



## REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHILD TRAVELLING TO BOTSWANA

Effective October 1, 2016, The Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs imposed new regulations for visitors to Botswana under 18 years of age. The following documentation is required and presented on arrival at any point of entry in Botswana.

Please note that South African immigration requirements for minors more than covers the Botswana requirements, so if transiting through South Africa, you will already have the necessary documentation.

### **Child under 18 years of age traveling with both parents:**

- ◆ Valid passport
- ◆ An unabridged birth certificate when entering, departing or transiting South Africa and Botswana. A sworn translation (certified/authenticated) in English should accompany **all** documentation that is in a language other than English. **An unabridged birth certificate contains the particulars of a minor and those of the parents.**
- ◆ Medical certificate, when applicable
- ◆ Visa, IF required

### **Child under 18 years of age traveling with only ONE parent:**

- ◆ Valid passport
- ◆ An unabridged birth certificate when entering, departing or transiting South Africa and Botswana. A sworn translation (certified/authenticated) in English should accompany **all** documentation that is in a language other than English.
- ◆ An affidavit, no more than 6 months old when presented and valid for the entire visit, in which the absent parent gives consent for the child to travel. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate.

### **Child under 18 years of age traveling with guardian (not biological parent/s)**

- ◆ Valid passport
- ◆ An unabridged birth certificate when entering, departing or transiting South Africa and Botswana. A sworn translation (certified/authenticated) in English should accompany **all** documentation that is in a language other than English.
- ◆ A court order granting full responsibilities or legal guardianship of the child, OR
- ◆ The death certificate of the absent parent.

**Please speak to your African Travel, Inc. specialist to ensure that you have appropriate travel documentation.**