



FUN FACT >>>

The name of this country means "great houses of stone" in the native language. This name comes from an ancient stone city, once the capital of the kingdom.



WHAT'S FOR DINNER? >>

Maize is a staple food for most people. Maize is ground into flour and used to make thick, delicious porridges, served with different meats and vegetables.



KIDS & CULTURE >>

In recent years, kids here are enjoying their country's renewed focus on education. Schools are growing and more and more kids are learning to read.



TRAVEL TIP >>

You must go on a safari. You'll see lions, leopards and cheetahs while driving on the savanna, and hippos and crocodiles while boating on the Zambezi River.



LOOK FOR THIS >>

Victoria Falls is the world's largest sheet of falling water. The native name in the Shona language is *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, which means "the smoke that thunders."



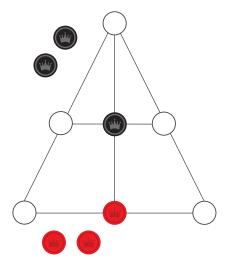
CHECK IN > DAY ONE

PLAY >

"Tsoro Yematatu" is an old Zimbabwe game that looks similar to tic-tac-toe. But there's a twist: Pieces can jump over each other.

Using sidewalk chalk, draw the triangular board. Each player chooses three game markers of the same color. (Checkers work well.) Players take turns placing their markers at vacant intersections. There will be one empty spot left.

Players now take turns moving, in two ways: They can move to an empty adjacent spot, or they can jump over any marker to an empty space. The player who gets three markers in a row is the winner.



LAYOVER > DAY TWO

ACTIVITY >

Quirky stacked rocks are a famous feature of the Zimbabwe landscape. The stacks occur naturally, when wind and water erode the softer lower rocks, leaving the top ones balanced in place. These stacks may look easy to push over. But many have tried without success. Their massive size and perfect balance mean these stone stacks are here to stay (Isaiah 26:4).



Collect rocks of different sizes and have a family stone stacking contest. Flat rocks work best. Can your stack withstand a strong breath? A stream of water from the hose?

PRAY >

Pray for the leaders of Zimbabwe, that they would make honest decisions that help families thrive.