

**WELCOME TIGASHIRE**  
**Harare Metropolitan Province**



**Feel The Pulse of the Nation**

**About Us**

THE iconic Harare Metropolitan Province is one of the ten provinces in Zimbabwe made up of four main pillars; City of Harare, Chitungwiza Municipal Authority, Epworth Local Board and Ruwa Local Board

The province is administered by the resident minister, **Hon Charlse. Z. Tawenwa**, responsible for coordinating and implementing government policy to local authorities.

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The Zimbabwe Bird is the national emblem of Zimbabwe, appearing on the Zimbabwean national flag, coat of arms, banknotes and coins, with a larger statue on the entrance of the central bank building.

### **Historical Harare**

HARARE was founded in 1890 by the Pioneer Column, named Fort Salisbury after the British Prime Minister Lord Salisbury, then Harare in 1982.



Towering majestically is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which symbolises the final resting place for thousands of Zimbabweans who sacrificed their lives for the sake of our freedom and independence, but whose remains were never found but remain scattered in valleys, disused mines, caves, unknown graves and mass graves spread across the nation and in neighbouring countries. Heroes' Day is commemorated every year in August at this national shrine.

### **Orient Yourself around Harare's History**

#### **Harare kopje**

CLIMB up the Kopje and enjoy the best panoramic view of Zimbabwe's capital

city, Harare.



As a popular place for first-time tourists to Zimbabwe, the Kopje is 1536 metres above sea level.

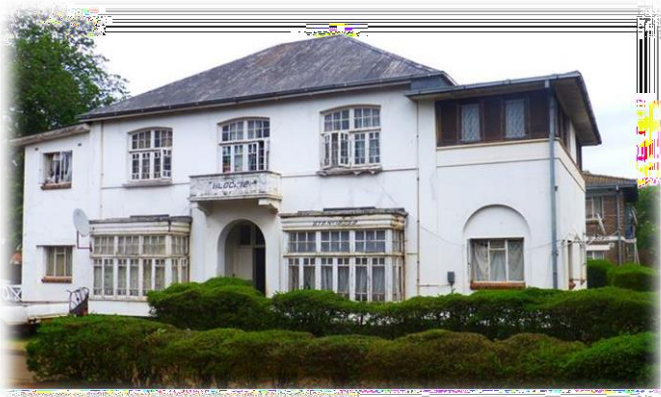
Besides offering a picturesque view of the capital city, it provides a serene atmosphere for those wishing to take a break from the huff and puff of a busy city.

It is also the embodiment of historical symbols and facts that are important to Harareans and tourists.

### **Historical Buildings**

HARARE is home to some of the oldest buildings in Africa.

The Avenues area, on the outskirts of Harare's CBD has a unique combination of historical buildings.



At 92 Baines Avenue, corner Sam Nujoma Street, you will find **The Residency**, Salisbury's first double storey brick house constructed in 1895.



**Cecil House** (1901), located at 2 Central Avenue, corner Sam Nujoma Street was built by De Beers.

**Lo Kia' House** (1902) is situated at 46 Fife Avenue, corner Leopold Takawira Street while **Berea House** of 1903 is down the road at 78 Fife Avenue, corner Mazowe Street.

**The Villa** (1910) is located 37 Josiah Tongogara Avenue while the **Railway's House** of 1911 stands at 67 Fife Avenue, corner Colquhoun Street.

In Harare's CBD, you are spoilt for choice when you go on a tour of the ancient buildings built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



**Queen's Hotel** was opened on 31 December 1899 on the eve of the twentieth century and consisted of a single storey building on the corner of Robert Mugabe Road and Kaguvi Street.

**Meikles Limited** of 1892 was opened as a general merchants in Orr Street while **Market Hall** along Mbuya Nehanda Street, present day Gulf Complex is one of the oldest buildings still standing in Harare, built around 1893 to 1894.

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### **Mother Patrick's Mortuary**



Mother Patrick's Mortuary established in 1895 outside the main entrance to Mukwati Building in Livingstone Avenue, between Simon Muzenda Street and Fifth Street still carry its history with pictures of decades gone by.

**Makombe Building**, formerly known as the Drill Hall situated along Leopold Takawira street was opened on 2 May 1902 and it was primarily intended for the training of volunteers.



**India House** (1903) standing at 90 Mbuya Nehanda Street was the publishing house for Rhodesia Herald newspaper.

**Former Synagogue** (1916) still stands at the corner of Harare Street and Nelson Mandela Avenue with the **Guild Hall** (1920) a block away at the corner of Harare Street and Jason Moyo Avenue.

The **Town House**, which houses City of Harare offices dates back to 1933. Other notable historic buildings housed along Robert Mugabe include

**Vasan's Footwear (1902)**



Vasan's Footwear (1902) 35 Robert Mugabe, **Arnold Building** (1910) 52 Robert Mugabe, **Union Buildings** (1910) 64 Robert Mugabe, **Store Brothers Building** (1911) 58 Robert Mugabe, **WH Adams Building** (1911) 60 Robert Mugabe, **Old Yorkshire House** (1911) 81 Robert Mugabe, **Standard Bank Building** (1911) corner Robert Mugabe Road and Orr Street with **Fereday & Sons** (1923) 72 Robert Mugabe.

## Mbare

FOUNDED in 1907, the cosmopolitan township of Mbare has a rich history of its land, people and culture.

Mbare bus terminus is a hive of activity for passengers wishing to travel to rural areas and other long distant places in Zimbabwe.

Meet local music producers as they do what they know best at Chill Spot studios, who have been leading music producers for the Zimdancehall genre. Chinembiri Art Studio and several backyard studios are a common feature in Mbare.

Built in 1958, Stoddard Hall is a symbol for unity through mass meetings and rallies that were held during the nationalist movement during former Rhodesia. Today, Stodart Hall has become the venue for the lying in state for Zimbabwe's heroes and heroines.

At Mbare West Cemetery are 27 Commonwealth war graves from World War I and 224 from World War II. The Harare Memorial commemorates 66 men while the Harare Cremation Memorial has one casualty of the Second World War.

### **Mai Musodzi Hall (1935)**



Formerly, Recreational Hall, Mai Musodzi Hall built in 1935 as Mbare's first Community Hall, renamed in honour of Mai Musodzi Ayema, a renowned philanthropist. Here you are told of her works that inspired the Musika, arts and crafts market development and the establishment of the Carter House in the 1950's, a symbol of African woman independence (*female Hostel high class accommodations for the working girl, could accommodate 165 girls sharing 2 each in every room*).

Mbare Musika is where people trade in all types of fresh produce. Siyaso in the Magaba, Mbare is the biggest informal markets in Harare of indigenous traders and manufacturers of building material, car parts, farming equipment, household goods and timber.

Mupedzanhamo, meaning 'end poverty' is a popular market for to buy cheap, second hand clothes from imported bales for as little as 50cents.

A visit to Mbare will not be complete without a meal at Mai Cresta or ZimD Café, for an authentic traditional cuisine offering true African hospitality.

Mbare is home to Rufaro stadium, the second biggest stadium in Zimbabwe.

Although Shawasha, Magaba, Matapi and Matererini flats are dilapidated, inhabitants share common values of oneness and togetherness

## **Tourism in Harare Metropolitan Province**

### **Mbuya Nehanda Statue**





A statue of the iconic national heroine and spirit medium Mbuya Nehanda Nyakasikana in the central business district of Harare, the capital. She was a powerful woman and staunchly committed to upholding traditional Shona culture. Mbuya Nehanda is a heroine of the first war of liberation, known as the First Chimurenga (1886-97), who bravely led uprisings by indigenous Zimbabweans against British settler occupation and rule. She was executed on April 27, 1898 by the British South Africa Company, which was responsible for the country's colonization.



You will find world class hoteliers in Harare offering five-star accommodation, conferencing and banqueting services. Standing proud in Harare's CBD, five star Meikles hotel [www.meikles.com](http://www.meikles.com) offering style, comfort and elegance.



For unparalleled service excellence, why not choose the African Sun Hotels [www.africansunhotels.com](http://www.africansunhotels.com) incorporating Crown Plaza Monomotapa and Holiday Inn Harare.



The Rainbow Tourism Group (RTG) [www.rtgafrika.com](http://www.rtgafrika.com) is a symbol of glamour, offering a unique, refreshing hotel experience on par with the world's best hotels in the world, having the luxurious Rainbow Towers Hotel in its stable.



A warm welcome and exceptional service awaits you at the Cresta Group of Hotels [www.crestahotels.com/destinations/zimbabwe](http://www.crestahotels.com/destinations/zimbabwe) where you can choose to stay at comfortable Cresta Jameson, the beautiful Cresta Oasis or the memorable Cresta Lodge located in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Msasa.



For nature lovers, a visit to Mukuvisi Woodlands in Msasa [www.mukuvisiwoodland.co.zw](http://www.mukuvisiwoodland.co.zw), the national botanical along Borrowdale road and Gayas gardens in Ruwa are perfect environs for total relaxation satisfying your eyes with well-manicured gardens and various local and exotic tree species, perfect for picnics.





Harare Gardens and Africa Unity Square in the CBD offer a serene environment to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the day.



The balancing rocks in the Epworth have been used in the design of the Zimbabwean Currency.



The Pool of Death and Domboramwari are some of the places to visit in Epworth.



The Chaminuka Caves in Chitungwiza are the final resting place for the spirit medium Chaminuka.

You can also spend time with wild animals at Lion and Cheetah Park and pass through Snake World to view some of the voluminous snake species in Harare.

There are opportunities for the development of holiday resorts at Cleveland and Harava Dam sites. The natural vegetation in these areas includes beautiful indigenous trees, abundant water and engaging rock formations.

Zimbabwe Tourism Authority (ZTA) [www.zimbabwetourism.net](http://www.zimbabwetourism.net) is responsible for tourism promotion, planning and development, research and the enforcement of standards and services in Zimbabwe. Life in Mbare, Epworth and some parts of Chitungwiza reflects on how the less privileged communities live. When you visit these places, do not forget to give the less privileged as your contribution will be a treasure to the recipient





Should you want to get a rural feel, the nearby Seke communal lands is within proximity to witness locals herding cattle, fetching water from wells while cooking in traditional huts on traditional stoves.



For a more sophisticated and modern lifestyle, tour the leafy suburbs of Borrowdale, Greystone Park, Hellensvale, Grange and Kambanji, Umwinningsdale.



THE magnificent Msasa woodland bordering the edges of Cleveland and its pretty views of the Dam provides a relaxing atmosphere for nature lovers.

Canoes are available for hire to those wishing to spend some time in water. Occasionally, you will see some water lover's speed-boating in the dam.



There are two airports, Prince Charles airport in Mount Hampden and the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International airport is the largest airport in Zimbabwe with a 4,725-metre-long runway, one of the longest in Africa.

### **Bon Appetit!**

WHETHER you are looking for traditional, classic or contemporary cuisine, Harare Metropolitan Province is the place for you.

The staple food is sadza, served with a variety of meat and vegetables. Outdoor barbeques have become common. Pork, beef, chicken, fish and rabbit are some of the steaks to look forward when planning an outdoor braai.



Gango, a recent addition to the traditional braai, which has become the new favourite for most Harareans. Pagango, Zindoga, Mereki, Family 24, Mega 2, and Lake Chivero are some of the popular places to indulge your senses when you prefer a descent outdoor barbeque. Biltong, known as *chimukuyu* and dried mopane worms (*madora*) are a delicacy, enjoyed by many.



You can also experience western cuisine with superb Italian, French, English, Chinese, Korean and Portuguese dishes at some of Harare's finest restaurants.



Savour Portuguese food at the Coimbra, French at Amanzi, Chinese at the Great Wall and western meals at Pariach, News Café, Café Nush and Ocean Basket among other up market restaurants.

### Joina City

JOINA City mall offers a world-class, unique and enjoyable shopping experience for the discerning and classy shopper.

As the heart of the city, Joina City's modern architecture provides shoppers and visitors an enjoyable and authentic "Hararean experience."



As Harare's second tallest building, Joina City boasts unparalleled and spectacular views of the city which never sleeps, making it the preferred choice for progressive companies seeking refreshing and inspiring office space

For the discerning and classy shopper, the mall has a plethora of services and a host of exclusive stores from top boutiques, the latest technology a state of the art gym and spa, restaurants, kid's stores, a reputable supermarket, reliable and efficient dry cleaner and banking services.

Open 7 days a week between 0900hrs and 1800hrs, Joina City has excellent security with 600 bays of secure, convenient underground parking, 24hr CCTV and manned security to ensure you enjoy hassle free shopping.

### Long Cheng plaza

LONGCHENG Plaza is a modern shopping mall built in Chinese architectural style making it the first in Zimbabwe revealing the integration of culture and good relationship between Asia and Africa.



The mall prides itself in a vast number of shops offering fashion, health and beauty, automotive, hardware and home, medicals, gifts, jewellery, photography and videography, internet and gaming, cake and bakes, solar products, musical instruments and several night clubs and bars.





Westgate is one of Harare's premier shopping paradise.

SAM Levy Village in Borrowdale is a shopping paradise representing the best of Harare.



You are spoilt for choice as the 19 conference rooms range from small, medium and large, not forgetting the gigantic, multi-functional auditorium seating 4500 people, suitable to host both local and international musical shows.

The roomy marble floor entrance to the conference centre and its spacious, well-tended gardens also allow for outdoor exhibitions. For this reason, HICC is the traditional venue for exhibitions for both indoor and outdoor displays.

### [Chitungwiza Hotel and Conference Hotel](#)

THE only authentic hotel in Chitungwiza, nestled in the heart of Zengeza 2, Chitungwiza Hotel & Conference Centre is your preferred hotel for accommodation, conferences and workshops.





Boasting of a restaurant, a cocktail bar, lounge, swimming pool, conference room, secluded guest parking area, wedding garden, room service and 24 hour security, the hotel is a one-stop shop for all your leisure requirements.

### **Night Life**

CHITUNGWIZA is the hub of revelry, outdoor and live music. Driving from Harare, kick-start the fun at Junction 24 which offers well-manicured lawns, secure parking, under tree sitting, children's play centre, restaurants, drinking places and a braai area for the best outdoor life.

As you drive past Hunyani River, Chikwanha has countless liquor stores, bars and nightclubs leaving serious drinkers spoilt for choice. You are welcome to refill your booze at Tanza Centre, a fairly new spacious, beautiful and well-managed outdoor place. As you continue to explore Chitungwiza, don't forget to proceed to Pagomba, Pagungwa, Makoni and Ziko.

### **Mereki**

MEREKI is one of the first outdoor spots that offer the best African cuisine in the city.



Savour the original Zimbabwean taste of wood fired beef, pork, chicken and sausages. Enjoy your steaks with a portion of hot sadza and served with fresh

green salad.

With a number of liquor stores scattered within vicinity, your meal will certainly go down well with a cold beer, fizzy drink or juice.



Other places to hang out in Harare include Zindoga, Mega 2, Mutangadura and Family 24.



You can also visit Centurion, One Plus One, Private Lounge, Basement and Londoners for greater fun.

## **Harare Metropolitans Diary**

### **Harare International Carnival**

THE Harare International Carnival (HIC) [www.zimbabwetourism.net/index.php/harare-international-carnival/](http://www.zimbabwetourism.net/index.php/harare-international-carnival/) is a unique brand that involves people across the social, cultural and political divide.

It creates an avenue to promote unity among Zimbabweans through celebrating our diversity, building bridges amongst our people and further strengthening our mutual relationships with friendly countries.

“Celebrating our Diversity” is the pay-off line for the Carnival.

The Harare International Carnival is set to achieve high “Gross National Happiness” for the Zimbabwean people by 2020.

The carnival itself is fast becoming the glue binding Zimbabweans together as a family in celebration of our culture and achievements as a nation.

It will soon become a viable economic enterprise for the nation through employment and wealth creation, foreign revenue generation, industry expansion, infrastructure advancement and social goodwill.

#### Harare International Festival of the Arts (HIFA)

HIFA [www.hifa.co.zw](http://www.hifa.co.zw) showcases the very best of local, regional and international arts and culture in a comprehensive festival programme of theatre, dance, music, circus, street performance, fashion, spoken word and visual arts.

Since its inception in 1999, the Festival has received recognition for its support of arts and culture in Zimbabwe and is seen as a major contributor to development in this area.

HIFA is now the largest cultural event in Zimbabwe and among the eight major festivals in Africa.

HIFA is one of the best organised and managed festivals in the sub- continent.

#### Harare Agricultural Show

HARARE Agricultural Show [www.zas.co.zw](http://www.zas.co.zw) is a premier event held annually that attracts local and international exhibitors.

Established in 1895, ZAS is the oldest convener and host of agricultural, commercial and industrial shows in Zimbabwe.

With an estimated 1.5 million visits to the Exhibition Park annually, the ZAS has established a solid record as a preferred facilitator and promoter of national agricultural development.

ZAS offers an exceptional opportunity to increase business exposure, and showcase various products and services.

No other event in Zimbabwe can provide this unparalleled opportunity in such a cost, effective manner.