

## Facts About Botswana

**Capital City:** Gaborone

**Population:** 2 million people live in Botswana.

**Language:** English (official), Setswana is spoken by most people in Botswana and there are also some indigenous languages.

**Religion:** Christian 85%. Indigenous beliefs 15%

**Climate:** Botswana is almost all deserts (80% of the country is covered by the semi-arid Kalahari Desert. The climate reflects the country's geography, with hot days and cool nights throughout the year. The rainy season is from November to March. Wildlife viewing is at its best from May to October,

**Currency:** Pula.

### Botswana's Main Attractions:

- **Okavango Delta** -- The Okavango River cuts through the center of the Kalahari Desert, creating a unique ecosystem that gives life to a huge variety of birds and mammals. The Okavango is a unique safari destination because you can view wildlife from both land and water by taking a traditional canoe, a *mokoro*.
- **Chobe National Park** -- Chobe National park covers four distinct ecosystems. The Savuti marsh in particular offers some of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa year round. Chobe boasts around 120,000 elephants -- you're unlikely to miss them when you enjoy a safari here.
- **Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park** -- Salt pans, Kalahari sand dunes, and plenty of wildlife during the rainy season makes this a wonderful park to visit, but it's not easy to get to.
- **Central Kalahari Game Reserve:** The CKGR gets animals such springbok, gemsbok and wildebeest in their thousands and is quite a sight to behold. Predators abound with plentiful Lions - especially the famous Kalahari black-maned Lion, Cheetah, Leopard and Jackals. Brown Hyenas and Wild Dogs are also found in the area. The views of wide open spaces are unbelievable and captivating. The activities on offer here are game drives, full day excursions and nature walks with the San trackers