Botswana

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required.

US Embassy/Consulate

Vaccinations
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate
Semiarid; warm winters and hot summers

Currency (Code)
Botswana pulas (BWP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
220 V /50 Hz / plug type(s): D, G

Major Languages
Setswana 77.3%, Sekalanga 7.4%, Shekgalagadi 3.4%, English 2.8%, Zezuru/Shona 2%, Sesarwa 1.7%, Sembukushu 1.6%, Ndebele 1%, other 2.8%

Religions
Christian 79.1%, Badimo 4.1%, other 1.4%, none 15.2%, unspecified 0.3%

Time Difference
UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit
Suggested

Road Driving Side
Left

Cultural Practices
Handshakes, in Botswana, are more intricate than in western countries and involve the left hand placed under the right elbow.

Telephone Code
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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