



Welcome to Mowgli Expeditions Nature Camps.

Here is a list of FAQ for the Botswana Birding and Wildlife Trip.

Quick FAQ

Q. Visas – For US Citizens

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- a. South Africa (you will need to clear immigration to catch a flight to Livingstone) – Does not require a visa for US citizens.
- b. Zambia – Requires a visa (\$50). Can be obtained on arrival but you are advised to get e-visa online- <https://eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/sign-up>
- c. <https://eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home>
- d. Botswana - Does not require a visa for US citizens

Passport's expiry should not be within 6 months of arrival and passports should have 3 blank pages.

Q. Which countries require covid tests?

A. As of May 2022, none of the countries – South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, UK require a covid test for fully vaccinated travelers.

However, In May 2022 South Africa stopped accepting cdc white cards and so a PCR test is required to be taken 72 hours before flight departure.

Make sure you have had the booster shot and are carrying the original vaccination card.

Q. Electricity & Wifi

A. Botswana is on 240. Most phone and laptop chargers are dual voltage so you'll only need an adaptor. Type M. Available on Amazon at following link.

<https://www.amazon.com/Botswana-Adapter-Ceptics-Universal-Chargers/dp/B07PKWJLRR>

Please check your items and see if dual voltage. If not, you will need a converter. Wifi limited to reception areas at lodges.

Q. Cash, Currency Exchange and Credit Cards.

A. Most of Botswana and Zambia accepts US dollars and sometimes will give you change back in dollars too. If you do want to withdraw local currency, there are ATMs in the airport and big cities where you can get local currency.

We recommend that you avoid use the credit card as much as possible and use it only at a lodges and airports.

Contact your ATM card and credit card issuing bank and let them know you will be traveling.

As to how much money you'll need, it will be for tips, drinks, and souvenirs. All meals are covered. So between \$300-\$400

Q. Luggage weight limits.

A. Please travel light. Safari flights limit luggage to 20kg (44 pounds) per person. It has to be soft bags/duffel bags with max length of 26 inches. You can have a small bag-pack in addition to this bag.

Q: What kind of vaccinations do I need to get before traveling to Botswana?

A: Standard childhood shots, Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, and Malaria prophylaxis (to be taken before, during, and after the safari) should be taken.

Malarone is one of the prophylaxis medications for malaria and most people tolerate is much better than quinine that used to be prescribed a decade ago,

If you are traveling to Botswana from an area infected with Yellow Fever (not likely for out trip), you must have a certificate showing you have taken Yellow fever vaccination in the last 10 years.

For detailed information on vaccinations recommended when traveling to Africa, please visit the CDC website:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/botswana/>

CDC does take quite a cautious approach toward what all vaccinations should be taken. For those in Texas, Austin Regional Clinic has a travel clinic.

Q: Do I need travel insurance?

A: Travel insurance IS REQUIRED for this trip, especially a policy that includes medical evacuation as this tour does visit remote areas. For a quote on insurance, visit World Nomads or InsureMyTrip.com (more expensive but insures people above 70 and has more options).

Q: What will the climate be like when we are there? What clothes should I pack?

A: It's winter time in June in the southern hemisphere. The average morning temperature is 6°C/42°F. Afternoons will be more pleasant, with temperatures around 25°C/78°F. Further with early morning safaris in an open jeep on half the days, it's very cold. Carry a good jacket, a monkey cap and gloves.

In the field, long pants and long sleeved shirts in neutral colors are best. Do bring swimwear as some lodges have a nice pool and there are parts of Okavango where you can take a dip.

Also dressing in layers is good in the field. We won't be doing much hiking so hiking shoes are not required. Comfortable walking shoes are good.

Q: Is it customary to tip and how much should I give?

A: Tips for van drivers and for group meals are covered in the price of the tour. However, you may want to tip as follows if you were happy with the services provided:

Safari Jeep driver/guide: \$10 per person per day(US \$5 for only a morning or evening safari)

Q: What mosquito repellent should I take?

A: We recommend you buy the All terrain deet free repellent from Amazon https://smile.amazon.com/All-Terrain-DEET-Free-Repellent-Activities/dp/B0016BFDN6/ref=pd_sim_121_4/138-2023701-7358508

Q. Laundry

A. Available at the lodges but we are at most lodges for two days so you may want to pack for all 12 days.

Q. What birding field guide should I carry?

A. <https://www.amazon.com/Birds-Southern-Africa-Fourth-Princeton/dp/069115225X/>

Q. Scopes – Sachin shall be carrying a digital camera that doubles up as a scope with him. If you are planning on bringing a scope, let us know.