## Travel Advisory to Gaborone - Botswana

# **Getting to Botswana**

### **Air Transport**

There are a few airlines that fly directly into Gaborone's Sir Seretse Khama International Airport from various destinations across the world.

The most popular airlines for this route are Ethiopian Airlines but there are options through South Africa such as Airlink, South African Airways and Air Botswana if the traveller is connecting via **Johannesburg**, the recommended airlines are **Air Botswana**, **Airlink** and South African Airways.

# Visas Requirements

Citizens of most European and Commonwealth countries including (Southern Africa.) do not require a visa for entry into Botswana, however, a valid passport is always required for any international travel no matter what nationality or passport you are travelling on.

Travellers coming from The Gambia, Uganda, Cameroon, require VISAs. Please send Lillian (Mokgosilillian5@gmail.com) your passport page and at least 5 copies of passport pages of 5 recently visited countries.

Travellers from UK, USA, Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa and Lesotho do not require VISAs for Botswana.

#### **Visa Categories**

Botswana has two visa categories: **Non-Visa Category:** No visa is required. No action or fee needed. Stamp is for 30 days, which can be extended. **Visa-Category:** Visa is required and applied for before travelling. **Can take between 7 to 14 days**.

**Length of stay** - All nationalities can stay for a **maximum of 90 days** in any 12 month period for holiday purposes, without a permit.

Passport Requirement - All travellers to Botswana will need:

- Passports must be valid for at least six months.
- At least 2 blank passport pages
- Round-trip or onward ticket if flying into Botswana

#### **Botswana Visa Fees**

Nationals who require a visa to Botswana will need to pay for it at the time of their application, and the fees vary from country to country, as well as with each visa type.

## While in Botswana

**Accommodation** – please visit the wedding website, <u>www.wedding.qhobela.co.za</u> for suggested accommodation in Gaborone.

### **Land Transport**

Family will coordinate your pickup, travel to hotel, wedding venue and return to airport.

## **The Wedding Venue**

Ramotswa – The wedding will take place at the Mokgosi-Seboko Family home in Ramotswa. Ramotswa is a village in South-East District of Botswana, approximately 32 Km from Gaborone. This will take approximately 40 minutes by road on the main A1 highway. The town has a population is about 30,000 and is the capital of the BaLete, nation in Botswana. Below is the link to the venue: <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/sJpoXqEhL5UJRD336">https://maps.app.goo.gl/sJpoXqEhL5UJRD336</a>

## The Weather

Botswana's climate is arid to semi-arid with highly erratic rainfall. Botswana's climate is determined by its inland location, astride the subtropical high-pressure belt. The weather is characterised by great differences in day and night temperatures, and low humidity overall. It receives virtually no rainfall for six months of the year, with the wettest months being December to March.

Daytime temperatures usually reach 32°C in Gaborone, Botswana in November with high heat and humidity, falling to 18°C at night. You can expect about **3 to 8 days of rain** in Gaborone during the month of November. It's a good idea to bring along your umbrella so that you don't get caught in poor weather.

The weather forecast for November 2024 is as follows:



# **Medical**

There are excellent medical facilities in Gaborone should a person fall ill. Malaria is not endemic in Gaborone and thus no special precautions are required.

**Vaccinations**: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required if entering from a country where yellow fever is endemic. The Government of Botswana does not require other vaccinations.