

Harare

Between modernity and colonial wealth

Harare was initially founded under the name of **Salisbury** in 1890, but gained its independence and changed its name in 1980. Today Zimbabwe's capital is a modern African metropolis with a population of nearly 2 million.

The **modern capital city** of the country is characterized by its skyscrapers and colonial architecture reflecting giving it a **European atmosphere**. **Bulawayo**, the second largest city, sports the same architectural characteristics.

Harare's city centre is home to the **major traces of the colonial** past with its old buildings, shopping malls and bookstores. The centre can easily be explored on foot. African art and ethnography enthusiasts will enjoy the **National Gallery of Zimbabwe**.

You can also relax peacefully in the **Grand Garden** among lawns, mini rain forests and a miniature reproduction of the **Victoria Falls**.

For the best view of the city climb **The Kopje (rock)**.