



Zambia

Limits:

- There is a limit of three (3) firearms per hunter.
- There is no limit on the amount of ammunition. (Remember that airlines will restrict you to no more than 11 pounds or 5 kilos of ammunition. Check additional restrictions for your airlines and any country you may transit.)
- Handguns, automatics, semi-automatics and military-style firearms are prohibited.
- The minimum requirement for dangerous game, such as leopard and lion, is .300 caliber. The minimum requirement for dangerous game or big game such as elephant, buffalo and hippo is .375.
- Bows and crossbows are allowed but require a letter of authorization from the Director of National Parks and Wildlife.
- Only ammunition for the specific caliber(s) you are bringing may be imported.

Fees:

- The fee for a Zambian Temporary Firearm Permit is 50 Zambian Kwachas (ZMW). However, safari operators charge additional to handle the application process. Charges vary according to the operator and will cover the costs and time of courier services and/or personally traveling to government offices, plus follow-up to get the permit issued in time for your arrival. Expect to pay about \$200 US for your permit.
- There is an import fee of about \$2 USD per cartridge of ammunition.

Time Frame:

Your application should be submitted four (4) months before your arrival in Zambia.

Requirements:

Your safari operator will handle your application submission ([Zambia Temporary Firearm Permit Application Form](#)), payment and follow-up for your temporary firearm import permit. You must provide the following:

- Personal information including your complete name; date and place of birth; residential and mailing address.
- Passport number, place of issue and issue date. A scanned copy of your passport is best.
- Firearm details: type, make, caliber and serial number.
- Ammunition: quantity, description, caliber.
- Ports of entry and exit from Zambia.
- Dates of entry and departure from Zambia.

- Proof of ownership of firearm(s) you wish to import. A US Customs Form 4457 for US hunters or firearm license/permit for hunters of other nationalities. Both documents must include the firearms you intend to take to Zambia.

Authorization for bows

If you are applying for a letter of authority for a bow/crossbow, your safari operator will need you to provide evidence of your proficiency in bowhunting. Photographs showing your experience successfully hunting a variety of game will be necessary.

Clearing your firearms:

Your operator will meet you at the airport to assist with clearing your firearms.

Warning About Transiting South Africa

If you fly through South Africa and your arrival airline does not have an interline baggage agreement with your connecting airline or you overnight there, you will need to claim your bags and go through the South African firearm import process. This means you will need to comply with South African restrictions on the number of guns (a maximum of two firearms) and amount of ammunition you may travel with. See our section on [South Africa \(LINK TO SOUTH AFRICA SECTION\)](#) for details on getting a transit permit.

Also, some European countries have stricter limitations than Zambia on the number of firearms you can transit through the country. Check on restrictions before you book your flights.