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BOTSWANA WEATHER & WHAT TO PACK: FACTS & INFO

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SEASONAL WEATHER INFORMATION

The weather in Botswana is becoming increasingly difficult to predict, but below is a brief description of what you can expect in the different seasons.

JANUARY – MARCH:

Summer

You can expect high rainfall and high temperatures so pack accordingly! Highs range from 35°C (95°F) to 45°C (113°F) whilst it can fall to around 18°C (64°F) at night and after heavy thunderstorms.

APRIL – MAY:

Autumn

It's starting to get drier now and rainfall is less. Expect dry and warm days with cool evenings and mornings.

JUNE – AUGUST:

Winter

There is generally no rainfall during the winter months but you can expect colder nights and early mornings. The days however are sunny and generally warm. Temperatures range from 15°C (59°F) to 30°C (86°F), but at night, it can drop below freezing in some areas.

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER:

Spring

As the season progresses, the days become drier and warmer. October (and sometimes November) can be extremely hot with temperatures reaching upwards of 40°C (104°F) in the middle of the day. Keeping well hydrated is key.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER:

Summer

As the summer months return, expect rainfall (which does provide some relief) and high temperatures. The highs range from 35°C (95°F) to 45°C (113°F), whilst the lows can reach around 18°C (64°F).

YOUR SAFARI SUITCASE

Listed below are some recommendations for your packing list. We've got the essentials, the not-so essentials (but always useful!) and some items you might never have thought of...

Year Round

- Cotton, long-sleeved tops and trousers in neutral colours (beige, khaki, tan) to protect from both sun and insects.
- A fleece or warm sweater (even in summer!)
- A broad brimmed hat for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses that cut out glare. If quad biking in the Makgadikgadi, you may consider a pair of goggles - the sunlight and dust can be harsh.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip balm.
- Good, sturdy closed shoes or boots and socks for walking.
- Head torch for the evenings.
- Swimming kit.
- Binoculars.

Summer

- Light, waterproof jacket to protect against rain.

Winter

- Layers are essential!
- Warm jacket.
- Warm leggings – good to wear under trousers
- Woollen hat, gloves and scarf for extra warmth

Extra

- Flip-flops.
- Ipad or Kindle, loaded with books.
- Kikoy or sarong – useful in all manner of situations!
- Camera equipment, spare batteries and memory cards.
- Personal medicine.

Note: Luggage is often restricted on the small planes. Please enquire with us for exact details, but the norm is 20kgs of luggage per person in a soft bag.