

Botswana

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Botswana due to COVID-19. 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

[267] 395-3982; US Embassy Gaborone, Embassy Drive, Government Enclave, (off Khama Crescent), Gaborone, Botswana

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

Tourist destinations

Chobe National Park; Okavango Delta; Tsodilo Hills; Nxai Pan National Park; Tuli Block; Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; Mokolodi Nature Reserve

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.
Telephone Code	267
Local Emergency Phone	997911

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 \(AAA\) \(\[www.aaa.com\]\(http://www.aaa.com\)\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(\[www.aataidp.com\]\(http://www.aataidp.com\)\)](#)

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

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