



“The Grande Dame” of Women’s
Adventure Travel Since 1982

2007 ~ Celebrating 25 Years!

DATES

May 14 - 27, 2007

COST

\$7,595 all-inclusive from Washington,
Dulles to Botswana, Southern Africa (\$800
deposit)

RATING

Moderate

ACTIVITIES

Wildlife Viewing, Birding, Walking, 4 X 4,
Canoe and Boat travel, Natural History,
Photography, Sightseeing, Cultural
Exploration

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- Safari in Botswana’s famous and mighty Okavango Delta, home to magnificent wildlife and scenery.
- Stay in private luxury tented camps catering only to our Adventure-Women group, with en-suite bathrooms, hot showers, and fabulous food.
- Scenic flights between safari camps in chartered light aircraft.
- Experience Africa with fully-guided game viewing in 4X4s, canoes, double-deck power boats, and on foot.
- Fly to Livingstone, Zambia, to learn about its rich cultural heritage, and view majestic Victoria Falls, one of the 7 Wonders of the World.

AdventureWomen is the oldest
adventure travel company for
active women over 30.

BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA "WING" SAFARI

Luxury Tented Camps, from the Okavango Delta to Victoria Falls

*I believe there is no sickness of the heart too great it cannot be cured
by a dose of Africa....if ever I have seen magic, it has been in Africa.*

— John Heminway, African Journeys

Botswana is Africa—wild and free—the way you’ve always imagined Africa to be. It is home to the pristine Okavango Delta, an incredible mystery, where one of Africa’s great rivers fans out onto the sands of the Kalahari Desert, the biggest continuous stretch of sand in the world. And just north of the Okavango is Lebala, the wide open spaces dominated by vast plains and wooded savannah.

Our Botswana "wing" safari takes us to Africa’s largest and most beautiful water oasis, plains and savannah, home to lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, the elusive wild dog, and a myriad of other animal and bird species, plus a lush diversity of grasses, trees, and plant life.

This custom-designed deluxe tented African safari features private accommodations in 2 of the finest fly-in permanent tented camps in northern Botswana, with charter flights to transport us so we can spend more quality time viewing game. Guaranteed to transform your notion of "camping," a deluxe tented safari pampers you with first-rate staff that provides personalized service and prepares fabulous meals at each camp, and where our luxury safari-style tents have their own viewing decks, private en-suite facilities, and modern amenities. Our guides and trackers take us on awe-inspiring game drives in open-top 4X4 vehicles, on bush walks, by power boat, and by mokoro (a dugout canoe) through the meandering waterways and lagoons of the Delta for phenomenal birding and game viewing.

Another highlight of this Botswana safari is the grandeur and beauty of one of the natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls, an extraordinary phenomenon that must be seen to be believed. We’ll spend 3 nights and 3 days in this region, based in Songwe Village in Zambia, perched 400 feet above the Zambezi River, and just a short drive from the Falls. Here we’ll explore the nearby Mukuni Village, where David Livingstone met the present chief’s ancestors over 150 years ago. We’ll also spend a morning at a very special "Elephant Camp," where we meet, ride, touch and interact with these majestic and intelligent African mammals.

AdventureWomen has traveled on safari and explored African cultures in so many parts of the continent: Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa, Mali, Egypt, Morocco..., and now to Botswana and Zambia. We’ve rafted the Zambezi River, marveled at gorillas in Rwanda and Uganda, stood in awe at the million animal

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THIS TRIP

- Round-trip international air on South African Airways from Washington, Dulles to Johannesburg, South Africa. Round-trip airfare on Botswana Air from Johannesburg to Maun, and from Livingstone back to Johannesburg.
- Round-trip transfers and hotel overnight in Johannesburg, South Africa on May 15.
- All internal air throughout the trip in private, chartered aircraft:
 - Maun to Kwara Camp
 - Kwara Camp to Lebala Camp
 - Lebala Camp to Livingstone
- 4 nights at Lebala Camp, with scenery dominated by vast plains and grasslands. All tents are spacious and unique, with entrance foyers, en-suite bathrooms with Victorian claw-foot bathtubs, and open air showers with hot and cold running water. Each has its own deck and large windows which look out over the vast plains.
- 3 nights at Kwara Camp on the Okavango Delta, in private, classic luxury safari-style tented camp. All tents are double occupancy with private decks, hot and cold running water, and flush toilets.
- 3 nights at Songwe Village in Zambia, which includes:
 - guided visit to Victoria Falls
 - tour of Livingstone and visit to Mukuni traditional village
 - a boat cruise on the upper Zambezi River
 - a very special Elephant experience
 - Ox wagon trip to the Songwe Field Museum
 - safari to look for White Rhino in the National Park
- While on safari 3 meals a day, all drinks and laundry services.
- In Songwe Village, 3 meals a day.
- All local airport transfers.

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migration on the Serengeti Plain, floated over thundering herds of animals in a balloon, watched colorful Dogon tribesmen dance on stilts, rose early in the morning to view sunrise on Morocco's Sahara desert, ridden camels to the Pyramids of Egypt and on "camel safari" with the Maasai in Kenya, and explored the town of Timbuktu (*yes, there really is a place by that name!*).

Africa is our passion! and we invite you to join us on yet another once-in-a-lifetime journey to this magnificent continent.

HOW TO REGISTER

First, call (800-804-8686) or email (advwomen@aol.com) the AdventureWomen office to determine space availability. We will hold a space for you for 5 days while you are completing the application process, and making personal and travel arrangements.

Next, complete and sign the Trip Application form included in all of our brochures. We can also fax or mail one to you, or you can get the Trip Application form on our Web site by clicking "Book Now" on our home page. Include with the application the required deposit that can be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard), personal check, money order or cashier's check. You can also register over the phone with a credit card. Once we have received your deposit, we will mail you a package of information verifying your registration.

Note: We will only hold your space for 5 days without a trip application and deposit payment!

PASSPORT, VISAS, AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the United States must possess a valid U.S. passport for travel to Botswana and Zambia. It must be valid 6 months beyond your intended stay in Africa.

Citizens of other countries should inquire about requirements for entry. If you do not have a passport, **APPLY NOW!** Please do not wait until the last minute. You should always carry 2 extra passport photographs with you, in case of emergency (if your passport/visa is lost or stolen).

There is no visa required for U.S. visitors to Botswana for stays up to 3 months. For Zambia, we will get our visas at the point of entry when we fly from Botswana to Zambia. Zambian visa costs are \$30.

Vaccinations: International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever is required only if arriving into Botswana from an infected area within 5 days.

Please consult your personal physician, local health department, travel clinic, or immunization center about any vaccinations you may need to update, or others that may be personally recommended for you based on your age, health, and past vaccination history.

WHAT'S INCLUDED—continued

- Transportation throughout the safari via open-top 4X4 vehicles, double-deck powerboats and canoes, all driven by knowledgeable English-speaking trackers and driver-guides.
- Services of professional safari staff in all private tented camps.
- One AdventureWomen Associate.
- All park entry and ranger fees.
- Baggage handling throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED

- All international airline taxes and airport departure taxes.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Zambia visa and fees (to be gotten at the border, on entry into the country from Botswana. Current fees are \$30 U.S.).
- Any meals not included in the itinerary.
- Tips to professional safari guides: \$8 - \$10/person/day; driver-guides, \$3 - \$5/person/day; camp staff, \$3 - \$5 per day, which are communal tips that are shared among the staff.

LIABILITY FORM

Part of what AdventureWomen hopes to foster is the taking of more self-responsibility for our own lives, health, and safety. Please read the Liability Form carefully, sign it, and return it with the remainder of your balance due by FEBRUARY 14, 2007.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure, and \$300.00 of your deposit is non-refundable. Should you cancel less than 90 days before your trip, the following will apply:

- 60-89 days prior to departure:**
50% of total trip cost non-refundable
- 1-59 days prior to departure:**
100% of total trip cost non-refundable

You MUST have your own health insurance, and have no physical problems or conditions that would be adversely affected by riding in 4 X 4 vehicles on rough, bumpy roads or walking 3-4 miles per day (on level ground.) You must be in very good physical condition to participate in this trip.

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OUR EXCITING ITINERARY FOR THE BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA "WING" SAFARI:

Day 1, Monday, May 14, 2007 *Morning Departure from the U.S. for Botswana*

This morning we depart Washington, Dulles for our overnight flight on South African Airways to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Day 2, Tuesday, May 15 *Overnight in Johannesburg, South Africa*

This morning we arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa and transfer to our hotel. Since the flight to Maun does not depart until late tomorrow morning, we have time at leisure to relax and rest up for our safari. There are good restaurants and shopping areas close to the hotel.

Day 3, Wednesday, May 16 *Fly to Botswana and Kwara Camp*

This morning we transfer back to the airport for our Botswana Air flight to Maun. After clearing customs in Maun, we are greeted by our safari staff and transferred to the domestic terminal for our private charter flight to Kwara Camp.

Days 3- 6, Wednesday - Saturday, May 16-19 *Kwara Camp in the Okavango Delta — a Jewel in the Middle of the Kalahari Desert*

Arriving into camp on our privately chartered plane, we are welcomed by our attentive safari staff. After a good meal, hot shower, and short rest in our luxurious tents, the promise of some of Africa's best game viewing lures us on our first game drive. You can always sleep tonight!

No trip to Botswana is complete without a visit to the Okavango Delta, a shimmering watery jewel in the middle of the Kalahari desert. Set deep in the crystal-clear permanent waters of the Okavango Delta, time at Kwara Camp will reveal why the Delta, with all its remarkable plant, bird and animal life, is unique in all the world. The water experience, either fishing or exploring the channels and rivers by dugout canoe and powerboat, is spectacular.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. (Information will be sent to you in your registration packet.)

SWITCHING TRIPS

Before your final balance due date, you may change your deposit to another trip within the same calendar year by paying a \$75 fee to switch. You may not switch your deposit to a trip in another calendar year.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Round-trip airfare from Washington, Dulles is included in the cost of the trip package. We will be traveling together from Dulles on South African Airways to Johannesburg, South Africa, and from Johannesburg to Maun (Botswana) on Air Botswana. 3 small-aircraft charter flights in Botswana and Zambia are also included.

After you register for this Botswana safari, please contact:

Sherrie Wenzel at Safariline
- 866-466-0301 or
safariline@worldnet.att.net

Sherrie will be handling our international and add-on air for this trip. She can also get you hotel reservations in Washington if you need to fly in a night before our morning flight departure.

Not included is extra add-on airfare from your hometown to Washington, Dulles. These add-on fares are often

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The Camp fronts onto a huge floodplain and is backed by extensive bush. It is in a magnificent wilderness area in excess of 1,700 square kilometers, bordering the world famous Moremi Game Reserve. The private Kwara concession encompasses a wide diversity of habitats, ranging from the clear Delta waters with reed-lined lagoons and channels, to open grasslands, mopane woodlands and palm-fringed islands. The forested island on which the Camp sits is typical of those encountered throughout the vast 4,000 square miles of the Okavango Delta. The area is one of the few in the Okavango Delta that is on permanent water and has game drives year-round.

At Kwara, you will discover why the Okavango is considered one of the ecological wonders of Africa and indeed the world. It is mysterious, calming, unpredictable and very wild. It is formed from waters which flow down from the Angola highlands and die in the sands of the Kalahari to create the world's largest inland delta.

At Kwara Camp we will enjoy a diverse wildlife experience, but the focus is definitely on the water. We'll glide on crystal-clear water in the special silence of a mekoro (a traditional dugout canoe) and visit the famous Godikwe lagoon, where you can literally stand on our double-deck power boat and look eye to eye with thousands of herons, storks and other nesting birds.

Other species we'll encounter through the channels and rivers are kingfishers, pygmy geese, fish eagles, jacanas, darters and if we're really fortunate, the elusive Pels fishing owl. In addition, the Kwara area is also home to a variety of wild animals including, lechwe, sitatunga, reedbuck, bushbuck, hippo, crocodiles, elephant, buffalo, sable, roan, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, impala and tsessebe. Lion, hyena, wild dog, leopard and cheetah are abundant in this part of the Delta and regularly seen.

In addition to our morning and afternoon games drives, there are spectacular night drives, bird watching and guided walks on one of the many palm-fringed islands. The beauty and charm of Kwara will certainly captivate you.

Our game drives, in themselves, are incredible adventures, and our guides and trackers have a wealth of knowledge about the animals and the ecosystems we will be viewing. The 4 X 4 open-topped safari vehicles permit just 6 passengers per vehicle in 2 rows of seats, which makes for a more comfortable and intimate safari experience with great opportunities for photography.

After dark, spotlights are switched on and the game drives expose us to nocturnal sightings of rare and elusive species such as, leopard, Selous' mongoose, small spotted genet, and aardwolf, to name a few. Nocturnal bird species that are encountered include Natal nightjar, pennant-winged nightjar and a large variety of owls.

All of our tented camps are on private land, so we are not restricted by roads, nor time of day. One day we might be on a game drive off-

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much less expensive than if you were to ticket them separately. In addition, by getting an add-on fare with these airlines you will have a continuous ticket on South African Airways, and if for any reason the international flight times change, or if you miss this flight, SA Airlines will be responsible for getting you to Botswana.

Add-on fares are available from the following cities on Delta, Continental, United, and Northwest Airlines, at the following costs (**Domestic US add-ons are subject to increase at any time.)

**Domestic US Add-ons to Washington, Dulles, by State:

AL, CT, DC, FL, GA, MC, MI, NC, SC, NJ, NY — \$220

AR, DE, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MO, MS, NH, OH, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV — \$240

AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY — \$330

NOTE: The recent trend in travel is for travelers to finalize their plans much closer to departure time than was customary in the past. While we try to be as flexible as possible booking last minute registrants, we must often relinquish land space and air reservations up to 2 months prior to departure!

Please keep this in mind when making your travel plans.

road, hunting for a pack of wild dogs, and the next day sitting silently watching elephants drink and bathe.

Our eight private luxury safari-style tents are built on raised decks, within a grove of huge and ancient African Ebony trees. Resident hippos will generally serenade you year-round from the water on the floodplain in front of the Camp. Each tent has its own viewing deck, private en-suite facilities including hot and cold running showers, flush toilets and modern amenities.

Our highly skilled chefs prepare delicious meals to complete our perfect days spent in Kwara's watery wonderland.

Days 6-10, Saturday - Wednesday, May 19-23 *Lebala Camp*

This morning we depart Kwara Camp for our charter flight to Lebala, with its stunning wide open plains that surround the Camp.

Located at the southern edge of the massive Kwando concession, northeast of the Okavango Delta and in Northern Botswana, our Camp is surrounded by open grasslands scattered with Illala Palms that stretch to the south and west of Lebala. The perennial and southerly flowing Kwando River disappears into the vast marshes before emerging as the Linyanti River as it flows northeast. This is the heart of big game country, well-known for its huge elephant and buffalo herds, and one of the largest private safari areas in Africa.

The wetlands and flood plains around Lebala offer a wonderful variety of wildlife with excellent sightings of elephant, hippo, bushbuck, zebra, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, kudu, tsessebe, cheetah, sable, buffalo and the ever present predators; wild dog, lion, and hyena. The area is also excellent for birds, with over 300 different bird species recorded to date.

This wild expanse is contrasted with the casual elegance and luxury of Lebala Camp itself. Our 8 spacious tents are unique and were designed specifically for this camp. Each one is built on a raised teak deck, laid out with maximum comfort and privacy in mind. The tents have an entrance foyer with a reading and writing area, en-suite bathrooms with Victorian clawfoot bathtubs, 2 washbasins and flush toilets. The bathrooms lead out to a reed enclosed open-air shower with hot and cold running water, powered by LP gas for hot water on demand. Each secluded tent has its own sundeck, and is set back among the trees. In the warmer months, feel free to take a refreshing swim in the Lebala pool! The endless vistas from each tent's large windows and decks across the vast plains, make Lebala one of the finest wilderness camps in Africa.

Mouth-watering fare is prepared by our chefs and served in the open-sided dining room. After dinner there is a wonderful campfire around which to sip a coffee or enjoy a nightcap. As you drift off to sleep, you will hear the night sounds of Africa and specifically, hippos grazing in the water near your tent. It's an experience you will long remember from your safari vacation.

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**Days 10-13, Wednesday - Saturday, May 23-26
Fly to Zambia's Songwe Village and Victoria Falls**

Today we depart the plains of Lebala and fly to Livingstone in Zambia, where we stay for 3 nights at Songwe Village on the edge of the breathtaking Batoka Gorge, 400 feet above the mighty Zambezi River. This stunning property is just a short drive from Victoria Falls and offers a unique African cultural dimension to our animal viewing in Kwara and Lebala Camps. Songwe Village was awarded the Africa Responsible Tourism award in 2001 by the "Non-Profits in Travel" organizations of the USA, which represents the travel interests of universities, zoos, and institutions such as the American Museum of Natural History and the National Geographic Society. At AdventureWomen, we believe a trip to Africa isn't complete without a meaningful introduction to the rich cultural heritage of the African people.

At Songwe Village we'll stay in spacious, comfortable thatched huts, built in traditional African style. Each one of the eight huts has a flush toilet and modern amenities, with commanding views of the gorge below. Songwe's bathrooms were rated by the editor of the *Saturday Star Travel Supplement* as the "best in Africa!"

Straddling the borders of Zambia and Zimbabwe, the majestic Victoria Falls captivates visitors from all over the world. The grandeur and beauty of this extraordinary natural phenomenon, one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, must be seen to be believed. It is more than twice the size of Niagra Falls. An endless curtain of the waters of the Zambezi River, more than a mile wide, crash 400 feet to the earth below and then rise again in millions of droplets of spray that cloud the surface. The Africans once called this breathtaking scene "the smoke that thunders."

While in Songwe, we'll walk to a specially built museum, where you can learn about the extraordinary ancient history of the Falls and see evidence of human evolution in the form of stone tools and artifacts.

At nearby Mukuni Village, more recent history comes to life, as we stand under the tree where David Livingstone met the present chief's ancestors about 150 years ago. In this 700 year-old village, little has changed through the ages. You'll see tradi-

tional skills such as wood carving and grain pounding still being carried out. You may even chance a meeting with Chief Mukuni himself. Our guide will take us through the village, offering insights into the culture and ways of life unfolding before you. This is a privileged insight to a world not known by many outsiders, and deserving of mutual respect and honor.

The town of Livingstone itself, with its fascinating history, colorful local market and interesting museum, is a very worthwhile excursion. Of course, you can slow the pace and enjoy a plethora of more genteel activities if whitewater rafting the wild Zambezi River, or bungee jumping over the river doesn't appeal!

We'll also take a sundowner cruise along the Zambezi River and visit Zambia's first 'Elephant Camp', offering a once-in-a-lifetime insight into these gentle giants. From the back of an elephant, we embark upon an ecologically friendly method of game viewing where a strong emphasis is placed on an elephant experience rather than just an elephant ride, and guests are encouraged to interact with these majestic and intelligent African mammals. We will meet, ride, touch and learn about the elephants and their willingness to act under instruction.

This Victoria Falls region has recently been described as the adventure capital of the world, affording us the opportunity to enjoy all this and more from the tranquil and exclusive domain of beautiful Songwe Village in Zambia. The rest of our free time at Songwe can be anything you want it to be. You might simply choose to walk along the gorge and take in the incredible scenes, or pack a picnic lunch and watch the world idly go by from the banks of the Upper Zambezi. Songwe offers the big adventure experiences, from whitewater rafting to bungee jumping or even a microlight flight over the Falls, but more than this, Songwe is about people and culture, set in an intimate and beautiful location.

Day 13, Saturday, May 26 Depart for the U.S.

Afternoon transfer to the airport in Livingstone, and flight to Johannesburg. Connect with our evening South African Airways flight home.

Day 14, Sunday, May 27 Morning Arrival into Washington, Dulles

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION— continued on page 7

ABOUT ADVENTURE TRAVEL TODAY

At AdventureWomen, we would like to ensure that all participants understand that our excursions are *adventure travel vacations*, and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one *actively participates*, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to experience an *active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends*. Most of all, however, we want our trips to be fun!

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a *good-natured realist* and have a *sense of humor!* *Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist*, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. *Being on time is important*, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well being of both individuals and the group.

CLIMATE AND WILDLIFE / MAY AND JUNE

May Flood waters from Angola start to reach the top of the Okavango Delta and begin their slow and deliberate progress through the Delta. The rains are over and the nights are cooler with temperatures averaging 60 degrees F while day temperatures, still warm, have lost their edge and maximum temperatures seldom exceed 90 degrees F. Jackets are sensible for night drives. The buffalo begin to group into large herds and visit the Kwando River more often as the seasonal pans begin to dry. Breeding herds of elephant increase in density daily as they visit the permanent waters. The greens start fading to the duller dry season colors and the predators begin to enjoy themselves as their colors blend with the surroundings again. The migratory birds begin their flights to winter feeding and breeding grounds in far away places.

June What an exciting time! The African wild dogs begin to search for their den and our guides search for the dogs to discover their den. Once they have denned, these endangered species are easy to find for 3 to 4 months as they operate from their dens. Dogs den in both the Kwando and Kwara concessions and the Kwando area offers some of the best dog viewing in Africa. Exciting hunts, playful puppies — what more could you wish for! Temperatures have dropped to their coldest by the end of June with night temperatures reaching as low as 40 degrees F (very cold on night drives due to wind chill). Day temperatures rise up to a very comfortable 75-80 degrees F and dusty, dry conditions begin to dominate. Some green bushes and trees persist but leaf drop commences and pans dry up. Animals concentrate at the permanent water sources as do their predators.

ELECTRICITY

It is strongly suggested that you leave all electrical appliances at home except those which are battery operated.

CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Botswana is the Pulas. One U.S. dollar is worth

approximately 5.521 Botswana Pulas (March/06)

WATER AND FOOD

If the tap water in our camps is not safe to drink, there will be a thermos or a carafe of drinking water in your room. Or, we will be supplied with bottled, boiled or filtered water. Bottled water is supplied to us during the daytime on safari. It is important to take the advice of our guides whenever you are unsure about the safety of water. During safari, all food is very well prepared and it is safe to eat anything that is served.

TIPPING, MONEY, AND CREDIT CARDS

Tips to porters, waiters, and staff at hotels and lodges are included in your total trip fee, but tips to driver-guides and camp staff at our private tented camps are not included. As a rule of thumb, we suggest tipping professional safari guides, \$8 - \$10/person/day; driver-guides, \$3 - \$5/person/day; camp staff, \$3 - \$5 per day, which are communal tips that are shared among the staff.

Credit cards (Visa and MC) are widely accepted in Botswana's larger shops, but not necessarily in the markets and small towns. You should bring small U.S. bills and also some travelers checks that might be exchanged at airports and some hotels. However, it would be wise to not solely count on travelers checks and to bring about \$500 U.S. cash (in small bills, from \$1 to \$20.) Make sure that the money you bring is in NEW bills, and not worn or torn bills.

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Returning U.S. residents are allowed to bring back \$800 worth of merchandise, duty free. Expensive camera equipment and jewelry purchased in the U.S. (we recommend NEVER bringing or wearing expensive jewelry) should be registered with U.S. customs prior to our departure; or you may retain your sales receipts as documentation for re-entering the U.S.

WHAT TO BRING

We can't stress this enough, so we are putting it in this section also:

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Needless to say.... pack light for your trip to Botswana. The weight limit on our private charter flights in Botswana is strictly adhered to, and it is not an arbitrary limit. **If our luggage or your personal weight limit exceeds the weight requirements, it may prevent the plane from taking off.**

In addition to your duffel, you should bring a carry-on bag with everything you cannot live without (all camera equipment and film, toiletries, prescription medication, anti-diarrhea medication, all money, important travel documents, passport, etc.).

Select your clothing based on comfort. Safari clothes should be washable, cotton or the new fabrics (not synthetics like rayon), and loose fitting. Some of the new fabrics like Coolmax, supplex, and polypropylene are excellent, and can be found in the TravelSmith catalog we send to you. Clothing should be light colored (tan, khaki, or neutral colors) on safari; it keeps you comfortable and is unobtrusive and non-threatening to wildlife. Remember, there is laundry service at each camp.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A well broken-in, comfortable pair of lightweight walking shoes. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit and pair of rubber "thongs" for the showers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pair of sport sandals. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 long-sleeved shirts. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight, wide-brimmed hat (a must). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Short-sleeved shirts and/or T-shirts. | <input type="checkbox"/> A spare pair of glasses (if you wear glasses.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of shorts. | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Or 2-3 pairs long pants that zip off for shorts. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ziploc bags of various sizes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear, socks, sleepwear. | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel alarm clock. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries, including Wash & Dries. | <input type="checkbox"/> Small flashlight. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs (with the labels on.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera, plenty of film, and extra camera batteries. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A lightweight fleece and light jacket for cool evenings. It can get downright cold at night in June, so a jacket for night game drives is essential. | <input type="checkbox"/> Small, lightweight binoculars (a MUST) for game viewing and birds. You will be very disappointed if you do not have a good pair of binoculars. Nikon or Minolta make fine, lightweight viewing binoculars. Try a general game viewing 7 X 28, or 8 X 20 binocular. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A lightweight day pack for carrying camera, film, hat, sunscreen, etc. (you can also use your day pack as your carry on bag). | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Lonely Planet Watching Wildlife: Southern Africa</u> by Luke Hunter, Susan Rhind (Paperback - December 1, 2001) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moneybelt or waistpack for money/passport. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth (not supplied in most lodges/camps). | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 cotton bandannas. | |

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PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT (bring in small amounts and small containers)

- Cloth, not plastic Band-aids; about 10 individually-wrapped alcohol pads; and a small tube of Neosporin or other antibiotic cream.
- Benadryl cream for itchy bites.
- Aspirin/ibuprofen, etc.
- Cold-symptom relief tablets, antihistamine, cough drops.
- Adequate quantity of sweat-resistant sunscreen with at least an SPF 15 rating or higher, and lip balm with SPF.
- Tweezers.
- Systemic antibiotic (prescription).
- Prescription medicines in their original bottles.
- Acidophilus enzyme (available in capsules in health-food stores).
This often helps your digestive system get in shape for "new" flora.
- Immodium, Lomotil, or similar anti-diarrhea medicine.
- Pepto-Bismol tablets and/or liquid (in leak-proof bottle.)
- Laxative tablets.
- Visine or similar eye drops.

- Please leave all valuable jewelry at home!!!***

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