

# PRACTICAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

## BOTSWANA



### FORMALITIES :

Passport valid 6 month after return date.  
Contact the Consulate of Botswana to get information on Visa

### CONSULAR REPRESENTATION in Maun

Plot 16 – Riverside Ward – Maun  
Tel : +267 68 60 435

### VACCINE:

Yellow fever vaccine is not compulsory unless you come from an infected area. In this case, at the customs checkpoint, your vaccine booklet will be required.

Botswana, like most of African countries, is situated in a malaria area. Malaria is transmitted by a mosquito breeding in humid areas. It bites day and night, indoors or outdoors, in cities or in the countryside. There is no vaccine.

Caution : Additional to medicine (consult your doctor), it is advised to wear long sleeved clothes at night (trousers, long sleeve shirts, closed shoes) and use mosquito repellent.

### CURRENCY :

The currency of Botswana is the Pula (P) divided in 100 Thebe. The word « Pula » means « rain » and « Thebe » means « shield », present on the emblem of the country.

Notes are P10, P20, P50 & P100 and coins are 5t, 10t, 25t, 50t, 1, 2 & 5P

Botswana banks accept Pulas, US Dollars, Pounds, Euros and SA Rands. Traveller's cheques are accepted and most lodges take credit cards.

### BANK OPENING HOURS :

Monday to Friday 08h to 17h

### TIME : Botswana is on GMT +2

### LANGUAGES:

The official language is English and the national language is Setswana.

### TIPS : The usage in Lodges is:

For Guides - US\$10 – US\$20 per person per day

Service personnel - US\$10 per person per day

### VOLTAGE:

220 volts – Plugs have 3 points. Take an adaptor.

Most Lodges in the Okavango Delta area have generators 6 to 24 hrs a day according to their category. You can charge your video equipment at reception.

### TELEPHONE: To Botswana, the international code is +267

### TEMPERATURES AND CLIMATE:

Botswana has a sub-tropical climate, except in the North.

Summer starts in October and ends in March. Temperature can reach 40 °C.

Raining season lasts from November to April and the dry season is in July-August (Winter).

Temperatures in winter are 23°C during the day and 5°C at night.

The best season to travel to Botswana is during Winter months, also Spring (september), Autumn (march – april)

### DRIVING :

The main roads are tarred (120km/h) and link Botswana to South Africa(Johannesburg), Zimbabwe (Harare) and Zambia



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(Lusaka). It is advised to travel in a 4x4.  
Travellers must have an international driving licence.  
Driving id on the left handside. It not recommended to drive at night.

CLOTHING :

Wear light clothes (cotton), warm (night), in a neutral colour (brown, beige, khaki), rain coat, closed shoes, mosquito repellent, sunglasses and a hat.

PHOTO :

It is forbidden to photograph government buildings. Always asks people's authorisation before taking a photo.

