

## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO BOTSWANA

**CLIMATE** – Summer (November to March): Start of the rainy season, warm to hot days.

Autumn (April & May): Floodwaters start reaching the Delta.

Winter (June to October): Delta reaches its peak flooding. Other areas are dry and can be cool at night.

**COMMUNICATION** – For international calls from Botswana to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence. + 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Botswana, dial the following sequence. 011 + (267) + (city code) + (local phone number) from a land line + (267) + (city code) + (local phone number) from a cell

Cell phone coverage is limited in game reserves. On safari, your lodge or camp is usually contactable via radio only. If you wish to bring your cell phone along it is advisable to check with your local cellular provider as to whether they have roaming facilities in Botswana.

**WATER** – We advise you not to drink local running water or tap water. Most camps and lodges will provide you with bottled or purified water.

**TIME** – Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Botswana does not observe daylight savings. Eastern time plus 7 hours beginning November to mid-March. Eastern time plus 6 hours mid-March – beginning November.

**VISAS** – Canadian and United States of America passport holders do not require a visa for Botswana for a visit of less than 90 days. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after your intended return date. The Botswana Government requires that you do have ONE blank visa page in your passport for a visitor's entry and exit permit to be stamped onto.

**MALARIA** – You are visiting an area where malaria is found, please contact your physician or travel clinic for advice as to what precautions against malaria they suggest for you.

### ELECTRICITY

Power supply is 220v, 50 Hz.

Outlets may be the D or G type or as pictured.



### MONEY MATTERS

#### Currency

The Botswana currency is the Pula. Foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureau de change, and authorized hotels. The US dollar, Euros, British Pound, and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies.

Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted in all hotels in Botswana. Other cards are still not widely accepted. You may be able to withdraw some local currency against your international credit card at specially marked ATM's. Please make the necessary arrangements with your bank in North America or use US\$ cash.

#### Value Added Tax

The VAT rate is 12%. Foreign tourists can have VAT refunded at most major airports provided the total value for goods purchased exceeds P5000. In such cases, the following is required: a tax invoice stating VAT paid, your passport number and bank account details.

**SHOPPING** – Generally, shops are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and are closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

**What to buy:** Botswana baskets are some of the most beautiful and well-made of any in Africa with each of the patterns telling a story.

Also, woodcarvings, jewelry, pottery, tapestries, fabrics and clothing, glassware, and San crafts.

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES – Lion World Travel

offers structured, safe excursions through our local team into game reserves and other wildlife viewing areas. Should you consider purchasing any other optional excursions such as lion walks or elephant back safaris, please be aware that safety standards and training vary, and even animals marketed as “tame” should be respected as wild and extremely dangerous. We do not endorse these activities.

### US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS – The

import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins.

### FLIGHT CHECK-IN – Please refer to your air itinerary

for suggested check in times. Have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

### FINAL NOTES – Safaris offer a small glimpse of the

diversity that is Africa. Some areas you visit will be quite poor by North American standards. Carry only small amounts of cash. Lock cash, valuables and passports in hotel and lodge safes or leave them with camp managers.

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