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Getting there

The main gateway into Botswana is through Johannesburg: there are no direct flights from the UK. It is relatively easy to book multi-destination flights, so visitors can fly into one airport and out of another, making a route easier to plan. Connections on to Mozambique, Cape Town, Victoria Falls and Namibia are all possible for visitors wanting to extend their stay.

When to go

High season in Botswana runs from June to October. The arrival of migrant birds in November makes this month a good out-of-high-season option. During March and April, days are clear and sunny with cool nights: sometimes the rainy season can extend into these months making afternoon showers a possibility. Wildlife is most prolific and easily spotted around the natural waterholes and dams between April and October.

Visas

Visas are not required for UK or Irish nationals. A valid passport, return or onward ticket, and sufficient funds to cover stay in Botswana are required by all visitors.

Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

Health

The World Health Organisation (www.who.int/en/) recommends all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B.

Hepatitis A, rabies, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for travel in Botswana. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Electricity supply

231v, 3pin South African plug. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc.

Money

Currency is the Pula.

What to bring

Binoculars, torch, walking shoes, swimming gear, plenty of high factor sunscreen, sunhat, insect repellent, camera, a day pack. Warm clothing is recommended for evenings, and a waterproof jacket. Lightweight clothing is recommended for the day. Avoid brightly coloured clothing for game viewing.

