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Why Go?

Blessed with some of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth, Botswana is one of *the* great safari destinations in Africa. There are more elephants in Botswana than any other country on earth, the big cats roam free and there's everything from endangered African wild dogs to aquatic antelopes, and from rhinos making a comeback to abundant birdlife at every turn.

This is also the land of the Okavango Delta and the Kalahari Desert, at once iconic African landscapes and vast stretches of wilderness. Put these landscapes together with the wildlife that inhabits them, and it's difficult to escape the conclusion that this is wild Africa at its best.

Botswana may rank among Africa's most exclusive destinations – accommodation prices at most lodges are once-in-a-lifetime propositions – but self-drive expeditions are also possible. And whichever way you visit, Botswana is a truly extraordinary place.

When to Go

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Rainfall inches/mm

8/200

6/150

4/100

2/50

0

May–Aug Dry-season wildlife concentrations around water-holes and generally fine weather

Sep–Oct Extremely hot temperatures and good dry-season wildlife watching

Dec–Apr The rainy season when many tracks are impassable but tourist numbers fewer