

# Botswana

Botswana has for many years had a very good policy for conserving its superb wildlife areas. As a result of these enlightened policies the game viewing in Botswana is outstanding with a very low visitor density.

Botswana's Northern and Central safari areas are compact and linked by light aircraft flights so most safaris here involve scenic flights between the reserves.

A varied safari circuit would include the Okavango Delta, Moremi Wildlife Reserve, Linyanti Wetlands and Chobe National Park usually starting or finishing at the nearby Victoria Falls in Zambia. During the green season months the desert reserves of the Makgadikgadi Pans and the Central Kalahari are also worth visiting with excellent game viewing.

The principal safari areas all have great, year round, close up big game viewing and the successful reintroduction of Rhino a few years ago makes Botswana a genuine big five safari country.

Safaris here can be both inside the National Parks and in huge private wildlife concessions where you can go off road, take guided bush walks and thrilling night drives.

A safari in Botswana is not cheap in the peak season dry months but is an experience to last a lifetime.

## Highlights of Botswana:

- Gliding quietly through the Okavango Delta in a Mokoro
- Huge Breeding herds of elephant in Chobe and Linyanti
- Excellent wild dog viewing
- Interaction with the local Kalahari bushmen
- Star gazing at unpolluted night skies over the Kalahari



Timezone:	GMT + 2 hours
Language:	Setswana, English, local languages
Currency:	Pula, US Dollar, South African Rand
Flights:	11 hours from Europe
Visas:	Not required by most EU citizens

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Botswana	Spectacular afternoon thunderstorms, warm days, peak birthing season. Great game viewing in Kalahari and Makgadikgadi	Spectacular afternoon thunderstorms warm days, peak some long dry spells. Great game viewing in Kalahari and Makgadikgadi	Continues to be warm but less humid with less frequent rain. Great game viewing in Kalahari and Makgadikgadi	Nights are now cooler, days warm, some early morning mist, trees fruiting. Long grass and thick bush make guides work hard	Dry season starts, cool nights, warm days, Okavango Delta starts to fill, seasonal pans dry out, good game viewing.	Warm days, cool nights, the bush is drying out, game viewing is excellent. Floodwaters in the Okavango Delta continue to rise	Sunny clear weather, warm days, cool nights the bush is now getting very dry. Excellent game viewing near permanent water	Now much warmer especially during the day. Animal herds getting larger on land near water. Outstanding game viewing	Hot and very dry. Huge elephant and buffalo herds and plenty of predator activity. Okavango flood levels peak. Outstanding game viewing.	Very hot and bush completely dried out. Truly spectacular game viewing with dramatic chases ending in clouds of dust	Very hot with the first rains expected mid month. Okavango flood waters receding. Excellent Game viewing	Rains more frequent, bush green animals start calving. Floodwaters continue to dry out

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