

# **Botswana**

**Continent:** Africa

**Languages Spoken:** English, Tswana

**Population:** 2,600,000

**Currency:** Botswana Pula (BWP)

**Area:** 581,730

## **Main Landmarks:**

- {'name': 'Okavango Delta', 'writeup': 'A vast inland delta known for its rich biodiversity and unique ecosystem, attracting numerous wildlife and bird species.'}
- {'name': 'Chobe National Park', 'writeup': "Famous for its large elephant population and diverse wildlife, it is one of Africa's premier game-viewing destinations."}
- {'name': 'Tsodilo Hills', 'writeup': 'A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring ancient rock art and spiritual significance to local communities.'}

## **Head of State / Government:**

President Mokgweetsi Masisi

## **Main Cultural Events:**

- {'name': 'Dithubaruba Cultural Festival', 'writeup': 'An annual event celebrating Tswana culture through traditional music, dance, and storytelling.'}
- {'name': 'Maun International Arts Festival', 'writeup': 'Showcases local and regional arts, including music, dance, and theater performances.'}

## **Food & Cuisine:**

Botswana's cuisine features staple foods like sorghum and maize, with traditional dishes such as seswaa (slow-cooked shredded beef) and bogobe (millet porridge).

## **Brief History:**

Botswana gained independence from Britain in 1966. It has since maintained a stable democracy and experienced steady economic growth, largely due to diamond mining.

## **Important People:**

- Seretse Khama - First President and founding father of Botswana
- Quett Masire - Second President who contributed to economic development
- Mokgweetsi Masisi - Current President

## **Current Conflicts:**

Botswana is generally peaceful with no significant internal or external conflicts at present.

## **Youtube Links:**

- Discover Botswana: The Jewel of Southern Africa

- Wildlife Safari in Botswana's Okavango Delta
- Botswana's Culture and Traditions Explained
- History and Politics of Botswana
- Top 10 Places to Visit in Botswana