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## BOTSWANA

Botswana is a landlocked semi-arid country in Southern Africa, bordered by Zambia and Zimbabwe to the northeast, Namibia to the north and west, and South Africa to the south and southeast. Much of its land mass is reserved for conservation of wildlife due to the private reserves surrounding the Chobe and Moremi Parks. These two park's areas are practically doubled by these massive private game reserves, locally known as concessions.



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## Useful Information



### CLIMATE

In the Southern Hemisphere, Winter lasts from about June to August, Summer from October to March, Autumn (Fall) April to May and Spring is in September. At the end of the very dry season, just before the summer rains in September and October, some game areas can be very dusty, hot and dry.

Seasons:

**December - March:** The weather is warm with possibility of showers.

**April - July:** Gives you cool evenings, warm days, cold mornings and no rain.

**August - November:** Cold mornings, cool evenings, warm to hot days (can be very hot in November with a possibility of rain in the afternoons).

### CURRENCY

Botswana currency is known as the Pula. The South African Rand, United States Dollars and most major credit cards are accepted at most lodges and camps. Check with your bank for any fees you may be charged. US Dollars dated 2006 or before cannot be exchanged in Botswana. Please ensure your US Dollars are dated 2007 or later.

### SHOPPING HOURS

In general shops open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm; Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm; Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm

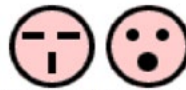
### LANGUAGE

Setswana and English are the main languages with several local dialects.

### VOLTAGE

Camps which have generators will produce 230 voltage, but they are only run when guests are out on game drives. Batteries power the lighting for the rest of the day and night. Please check with your booking agent. If you want your videos charged, please bring your own charger.

### ELECTRICAL PLUGS



220-240V 50HZ

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors should respect the outlook of the local people towards photography and only use cameras if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken. Never try to “steal” a photo against the will of the person concerned. Let your tour guide or escort help you negotiate terms before you start shooting! It is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and of course, military installations.