

We are delighted that you have decided to take a self-drive tour through Botswana. To make your driving experience as pleasant as possible, we took some time to prepare some of the most important information for you below.

SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR OFF-TAR ROAD DRIVING

Not all roads are the same. Be aware of this and drive accordingly.

Take note of the following before you set out:

- Punctures are common with off road driving, so **ensure your spare tyre is in good condition.**
- Do not exceed the prescribed speed limit
- Observe road traffic signs conscientiously, particularly those indicating a gentle or sharp curve ahead, and reduce your speed accordingly.
- In dusty conditions, it is advisable to switch on the headlights of your vehicle.
- When there is oncoming traffic, reduce speed and keep to the left of the road as far as possible.
- In rainy or wet conditions, **beware of slippery roads**, sections of the road that have washed away, and running and/or stagnant water at drifts and/or causeways.
- Be on the lookout for animals, domestic and wild, at all times
- **Be constantly on the lookout for the unexpected**, such as loose and sandy patches, potholes or a sharp bend in the road.
- Other hazards are dry riverbed crossings and dips in the road. These are often eroded or rocky.
- **Be constantly on the alert**, as road signs have sometimes been removed or run over.
- **Overtaking on bad dusty roads is dangerous.** Draw the attention of the driver in front of you by flicking your headlights, indicating that you wish to overtake.
- The simple rule when going into a skid is: skid left, steer left – skid right, steer right. Gently! Take your foot off the accelerator for a moment as the car is gently brought under control, and stay off the brakes!
- Be careful when you approach the top of a blind rise, as there is often a slight bend just out of sight that could catch you off guard.
- **The major hazards when driving on dirt roads are: driving TOO FAST, not concentrating, or taking a chance by overtaking 'blind' into the dust of another vehicle.**

SPEED LIMITS: Tarmac: 120km/h Off tar roads: 60 km/h Towns: 60 km/h

