



# Botswana



**US State Dept Travel Advisory** For the latest travel advisories for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's website, available through the link below.

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

**Passport/Visa Requirements** For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

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

**LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers** Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

**Telephone Code** 267

**Local Emergency Phone** Ambulance 997; Police 999; Medical Rescue 911

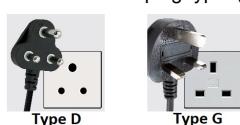
**Vaccinations** For the latest information on required or recommended vaccines, please visit the CDC's website, available through the link below.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

**Climate** Semiarid; warm winters and hot summers

**Currency (Code)** Botswana pulas (BWP)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)** 230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): D, G



**Major Languages** Setswana, Sekalanga, Shekgalagadi, English, Zezuru/Shona, Sesarwa, Sembukushu, Ndebele

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

**Potable Water** Opt for bottled water

**International Driving Permit** Suggested

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**Souvenirs** Woven baskets, native dolls, leather and textile items, wood carvings, jewelry and ostrich shell items

**Traditional Cuisine** Seswaa (or loswao) — beef or goat meat boiled with salt until tender and sometimes pounded; often served with maize meal, ground corn, or sorghum