the countless bird species that call this area home.

Day Itinerary

Sundowner Boat Cruise with Mukambi Safari Lodge

Overnight: Mukambi Safari Lodge

Mukambi Safaris is a family run safari company in Zambia with three camps in Kafue National Park, one of the largest unspoiled wilderness areas in the world. The three camps are Mukambi Safari Lodge, Busanga Plains Camp, and Fig Tree Bush Camp, each surrounded by unique, untouched areas of remote African bush. Recently Mukambi Safaris won two awards in 'The Big Tusker - Ultimate Safari Experiences 2017'.

Activities consist of game drives in open-canopy vehicles, boat and fishing trips, along with walking safaris where you are likely to see elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, puku, impala, hippo, many other animals and an incredible array of birds. Back at the lodge our delicious food, friendly staff and comfortable accommodation will make your stay an unforgettable one. Our accommodation consists of a luxurious Riverside Villa, comfortable en-suite chalets and four luxury safari tents, all on stilts with a deck overlooking the river, with a private outdoor bathtub which makes for extraordinary star gazing.

Come and experience it all at Mukambi Safari Lodge for the famous last words of Karen Blixen, the writer of Out of Africa, were 'if there was one thing I could do again, it would be to go on Safari'

Activities

Boat Cruises

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Boat cruises over the Kafue River can also take place at any time of the day but we also have a scheduled Sunset Cruise each evening. On the boat cruise we shall drive you slowly up the river, giving you the chance to take in the surroundings, have some sundowners and

watch the sunset. You can bet your money you will see hippos and crocodiles and a plethora of birds, about which our guides can answer your questions.

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Mukambi Safari Lodge, Central Kafue

Day Itinerary

2 x activities with Mukambi Safari Lodge

Activities

Game Drive
Walking Safaris
Boat Cruises

Game Drive

Mukambi Safari Lodge offers game drives daily. One departs at sunrise and the afternoon drive (partly a night drive) leaves at approximately 2 hours before sunset. Drivers are 3.5 to 4 hours long. Our vehicles are located in the park, which is a short boat trip across the Kafue River, so all game drives depart from within the park. Mukambi is open all year round and game drives can be booked all year round.

Walking Safaris

Walks leave in the early morning hours after sunrise to avoid the heat of the day. The walks take place in the Kafue National Park itself and are approximately 3 hours. Our guides will talk you through everything Kafue has to offer that otherwise goes unnoticed, showing how the whole ecosystem works together to support the National Park. You can find nature at its most untouched on such safaris. Unfortunately, not available due to the wet conditions and high grass from approximately Dec to May.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Musekese Camp, Musekese Concession

Musekese Concession

Based on the banks of the Kafue River, deep within Kafue National Park, Musekese's landscape shifts between miombo woodlands and open plains, and waterways, creating an environment that supports a wide range of wildlife. Elephant herds are frequently seen during the dry season, while plains game such as sable, hartebeest, zebra, and large numbers of puku are common across the grasslands. Birding is particularly rewarding, with hundreds of species recorded in the area. A permanent, water-fed lagoon—locally called a dambo—draws wildlife throughout the year. Canoe safaris offer a quiet way to explore river channels rich in birds and hippos. Game drives and walking safaris help visitors explore further. A visit to the Musekese Conservation NGO Research Centre provides insight into ongoing efforts to protect the area.

Day Itinerary

Drive to Musekese Camp; afternoon activity

Overnight: Musekese Camp

Perched on the edge of a spectacular lagoon hidden away from the outside world Musekese Camp has made a name for itself with expert guiding, exceptional food and phenomenal wildlife. Explore this game-rich area by vehicle, foot, or boat along the emerald, green Kafue River.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - 6: Musekese Camp, Musekese Concession**Day Itinerary**

Game & Walking activities with Musekese Camp

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Pioneer Lodge, Lusaka**Lusaka**

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Drive to Lusaka; evening at leisure

Overnight: Pioneer Lodge

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Day 8: Kiambi Safari Lodge, Lower Zambezi**Lower Zambezi**

Located on the Zimbabwean border in the southern reaches of Zambia, the Lower Zambezi region is best known as the home to the Lower Zambezi National Park which features exceptional, undeveloped wildlife areas. It is renowned for its abundant game - hippos, buffalo, crocodiles, fish eagles, and herds of elephants can be spotted, among other species. The landscape is characterised by rugged, unspoilt wilderness of vast floodplains, scattered with indigenous woodlands. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities along the Zambezi including game drives, walking safaris, canoe trips, and excellent tiger fishing.

Day Itinerary

Drive to Lower Zambezi; afternoon at leisure

Overnight: Kiambi Safari Lodge

Kiambi Safari Lodge is located in lower Zambezi National Park. The property features various accommodation options including luxury air-conditioned chalets, thatched tented chalets, self-catering cottages with fully equipped kitchens, and camping options. The chalets are equipped with modern amenities, including a minibar, a private deck/verandah area, coffeemaking facilities, and ensuite

bathrooms. Guests can enjoy food and beverages at the onsite restaurant and bar. Additional facilities and services include outdoor swimming pools and Wi-Fi access.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Kiambi Safari Lodge, Lower Zambezi

Day Itinerary

Complimentary canoeing safari; optional activities

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Kiambi Safari Lodge, Lower Zambezi

Day Itinerary

Complimentary sunset cruise; optional activities

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Chimwemwe Lodge, Petauke

Petauke

Located in the Petauke District of Zambia's Eastern Province, about 400 kilometres from the country's capital of Lusaka, the tiny farming town of Petauke is a scenic destination which functions well as a base for exploring. The landscapes are characterised by vast open plains, wild bushlands, and the breathtaking North and South Luangwa National Parks. The parks, offering arguably the best wildlife-viewing experiences in the country, are filled with an impressive array of rare and endangered animal species and provide some phenomenal photographic opportunities. Travellers visiting Petauke can look forward to strolling the atmospheric streets of Petauke, sampling an array of delicious and unique local Zambian cuisine, learning about the ancient cultural traditions of the Nsenga people, and browsing the lively town market.

Day Itinerary

Drive to Petauke

Overnight: Chimwemwe Lodge

Located in Chengirani, Chimwemwe Lodge offers comfortable accommodations with sculpted gardens and manicured lawns. The spacious rooms include en-suite facilities and mosquito nets. Guests can enjoy delicious local cuisine at the on-site restaurant. Additional amenities include conference facilities and camping facilities.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Day 12: Flatdogs Camp, South Luangwa National Park

South Luangwa National Park

Bordering the Luangwa River, the northern and southern Luangwa National Parks contain some of the most breathtaking and untouched wilderness in Africa. As a result of this and the parks' successful anti-poaching campaigns, the area has developed into a

world-renowned wildlife haven. The South Luangwa National Park is renowned for its walking safari, which allows visitors to view elephant, hippo and even lion close-up under the supervision of professional and knowledgeable armed guides.

Day Itinerary

Drive to Flatdogs Camp; afternoon activity

Overnight: Flatdogs Camp

One of the only camps in Zambia to be Fair Trade Tourism certified, Flatdogs Camp aims to protect the wildlife and people of the Luangwa valley. Flatdogs offers a host of different accommodations right on the Luangwa River. The luxurious Crocodile Nest is a three bed-roomed tented house with private pool, as well as private vehicle and guide. The wilder Jackalberry Treehouse is two bed-roomed houses built around four live Ebony trees, over-looking a game rich waterhole. The chalets suit families perfectly with solid walls and connecting rooms. Luxury tents are spread out along the riverbank and are the real “Africa under canvas” experience, along with the slightly smaller but even better value classic tents.

The food at Flatdogs is renowned in the safari world as the a la carte restaurant serves a wide range of delicious & creative meals catering to all diets, serious allergies and individual preferences!

Safaris are led by expert guides who have studied all facets of the natural world. They can explain in detail the inter-locking ecology of the park and use nature’s alarm calls to find interesting sightings for guests rather than following the herd!

Activities

Afternoon/Night drives

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We leave camp at 3.30pm for our afternoon safaris, after tea in the courtyard. The safaris head out again after the heat of the day, when animals and birds start to get active again after the midday stupor! Your safari guide will aim to stop at a scenic spot just before sundown, so you can enjoy an infamous African Sundowner! Once the sun has set, you will continue on with a spotlight, operated by your spotter, who looks for interesting nocturnal creatures that you are unlikely to see during daylight hours. There is a chance to see nocturnal birds like night-jars, owls and bathawks as well as nocturnal mammals such as honeybadgers, civet, genet, porcupine, leopard and hyaena. Afternoon drives return to camp at around 7.30pm depending on what you are seeing but the National Park's gate closes at 8pm.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 - 14: Flatdogs Camp, South Luangwa National Park

Day Itinerary

2 x game viewing activities

Activities

Morning Game drives

Afternoon/Night drives

Walking Safaris

Chundu village visit

Morning Game drives

We leave camp at 0600 after a light early breakfast of toast, cereal, yoghurt, tea and coffee from 0530. We do our safaris in open game viewers so that guests have an all-round view of the birds, trees, wildlife and beauty of the park. Midway through the drive there is a tea/cold drink stop so guests can stretch their legs before carrying on, looking for new sightings, or following alarm calls to a predator or a kill. Morning game drives usually return to camp at around 1000 depending on the season.

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Walking Safaris

The South Luangwa is renowned as the "home of walking safaris", this is where Norman Carr first offered the idea of visitors exploring the Park on foot rather than by vehicle, escaping the noise of the engine and experiencing the thrill and excitement of being at one with the wildlife and habitat at a slower pace. Our safari guides will explain the smaller details of the bush which you can see, hear and smell when on foot, from bird calls to alarm calls to trees and plants which have medicinal uses and tracks of the wild, so you can interpret what you are seeing and hearing with more clarity. Walking is usually enjoyed in the mornings when the temperatures are cooler but can be enjoyed through the year for longer periods during cooler months. Each walk is usually 3-4 hours long at a gentle pace.

Chundu village visit

Unlike many "Traditional Village" projects, Chundu Village is really a living working African village where the local residents have agreed amongst themselves to invite visitors to show them their lives. They then use the money raised by visitors & donations to help the disadvantaged and for their co-operative farming programmes. During the visit, guests can see and help villagers preparing maize for meals, collecting water and visiting their nearby school if lessons are not in progress. The day trip including a local style lunch costs \$40 per person. Transfers to the village cost US\$75 per vehicle for day trips. Overnight stays at Chundu village are also possible, for a more in-depth experience, meeting the villagers and spending the night in a traditional local hut. Overnight stays cost \$80 per person per night including all meals (entirely authentic local dishes – you eat what the villagers eat). Transfers for an overnight stay cost \$75 per vehicle each way. If the village visit is chosen to be done instead of either a morning or an afternoon game drive, then there is no extra charge for the transfers for groups of four or more.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15: Chimwemwe Lodge, Petauke**Petauke**

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Morning game viewing activity; drive to Petauke in the PM

Overnight: Chimwemwe Lodge

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Day 16: End of Itinerary**Day Itinerary**

Drive to Lusaka, drop off rental vehicle at airport

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Travel Information

Located in the heart of Southern Africa, Zambia offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with thrilling adventure activities, rich cultural heritage and abundant wildlife found within its vast national parks and wilderness areas. Spend your evenings admiring the spectacular Victoria Falls, one of the world's largest waterfalls, after an exhilarating day of white-water rafting on the mighty Zambezi River. For a more relaxed experience, cruise the tranquil waters of Lake Kariba aboard a houseboat, watching elephants gather along the shoreline while trying your hand at catching the elusive tigerfish. From unforgettable safari adventures to breathtaking landscapes and warm hospitality, Zambia offers an exceptional blend of natural beauty and adventure. Whatever your interests, this remarkable country is sure to leave a lasting impression and a desire to return.

Banking and Currency**Currency**

Local currency: Zambian Kwacha

Symbol: ZK

ISO code: ZMW

Subunit: Ngwee

Banknotes: 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 kwacha

Coins: 1, 5, 10, 50 ngwee, 1 kwacha

Banking

Card Transactions: Limited

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Limited acceptance

Diner's club: Limited acceptance

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Weekends: Limited hours in some locations

Public Holidays: Yes (limited hours)

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around**Air:**

Main airlines: Zambia Airways

International Airports: Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (LUN)

Domestic Airports: Yes

Road:

Driving on the: Left

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

E-hailing services: No

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Yes

Local city bus networks: Yes

Rail:

Railway system: Limited

Subway System: No

Water:

Ferries: No

Water taxis: No

Leisure cruises: No

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Food and water safety:

Can you drink the tap water: No

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes

Ice: No

Meat: Yes

Street food: Yes

Local cuisine: Zambian cuisine features a variety of dishes, including Nshima (maize porridge), which is often served with meat, vegetables, or fish. Other popular dishes include Ifisashi (vegetables cooked in peanut sauce) and Biltong (dried meat).

Drinks: Mosquito (fermented maize), Chibwantu (traditional beer), and Munkoyo (fermented drink made from maize or millet).

Tipping: 10-15% is customary in restaurants if a service charge is not included.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies

Average temperature: 25°C

Summer:

Average highs: 30°C

Average lows: 20°C

Winter:

Average highs: 25°C

Average lows: 15°C

Best time to visit: The best time to visit Zambia is during the dry season from June to August when wildlife viewing is at its best. However, the wet season from November to April offers lush landscapes and excellent birdwatching opportunities.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Spring and Summer

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: No

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Limited

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Limited

Public parks: Limited

Libraries: Limited

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type C, Type D, Type G

Voltage (V): 230

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.