

CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF ZIMBABWE

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MOUNT NYANGANI



Mount Nyangani is the tallest mountain in Zimbabwe. It stands at 8,504 ft. above sea level. The summit of the mountain is a plateau with an area of about 8km². Mount Nyangani is in Nyangani National Park north of *Mutare*.

The definition of a mountain is a large elevation of the Earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level.

CHINHOYI CAVES



The Chinhoyi Caves are located in north central Zimbabwe. They were previously known as *Sinoia Caves* and are made of limestone and dolomite. The caves have cobalt blue water which is called *Chirodziva* which means Pool of the Fallen. The cave is incredibly deep with some spots being 330 ft. The caves stay around 70 degrees all year round.

KHAMI



Khami is a ruined city that was once the capital to the *Kingdom of Butua*. It is now a national monument for Zimbabwe. This place was so hot that it had problems with malaria. But what is weird is the stone the city was built out of because it is different than other places made from stone. The stones were supposed to be very hard to be made into anything because they could not be shaped. Showing a way of architecture that the people of Zimbabwe used.

VICTORIA FALLS



Victoria Falls is located near the Zambezi and Zimbabwe border. It is the largest waterfall in the world. Its width is 5,604 ft. and it is 354 ft. tall. It is the largest falling sheet of water in the world.

The definition of a waterfall is a cascade of water falling from a height.

LAKE KARIBA



Lake Kariba is the largest man made lake and reservoir by volume. It lies in between Zambia and Zimbabwe. When Lake Kariba was built and the dam was put in, it flooded the Zambezi River and Kariba Gorge.

LIMPOPO RIVER



The Limpopo River is approximately 1,087 miles long with a drainage basin of 160,200 square miles in size. It is the second largest river in Africa that flows to the Indian Ocean. The largest is the Zambezi River that is not located in Zimbabwe. The drainage area has decreased over geological time. The drainage area has changed leading to parts of the Limpopo to drain into the Zambezi River.

THE WEATHER/CLIMATE OF ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe has a warm or tropical climate with no snow. The last snowfall was recorded in 1935. The Wet Season is from November to March is when there is heavy rainfall but it is warmer. Sometimes it can be a light rainfall lasting for more than a few days. The Dry Season is from April to October and is usually colder, at night it can be 40 degrees Fahrenheit to even freezing. The day time temperature is pleasant being usually around 75 degrees. Zimbabwe's winter and summer are opposite of North America's winter and summer. The dry and wet season correspond at the same time with summer and winter.