

BOTSWANA COVID-19 TRAVEL REGULATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STATUS	OPEN - Botswana started a phased reopening of borders to International guests on 9 November 2020.
ACCESS INTO BOTSWANA	<p>AIR: Entry into the country will be through Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone, Maun International Airport and Kasane International Airport.</p> <p>LAND BORDERS: There will be a phased in reopening of land borders on 1 December 2020 which includes Kazungula Road, Kazungula Ferry, Ngoma Ramokgwebana, Martins Drift, Ramatlabama, Tlokweg, Mamuno, Pioneer and Mhembo.</p>
AIRLINES FLYING INTO THE COUNTRY	<p>SA AIRLINK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JNB-GBE (Double daily) – 16 November • JNB – MUB (3 x weekly) – 01 December • JNB – BBK (2 x weekly) – 01 December • Airlink have loaded their flights into Maun as of 01 December. 3 times a week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. • No direct flights to Cape Town at this stage, but they have connections via Joburg. <p>AIR BOTSWANA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-commencement of its scheduled regional operations effective November 10, 2020. • 4 weekly flights between Gaborone & Johannesburg. • Still waiting on Air Botswana to load their flights
ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS	
COUNTRIES ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE DESTINATION	ALL
DO GUESTS NEED A NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR TEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes - All guests arriving must present a printed negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate in English, obtained within 72 hours from time of departure to Botswana. No electronic copies are accepted. • Children under 5 years are upon arrival exempted from the 72-hour negative COVID-19 PCR Test result requirement but should undergo screening for COVID-19 symptoms.
DO GUESTS HAVE TO GO INTO MANDATORY QUARANTINE / ISOLATION ON ARRIVAL?	NO
WILL GUESTS UNDERGO ANY ADDITIONAL SCREENING?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, Travellers undergo screening of temperature (Temperature 36.2C – 37.4C and symptom checker) • Only if the screening shows COVID-19 symptoms will travelers need to retest and quarantine/isolate. • If they arrive with negative COVID test not older than 72 hours and they pass the screening, there is no need for an additional COVID-19 test until it is time to depart Botswana.
WILL GUESTS HAVE TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ON ARRIVAL?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, Travelers will need to complete a COVID-19 self-declaration screening form. • Travelers will also need to complete a traveler locator form, providing accurate contact information whilst in Botswana. The local Health authority may contact the traveler within 14 days of arrival. • A complimentary Meet & Greet service by a Natural Selection representative will assist our Guests on arrival at Maun Airport.
IS TRAVEL INSURANCE MANDATORY?	Yes, Travel Insurance is mandatory
EXIT REQUIREMENTS	Please check the requirements of the airline / onward destination / home country of the guests to see if a negative test is needed before departure.

ARRIVAL PROTOCOLS

WHAT PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE ON ARRIVAL?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizing • Travellers to show proof of negative COVID-19 PRC test • Travellers undergo screening of temperature (Temperature 36.2C – 37.4C and symptom checker) • Travellers complete register of details for contact tracing • Only if the screening shows COVID-19 symptoms will travelers need to retest and quarantine/isolate. • If they arrive with negative COVID test not older than 72 hours and they pass the screening, there is no need for an additional COVID-19 test until it is time to depart Botswana.
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST SHOWS SYMPTOMS ON ARRIVAL?	Symptomatic guests upon arrival will be required to undergo mandatory testing and possible isolation and or quarantine. They will be required to remain in contact with the local health authority for a period of 14 days while self-monitoring.
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST TESTS POSITIVE?	Mack Air is working on a procedure to fly COVID Positive Guests to town and transport them to an adequate facility of an international standard.
IS SOCIAL DISTANCING / WEARING MASK PRACTICED AND MANDATORY?	Yes - guest need to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures that include wearing masks and practicing social distancing of 1.5 meters (4.9 feet).

DEPARTURE PROTOCOLS BASED ON DR MISHA'S RECOMMENDATIONS (OKAVANGO AIR RESCUE)

DO WE OFFER COVID-19 PCR TESTS IN BOTSWANA?	<p>Yes – via Pharma Group or Diagnofirm Laboratories.</p> <p>Pharma Group will only be up and running from 09 December 2020</p>
IS THERE A COVID TESTING FACILITY IN MAUN?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharma Group will have a testing facility in Maun Apt up and running by 09 December 2020. • Pharma Group will also offer in camp testing in and around the Okavango Delta Camps. • Diagnofirm does not have testing facilities in Maun Apt. • The Diagnofirm facility is situated 5 minutes drive from Maun Apt - where travelers can do the testing. • Swabbing samples then need to be couriered to either Kasane or Gaborone for lab testing. • Testing is done daily between 14h00-15h00. • It will take approximately 24 hours to get results as they need to be couriered to Gaborone. • Test results are then emailed to the Diagnofirm facility in Maun and handed to guests.
HOW MUCH DO THESE TESTS COST?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests via Pharma Group at Airport = BWP 980 • Tests via Pharma Group in camp testing (anywhere in the Okavango Delta) = BWP 2,750 • Tests via Diagnofirm cost BWP 1,000 per test (approximately USD 100). • This test will be at the cost of the guest.
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THE PCR TEST RESULTS?	<p>Pharma Group results take 2-4 Hours</p> <p>Diagnofirm results take 24 Hours</p>
WHERE CAN GUESTS OBTAIN A TEST FOR DEPARTURE?	<p>Pharma Group – Maun Airport – online bookings essential - www.pharma.co.bw</p> <p>Pharma Group – In camp testing - online bookings essential - www.pharma.co.bw</p> <p>The testing will be offered between 08h00 - 16h45 every day and Sundays from 10h00 – 12h45.</p> <p>Diagnofirm testing Facility close to Maun.</p> <p>Bookings done daily between 14h00-15h00</p>

<p>CAN THE TEST BE TAKEN AT THE AIRPORT?</p>	<p>Yes, Pharma Group will have a testing facility in Maun Apt up and running by 09 December 2020. Pre-bookings essential.</p> <p>The Diagnofirm testing facility is situated 5 minutes drive from Maun Apt. This testing facility does not work with actual lab results – so the swabs need to be sent to Gaborone for testing – which delays the process.</p> <p>A Natural Selection representative will meet guests at the Airport when they arrive for their testing. They will be transferred to the Diagnofirm facility in either a Prado which takes up to 4 pax max or a Quantum which takes 10 pax max depending on guest numbers.</p> <p>Cost for this service = P200/ USD20/ ZAR300 per party per return trip. If the party is big and they require 2 or 3 trips per party, then we would charge according to the number of trips needed. Transfer will be strictly Maun Apt – Diagnofirm – Maun Apt. These are not private transfers. They will be shared shuttle transfers. Guests can also walk to the Diagnofirm facility but not ideal for our guests. At the end of the airport there is a pedestrian gate that is situated close to the Diagnofirm facility – from the pedestrian gate it is an approximate 5-minute walk to the testing facility.</p>
<p>WHAT TYPE OF TESTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?</p>	<p>PCR</p>
<p>WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PCR AND RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR TEST: use actual swabs from patients taken from the nose or throat. This test determines the actual presence of the coronavirus and if a person is currently infected. • RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST: can show if you have an active coronavirus infection and should take steps to quarantine or isolate yourself from others.
<p>PLANS IN THE PIPELINE REGARDING COVID-19 TESTING FOR GUESTS DEPARTING.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Dr Misha (Okavango Air Rescue) - Government is working on a rapid Covid-19 test which takes approximately 45 minutes for results and these will be implemented at Airports. • No set date of when this will be rolled out.
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEPARTURE TESTING BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE HAVE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If booking with Pharma Group – guests will have the option to book a testing in their Delta camp or at Maun Apt. • Test results can take between 2-4 hours – so book early enough and plan enough time at the airport to receive results in time before departure flights. • If booking in camp testing – ensure the itinerary ends with a Delta property so the in-camp testing option is a possibility and arrange the in-camp testing 1 day before departure. • If booking with Diagnofirm – travelers will need to be diverted to Maun Apt to do the test before they head off to their last Camp in their itinerary. • Travelers will need to prearrange testing with Diagnofirm. They can test between 14h00 and 15h00 daily and they will receive results the following day at 1400. • We would need to offer 2 nights right at the end of the itinerary with a stop in Maun (for testing) enroute to the destination – to give the testing process enough time and to still fit into the 72-hour period. • 1 night in Maun will not be long enough – especially if results are only available the following day at 14h00. • 3 nights at the end of the program will not work because the 72 hours applies from the time of swabbing and not from the time of results.

COVID TESTING | SHOWING SYMPTOMS | POSITIVE CASES

ARE THERE MANDATORY TESTS REQUIRED WHILE GUESTS ARE IN COUNTRY?	YES – if guests start showing symptoms
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST SHOWS SYMPTOMS WHILE TRAVELLING?	Please refer to our Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document .
CAN GUESTS ISOLATE AT A HOTEL / LODGE AFTER TESTING POSITIVE?	Please refer to our Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document .
WHO PAYS FOR THE TREATMENT AT A HOSPITAL OR ISOLATION FACILITY?	All additional costs will be the responsibility of the guest. Therefore, we highly recommend having travel insurance.

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