

ZIMBABWE



Zimbabwe was formerly known as Southern Rhodesia before gaining independence. The word Zimbabwe is derived from “Dzimba dza mabwe” which means “great Houses of stone” in Shona language, based on the stone structures of great Zimbabwe or Dzimbahwe, which were included in the world heritage list in 1986.



The Zimbabwe flag has the colours of the African National Union -Patriotic Front which was adopted as the national flag of Zimbabwe.

The colours and symbols all have meaning:

White - represents peace and progress

Green - represents agriculture

Yellow - represents the mineral wealth

Red - represents bloodshed in the struggle or independence

Black - represents native Africans who form the majority

The Zimbabwe Bird represents rich culture and long history of Zimbabwe

Red star represents socialism and Marxist idealism



Interesting facts about Zimbabwe

- To Zimbabweans a big stomach among men is a sign of wealth. It implies that they can afford meat daily
- Lake Kariba on the river Zambezi is one of the world's largest manmade lakes
- Zimbabwe has the highest literacy rate in Africa at 90%
- International Organization of Migration estimates about 3,4 million Zimbabweans has left their home country, most heading for south Africa

