



## Pre Departure Camping Information

We look forward to travelling with you. In order to ensure that you have the best possible experience, we ask that you read the following information. Should you have any questions regarding any of the points raised here please contact us.

### **Suggested clothing and equipment:**

We recommend that you take comfortable, casual, wash and wear clothing. White and bright colours should be avoided. Please take soft bags as these are easier for packing in the vehicles and aircraft.

If you will be travelling by light aircraft at any time during your safari, there is a luggage weight restriction of 20kg's per person (This includes hand luggage). If you have more than the limited amount, then please make sure that you book an extra seat for this (at an extra fee) or you contact us to make another arrangement.

Please note that in Livingstone, certain up market hotels do have a dress code for dinner. Track shoes and T-shirts cannot be worn in the casinos.

Good quality sunglasses  
Sun hat  
Warm hat in winter months (June – August)  
5 T-shirts  
3 pairs of shorts  
2 pairs of jeans / trousers  
1 tracksuit  
1 sweater  
1 warm jacket  
Underwear and socks  
1 pair of good walking shoes  
1 pair of sandals  
Swimming costume  
Camera

Binoculars – although we have close encounters with animals, many of our sightings are at a distance in order not to disturb the animals in certain situations; therefore a good pair of binoculars is essential.

A good torch / flashlight  
Extra batteries – for torches, cameras, video, shavers etc

If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring a pair of glasses in case of irritation from the dust.

Prescription medication  
Sun block and lip salve  
Basic medicines – aspirin, Imodium, anti-histamine, antiseptic, eye drops



Tissues, wet wipes  
Plastic bag for dirty cloths  
Visas, tickets, passport, money, etc

**Laundry:**

While camping there is no laundry facility. We camp in a natural, wild setting, where there are no amenities. Should you wish to do some personal laundry, please ask your helpful camp staff to assist you with a bucket, some water; and soap powder.

**Meals and beverages:**

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Breakfast is usually a light meal, as the cool early morning hours have to be fully utilised for game viewing.

Included in a typical breakfast is the following – tea, coffee, toast, bread & jam and cereals.

Lunch while camping is in the form of a hearty brunch including – cottage pie, sausages, eggs, bacon, cheeses, cold meats, breads and salads.

Dinner is cooked over an open fire and includes a main course, a variety of vegetables, as well as dessert, tea and coffee (on request).

**Drinks:**

Local beer, wine & soft drinks (including mineral water) are included in the price.

Should you wish to have "spirits" or any other speciality item (which are not included in the price), then we suggest you preorder with your agent. They can then advise us; and we will ensure that the item is with you on arrival. The guide will have the invoice and one can pay the guide direct for this. We will also organize the soft drink to accompany the spirit (this is at no cost).

**Campsites:**

All campsites are HATAB wilderness sites (unless otherwise stated). These campsites have no amenities (these are set up by the camp staff); no fences; and are located in the wilderness areas which ensures our guests of exclusivity in the National Parks.

Whilst in these campsites, the groups camping on those particular days are solely from our Company. These groups are never more than 2 per campsite.

**Example of daily schedule:**

Times may vary between individual guides and seasons, however the basic structure of the schedule remains the same.

Wake up call 05h30  
Light breakfast 06h00



Game drive 06h30  
Tea break 09h30  
Brunch 11h30  
Siesta 12h30 – 15h30  
Tea 15h30  
Game drive 16h00 – 19h00  
Dinner 20h00

**Tents and camping equipment:**

Tents are 3m x 3m bow tents manufactured from durable D250 rip stop canvas. All tents have sown in ground sheets as well as mosquito proofing. They have roof ventilation and large windows, which allow for maximum air movement.

Guests are expected to bring their own torch / flashlight.

A shower and toilet tent is located outside each client tent. The showers are bucket showers and the toilets are portable toilets.

Tents contain a camp cot, mattress, towel, fitted sheet, duvet, blanket, pillow and pillowcase.

**Batteries:**

Batteries can be recharged as follows:

Maun/Livingstone/Vic Falls: 220V Power source, universal plug adaptor required. Plugs outlets vary from round and square 3 pin to round and square 2 pin.

On safari: 12V Power from vehicle battery. Cigarette lighter adaptor or crocodile clamps directly to battery. It is always advisable to bring extra batteries.

**Vehicles:**

Vehicles used on safari are time tested Land Cruisers that have been customized to our specifications. The Land Cruiser has both height and comfort and allows for a vehicle with maximum game viewing potential. Each vehicle carries a maximum of nine (9) passengers in individual bucket seats. The passenger and driver compartments are connected, which allows for communication between the guide and his guests.

Furthermore, the roof has a removable canvas top and combined with the large open sides offers the guests unparalleled viewing. The sides and roof have canvas covers.

**Malaria and vaccinations:**

Vaccination requirements change from time to time. Please consult your doctor or health care centre for up-to-date advice.

Malaria including plasmodium falciparum exists in certain areas of Botswana and a course of anti-malaria tablets must be commenced prior to departure.



Malaria is most active after the rainy season from mid January to April. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for up-to-date advice on what drugs to take.

**Money:**

When entering Botswana, Zambia or Zimbabwe, you will be required to declare all foreign currency in any form. As certain African currencies are difficult to change outside of their country of origin, it is advisable to only change money as you need it.

All international airports have foreign exchange and most hotels and lodges have facilities for changing money.

It is sometimes difficult to change travellers cheques or draw cash from visa machines, so it is therefore advisable to always carry a relative amount of cash with you.

Exchange rates fluctuate constantly, so please consult your local bank as to the current exchange rates.

**Tipping:**

Tipping is a cultural norm in Botswana. Tipping is directly linked to service provided and is not a requirement. We suggest a guideline of approximately US\$5-10 per day, however, this is entirely at the guests own discretion.

**Insurance:**

Wilderness Dawning cannot be held responsible or liable for loss, damage or theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can they be held responsible for personal injury, accident or illness.

Travel insurance is compulsory on all Wilderness Dawning Safaris'.

Please make sure that you obtain a policy to cover you for all medical, baggage and cancellation fees as well as repatriation for the duration of your journey.

**Maun Airport Procedures:**

If you fly into Maun Airport, a representative from the Charter Company will meet you and assist you onto your flight to Moremi Game Reserve.

Should you be in Maun prior to your departure, you will be transferred by the hotel to the Charter Company's office. Here, arrangements will be made for you and your luggage to be taken across to the airport.



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**Departure Taxes:**

There is a departure tax of US\$ 25 per person flying out of Zambia; however this is generally included in the purchase price of your ticket.

The departure tax for Zimbabwe is US\$ 30 per person and is generally not included in the purchase price of your ticket.

These taxes do not apply when driving.

If the amount must be paid, then it must be in US \$ cash as no other currency will be accepted (neither will travellers cheques nor credit cards and no change will be given).

**Airport charge For Zambia:**

Zambia's National Airports Corporation (NACL) has introduced an Aviation Infrastructure and Development charge effective 01 September 2012. This charge will be applicable at Lusaka, Ndola, Mfuwe and Livingstone airports and will be payable direct to the NACL airport offices along with departure and security taxes. It is a flat rate for adults, children and infants. It is understood all IATA airlines will include this tariff on tickets.

However, please note that Government laws can change without prior notice, so always check at the front desk of the hotel to ensure you have up-to-date information.

**Visas:**

Certain nationalities require entry visas for Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Visas for most countries can be purchased at point of entry.

Single Entry – USD\$50-00

Double Entry – USD\$80-00

Please always check with your local High Commission or Travel Agent in relation to your countries specific needs, as requirements may change from time to time.

For our Okavango Wildlife Safaris, we travel through the Caprivi Strip from Kasane to the Okavango Panhandle. Again, please check with you local High Commission or Travel Agent with regards to what the specific visa requirements are for your specific country.

**Temperatures:**

The dry winter months from May to September range from COLD at night and early morning to warm/hot during the day

Minimum temp 32°F / 0°C

Maximum temp 85° F / 30°C



The summer months are from October to April. Rains generally start in November and carry on through to the end of March. Rains usually occur in the form of afternoon thundershowers. Humidity is generally low.

Minimum temps 50\* F / 10\*C  
Maximum temp 100\* F / 38\*C

**Driving conditions:**

The roads are rough and bumpy. The roads in Botswana's National Parks are not tarred and all are sandy and potholed to various degrees.

During the wetter months the driving conditions are a little more difficult but our guides and vehicles are designed to handle these conditions.

**Respecting Wildlife:**

- Your guide will give you a briefing on the general behaviour and safety aspects while on safari.
- When observing animals, do so silently with a minimum of disturbance to their natural activities. Loud talking or noises on game drives will chase the animals away.
- Never attempt to attract an animal's attention. Do not imitate animal sounds, clap your hands, pound the vehicle or throw objects out of the vehicle.
- Please respect your guide's judgement when it comes to the proximity to the animals.
- Do not insist that he take you closer so that you can get a better photograph. A vehicle driven too close can hinder a hunt or cause an animal to abandon a hard-earned meal.
- Do not throw anything out of the vehicle, even fruit pips or other food items. Never attempt to feed or approach any wild animal.
- Smoking during game drives is not permitted.