



Logistics Note for the 6th Africa Animal Welfare conference to be held at the Travelodge Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana from 31st October – 2 November 2022

Visa to Enter Botswana

Citizens of some countries require visa to enter Botswana, whereas citizens of other countries do not.

Please check and confirm if you need a visa to enter Botswana.

If you require a visa, please pay attention to the following:

General Requirements for Botswana Visa

- Valid Passport - The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and with at least three unused pages.
- Recently taken passport-size photo in JPG format not bigger than 30Kb in size.
- All supporting documents must be in English and uploaded as ONE Pdf file not bigger than 5Mb in size.
- Copies of required documents must be certified.
- VISA/MasterCard is acceptable for payment. The card must be enabled for online payment.

Kindly Note:

- Visa fee is non-refundable. Payment does not guarantee approval.
- Any visa granted will be subject to compliance with the Immigration Regulations of the Republic of Botswana.

Visa Application Process

1. Visit an immigration office (contact information listed below), Botswana embassy or consulate to fill and submit Form 1 (Application for Visa in person).
2. Submit the required documents (listed below) with the application form.
3. Check the outcome of your application from the office where the application was submitted after seven (7) working days.
4. An approval/rejection letter is sent to the office where the application was made.
5. If the Visa application is approved, it will be printed at that office where the application was made or if not printed the applicant can travel with

the approval letter as proof of a Visa to Botswana and the Visa will be printed at the Airport/Immigration Ports of Entry.

What supporting documents are required?

The following documents are required to be submitted with the application form:

1. Certified copy of page 1 and 2 of passport showing validity period not less than six (6) months.
2. Two recent coloured passport size photos.
3. Covering letter indicating reasons for visit.
4. Flight itinerary and accommodation bookings or residential address in Botswana.
5. A re-entry permit to the country where the applicant is ordinarily resident if such a permit is required by that country.
6. Trip itinerary.
7. Intent to depart Botswana after your trip.

How long does visa processing take?

It takes seven (7) to fourteen (14) days after the date of application for the service to be completed and or one (1) day if it is Visa on arrival.

How much does it cost?

The costs associated with this service are as follows:

- Single entry for a period up to one (1) month is BWP 300.00(USD\$ 30.00)
- Multiple entry for a period up to five (5) years is BWP 500.00 (USD\$ 50.00)

Visa Exemptions (Visa Not Required)

Citizens from the following nations are visa-exempt for tourist and business purposes in the Botswana for up to 90 days in total per calendar year:

Angola	Brazil	Eswatini
Antigua and Barbuda	Brunei	Gambia
Argentina	Canada	Grenada
Australia	Chile	Guyana
Bahamas	Costa Rica	Holy See
Bahrain	Cuba	Hong Kong
Barbados	Dominica	Iceland
Belize	Dominican Republic	Israel

Jamaica	Lesotho	Mexico
Japan	Liechtenstein	Monaco
Kenya	Malawi	Mozambique
Kiribati	Malaysia	Namibia
South Korea	Maldives	Nauru
Kuwait	Mauritius	New Zealand
Norway	Turkey	
Oman	Tuvalu	
Papua New Guinea	Uganda	
Guinea	United Arab Emirates	
Paraguay	United Kingdom	
Peru	United States	
Qatar	Uruguay	
Russia	Vanuatu	
Samoa	Venezuela	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Zambia	
Saint Lucia	Zimbabwe	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
San Marino		
Saudi Arabia		
Seychelles		
Sierra Leone		
Singapore		
Solomon Islands		
South Africa		
South Sudan		
Switzerland		
Tanzania		
Tonga		
Trinidad and Tobago		

If you have exceeded the 90 days per calendar year, you are required to apply for a visa prior to travel.

List of Countries that Require Visa (Visa Required)

Citizens of the following nations must obtain a visa to enter Botswana

Aaland Islands	Cameroon	Fiji Islands
Afghanistan	Cape Verde Islands	French Antilles
Albania	Cayman Islands	French Guiana
Algeria	Central African Rep	French Polynesia
American Samoa	Chad	French Southern Territories
Andorra	China	Gabon
Anguilla	Christmas Island	Georgia
Armenia	Colombia	Ghana
Aruba	Comoros and Mayotte Islands	Gibraltar
Ascension Islands	Congo	Greenland
Azerbaijan	Congo D.R.C	Guadeloupe
Bangladesh	Cook Islands	Guam
Belarus	Cote d`Ivoire	Guatemala
Benin	Curacao	Guinea
Bermuda	Djibouti	Guinea Bissau
Bhutan	East Timor	Haiti
Bolivia	Ecuador	Heard and McDonald Island
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	Egypt	Honduras
Bosnia Herzegovina	El Salvador	India
Bouvet Island	Equatorial Guinea	Indonesia
British Virgin Islands	Eritrea	Iran
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Iraq
Burundi	Faeroe Islands	Jordan
Cambodia	Falkland Islands	

Kazakhstan	Morocco	Puerto Rico
Kyrgyzstan	Myanmar	Reunion Islands
Laos	Nepal	Rwanda
Lebanon	Netherlands Antilles	Saint Barth lemy
Liberia	New Caledonia	Saint Martin French part
Libya	Nicaragua	Sao Tome
Macau	Niger	Senegal
Macedonia	Nigeria	Serbia
Madagascar	Niue Island	Sint Maarten Dutch part
Mali	Norfolk Island	Somalia
Marshall Island	North Korea	South Georgia
Martinique	Northern Mariana Islands	Sri Lanka
Mauritania	Pakistan	St. Helena
Mayotte	Palau	St. Pierre and Miquelon
Micronesia	Palestine	Sudan
Moldova	Panama	Suriname
Mongolia	Philippines	
Montenegro	Pitcairn	
Montserrat		
Svalbard and Ljan Mayen Islands	Tokelau	Vietnam
Syria	Tunisia	Virgin Islands British
Taiwan	Turkmenistan	Virgin Islands US
Tajikistan	Turks and Caicos Islands	Wallis and Futuna
Thailand	Ukraine	Western Sahara
Togo	Uzbekistan	Western Samoa
		Yemen

Botswana Health Information

1. Yellow Fever Requirements

African Countries that require Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

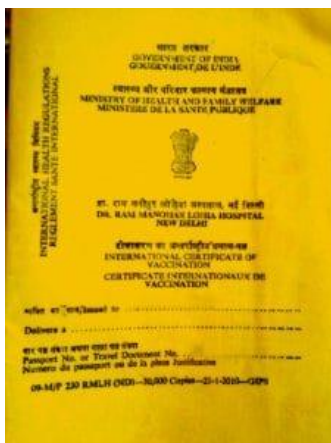
- ❖ *Countries that require vaccination for all travelers older than 9 months or 1 year:*

Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte D'Ivoire, DRC, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Niger, Togo.

- ❖ *Countries that require vaccination for travelers from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission or transit for 12 hours in those countries:*

Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Lesotho, Libya, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Botswana and other countries require the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis as proof of vaccination against yellow fever before entry, particularly travelers from or those who have visited or have transited yellow fever endemic areas. This service is offered at selected health facilities in the country.



Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

Botswana requires a valid yellow fever certificate from all foreign visitors and citizens over 1 year of age travelling from an infected area or having been in transit through infected areas (>12 hours).

This rule applies to travelers from the following countries: Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Colombia, Costa Rica, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Honduras, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad, Uganda, and Venezuela.

2. Covid – 19 Travel Requirements

Current Requirements for Entering Botswana

- If you are fully vaccinated a negative PCR test is not required. You will be considered fully vaccinated if you meet any of the following criteria
 - a) Received 2 doses of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and not yet due for booster shot.
 - b) Received 1 dose of a single dose primary series vaccine and not yet due for booster shot.
 - c) Received 2 doses of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and booster shot.

- d)** Received 1 dose of a single dose primary series vaccine and booster shot.
- If you are partially vaccinated having received 1 dose of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and are not yet due for a 2nd dose, then a negative PCR test is required.
 - If you are partially vaccinated having received 1 dose of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and are due for a 2nd dose, then a negative PCR test is required, and the 2nd shot of the vaccine will be administered at the port of entry.
 - If you are partially vaccinated having received a full primary series vaccine and are eligible for a booster dose, then a negative PCR test is required and a booster shot will be administered at the port of entry.
 - If you are Unvaccinated a negative PCR test is required and 1 shot of a primary series of vaccination will be administered at the port of entry.

Please note that for those not fully vaccinated, vaccination is conducted at all ports of entry

Note: The covid-19 travel requirements may change within short notice therefore you are advised to keep checking the entry requirements online as your travel dates gets closer.

3. Malaria Recommendations for Botswana

The southern and central areas of Botswana that are part of the Kalahari Desert ecosystem are malaria free, as are the cities of Gaborone and Francistown. However, the northern and eastern regions (including Chobe National Park and the Okavango Delta) do lie in a high-risk zone. Risk of transmission is highest during the rainy season, from roughly November to March. Therefore, it is recommended you consult your doctor to see whether you should take malaria prophylaxis before entering Botswana. The course should start 24 hours before entering Botswana and should be taken for 6 weeks after leaving the country.

Other prevention methods such as using mosquito repellent and sleeping under a mosquito net are also recommended.

Source: <https://africacdc.org/disease/yellow-fever/>

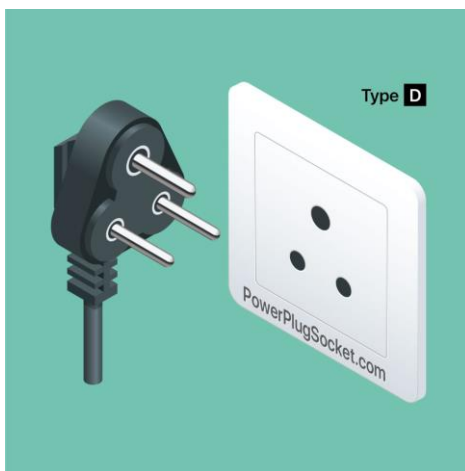
Source: <https://www.chaloafrica.com/botswana-health-vaccinations/>

Important Information

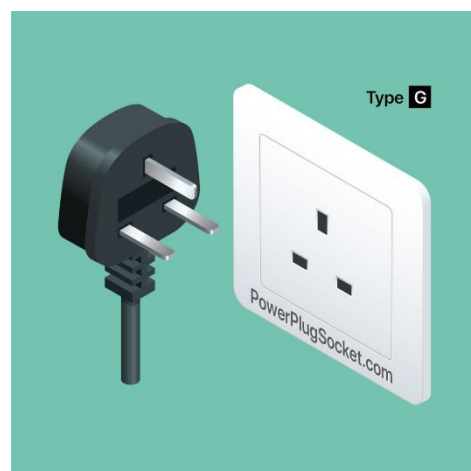
- 1. Currency** – Botswana uses the Botswana Pula (BWP) as its official currency. Bank notes are issued in 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 Pula. Major currencies such as Euro, British Pounds, US Dollars, South African Rand can be exchanged locally in Botswana. Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks. The capital city, Gaborone, and other major cities and towns have banks and ATMs where financial transactions can easily be done. It is advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as these comes in handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveler's Cheques are not recommended as they are often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.
- 2. Electricity Use** - Standard power voltage is 220 - 240 volts. Primary sockets generally require the 3 square-pin or round-pin variety, similar to the ones used in South Africa and the United Kingdom respectively. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a voltage converter and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

The power plug and outlet used in Botswana are the types D and G plugs:

- a) The type D plug has three round pins, which are arranged in a triangular pattern.
- b) The type G plug has three rectangular pins arranged in a triangular pattern



Botswana Plug & Power Outlet Type D



Botswana Plug & Power Outlet Type G

- 3.** Time zone of Botswana is 2 hours ahead of GMT/UTC (GMT/UTC +2).
- 4. Phone:** The international dialing code for Botswana is +267.

Accommodation during the conference

1. The conference venue is ***Travelodge Hotel, Gaborone Botswana***.
2. For those who have already booked and paid for accommodation through the conference website, your accommodation has been reserved as per your booking.
3. If you have booked and paid for accommodation but did not receive a confirmation email, kindly write to us through info@aawconference.org and copy duncan@aawconference.org as soon as possible.
4. Those who have not booked for accommodation through the conference organizers will be required to seek and cater for their own accommodation within Gaborone.
5. If you would like to book accommodation at the conference hotel, please click on this link to book today. (Booking deadline: 26th October 2022)
Accommodation booking link:
https://www.aawconference.org/index.php?option=com_quix&view=page&id=104

Transport and Airport Transfers During the Conference

For those booked in the conference hotel, the Travelodge Hotel will provide airport transfers upon arrival and departure.

When you arrive at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone, kindly look out for a Travelodge Hotel /AAWC Pager at the international arrivals.

The conference will only offer airport transfers for those booked at the Travelodge Hotel, which is also the conference venue. Any other travels by the delegates within Gaborone or Botswana will be at their own expense.

Hotel Contact Person

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For Taxi, alternative transport, or transport to the city or for a Game Drive kindly contact Kgaka on +267 725 96527

Water Bottles

Conference delegates are requested to carry their own re-usable water bottles to the conference as the secretariat will not provide water in plastic bottles during the conference. Arrangements will be made to water dispensers and water glasses at designated areas in the conference hall.

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