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Botswana

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Botswana due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in 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

[267] 395-3982; US Embassy Gaborone, Embassy Drive, Government Enclave, (off Khama Crescent), Gaborone, Botswana; <https://bw.usembassy.gov/>; ConsularGaborone@state.gov

Telephone Code

267

Local Emergency Phone

997911

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, Sekalanga, Shekgalagadi, English, Zezuru/Shona, Sesarwa, Sembukushu, Ndebele

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
Tourist destinations	Chobe National Park; Okavango Delta; Tsodilo Hills; Nxai Pan National Park; Tuli Block; Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; Mokolodi Nature Reserve
Major Sports	Soccer, boxing, softball, cricket, rugby
Cultural Practices	Handshakes, in Botswana, are more intricate than in western countries and involve the left hand placed under the right elbow.
Tipping Guidelines	Tip \$1-2 (USD) per bag for porters to bring luggage to your room. A \$1-2 (USD) tip for hotel staff is also common. A \$10 (USD) per day tip is average for guides.

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](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[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 \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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