

Zimbabwe

Entering the Border (Beit-bridge Border Post)

We wish to advise that we have had many reports from visitors into Zimbabwe being victimised, having rental vehicles impounded for no reason and being charged astronomical amounts of money for all sorts of unprescribed duties and fees.

This behaviour has been prevalent over the past couple of months and has become more frequent, not only with our customers, but customers of many rental companies.

With this in mind, we would like to strongly advise that customers be discouraged from visiting Zimbabwe. Should a traveller wish to see the Victoria Falls, we suggest that the traveller see them either from Kasane (Botswana) (there are many day tours from Kasane by bus into Livingstone – it's more cost effective anyway to do it this way) or we suggest your customers to view them from Livingstone in Zambia rather for this excursion.

We feel that the experience of the Zimbabwean border officials and other authorities spoils it for our visitors. And not being local people or from Africa, it is quite daunting and not a nice experience.

We will keep you posted should this situation change

Avoid using this border post as there is too much delays (4-8 hours delay) due to high volume of travellers using this post, use Botswana as alternative route.

What you will need

[Printable version](#) of Zimbabwean cross border information

- Valid Passport
- Certified copy of vehicle registration papers in the name of the driver o Letter of authority from the registered owner if the vehicle is not owned by the driver
- If vehicle is still being financed, carry a letter of authority from the bank (must include dates of travel) together with the vehicle license papers.
- **Road Access Fee:** Based on the vehicle's size paid on entry only.
- Rates: R90 for a small sedan o R270 for a large 4x4
- **Exit Pass:** R70 at each exit
- **Carbon Tax:** charges from R50 to R240
- **Third Party Insurance:** \$30 per month for light motor vehicle and \$50 per month for Heavy motor vehicle
- **White and Red Reflective Tape:** Two small white rectangular size strips on the right and left hand side of the front bumper as well as two small red square strips on the right and left hand side of the rear bumper. If towing a trailer, two small red square strips on the right and left hand side of the rear bumper are required
- **Warning Triangles:** Two warning triangles on a metal plate
- **White and Red T-sign:** Required if towing a trailer; white must be displayed on front right hand side of trailer / caravan and red on the rear right hand side of the trailer / caravan, when looking forward.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Compulsory
- **Safety Vests:** Recommended
- **ZA Sticker:** (Available at AA agents stores)

Customs

Personal possessions which are intended for your own consumption in Zimbabwe are allowed entry duty-free. In addition, other consumable goods (not merchandise imported for trade purposes) may be imported up to a value of US\$250 per person. Family members travelling together may aggregate their allowances.