

Explore Botswana

Recommended Clothing and Gear



Climate

Northern Botswana lies at about 20 degrees south latitude, which is to say, it's tropical, and warm. The Okavango and Chobe National Parks are just north of the vast Kalahari Desert, which means, for most of the year, it is also very dry. Precipitation falls almost exclusively during the "green" season which lasts from December to March. However, even during the rainiest months of the year, (December and January) monthly rainfall is only about 15 cm. Temperatures are coolest during the dry season from May-August, and peaks in October. By late November and early December, average temperatures have cooled to the high 70s F, with highs in the mid to upper 80s, and nighttime lows in the mid-60s.

What does this mean for our trip? We will likely encounter some rain, which will probably fall in the form of afternoon showers. But it will be warm, hot even, and you should plan for that as you consider your packing.

Clothing List (from bottom to top)

(Laundry service is not available on safari, however, each tent is equipped with a wash basin and detergent for hand-washing your clothes as necessary.)

- Sandals
- Closed toe hiking or running shoes with a sturdy sole
- Socks- 3-4
- Lightweight pants (or long skirts)- 2
- Shorts - 2
- Short sleeved shirts - 3-4
- Long sleeved shirts (for sun protection) - 2
- Fleece sweater or light puffy jacket
- Light rain shell
- Brimmed hat
- Bandana
- Sunglasses

Other Stuff

(Basic sundries, bath and hand towels, insect repellent, and lanterns are supplied. Charging for electronics is available in vehicles. Let me know if you have questions.)

- Binoculars
- Headlamp and spare batteries
- Camera (check with me if you have specific questions about camera equipment)
- Water bottle (one with a misting spray top is useful for keeping cool, like [THESE](#))
- Small, quick-dry towel or wash cloth (bath towels are provided)
- Toiletries and medications (with lots of sunscreen!)
- Small bottle of insect repellent
- Field guides and books
- Electric plug adapter (Like [THESE](#))
- Umbrella (optional)

A note on packing: The sandy ground around the campsites makes the use of wheeled suitcases almost impossible. So if you are planning to use one, make sure it also can be hand-carried easily. Soft-sided duffels or packs are also a good option.