



GENERAL FACTS & INFORMATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- There is no electricity in our tents, however Camp Kalahari has lanterns as well as electrical lights in the Guest Tents.
- You can charge camera batteries in the Mess Tent: bring an adaptor for a round 3 pin plug.
- If you are on a Mobile Safari Expedition, bring a 12 volt car charger.
- Water is a scarce resource in Botswana – so please try to conserve it where possible.

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HEALTH:

- There is malaria in Botswana so we recommend precautions be taken. Please consult your doctor.
- Be mindful of the fact that some medications can cause reactions to the sun.
- It is vital that you stay hydrated whilst on safari. The water in Botswana is safe to drink.
- There are basic First Aid kits in the camps.
- We have Medical Evacuation Insurance in case of emergencies.

GRATUITIES / TIPPING:

Tipping is by no means compulsory, but if Guests do wish to tip for good service the Staff are always grateful.

We recommend the following (as a guideline):
Between US\$ 10.00 – US\$ 20.00 per person, per day for Staff, Manager, Hostess & Guide.

WILD ANIMALS:

Our safaris may bring you into close contact with wild animals, and whilst attacks are extremely rare, we encourage you to listen to your Guide and take the necessary precautions. One of Botswana's main attractions is that it is still so wild and natural.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Please inform Uncharted Africa of any dietary requirements and allergies before travel; and confirm these with the Manager in camp.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE:

All visitors should carry comprehensive travel and medical Insurance. We, unfortunately, have to charge cancellation fees as per our stated policy, no matter what the reason for the cancellation.

VISAS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Visitors from the European Union, most Commonwealth countries and the USA do not require visas for a stay of less than 90 days. Visitors from Ghana, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka do require visas.

All visitors are required to carry a passport that is valid for six months beyond the intended length of stay, with sufficient blank pages for entry stamps.

Once at the camp you will be required to sign an indemnity form, this is a legal requirement.

WEATHER:

Weather is becoming increasingly difficult to predict, but below are some guidelines:

Jan – Mar: Summer. High rainfall and high temperatures. Highs range from 35°C to 45°C. Lows around 18°C.

April – May: Autumn. Dry and warm. Cool evenings and mornings.

Jun – Aug: Winter. No rainfall. Cold nights and early mornings. Days are sunny and generally warm. Temperatures range from 15°C to 30°C. Nights can drop below freezing in some areas.

Sept – Oct: Spring. Dry and warm. October can be extremely hot.

Nov – Jan: Summer. High rainfall and high temperatures. Highs range from 35°C to 45°C. Lows around 18°C.

YOUR SAFARI SUITCASE:

- Layers – the best way to dress on safari, due to fluctuating temperatures. We recommend cotton. Long sleeves and trousers will protect from both sun and insects. Colours should be neutral (beige, khaki, tan...)
- Fleece/warm sweater – even in summer.
- Light, compact jacket (windcheater) for the rainy season.
- Warm leggings – good to wear under trousers on the quads and for sleeping in on Fly Camps.
- Hats – both a broad-brimmed hat to protect against the sun, and a woollen beanie for warmth in winter.
- Gloves – good for cool winter evenings, quad biking and sun protection.
- Sunglasses – dark ones to cut the glare.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip salve.
- Shoes – good, sturdy closed shoes/boots and socks for walking. Flip flops/thongs for use in outdoor showers. We recommend RM Williams' 'Gardener Boots', Clarks' 'Desert Boots' or Timberlands.
- Swimsuit – for swimming in the Delta and most camps have small pools.
- Head torch – handy in the evenings. We recommend Petzl.
- Binoculars – each person should have their own so as not to miss out on any sightings. (Leica).
- Camera, with spare batteries, memory sticks, film, and the correct charging apparatus.
- A kikoi or light sarong has a multitude of uses.
- A good book for lazy afternoons.

BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS:

Luggage is restricted to a maximum of 20kg per person in a soft bag, including lap tops and handbags. A surcharge will be applicable for guests who weigh in excess of 100 kgs. Carrier reserves the right to repack a Guest's luggage in a soft carry on bag at the Guest's cost, if the luggage is not correctly packed.