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ROAD SAFETY TIPS

- > Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy.
- > Ensure the correct tyre pressure according to the specifications available in the vehicle manual.
- > Plan your journey and be well rested before leaving for any destination.
- > If possible, avoid travelling at night due to increase game movement.
- > Wear a safety belt at all times even if it is a short journey.
- > Ensure that kids are strapped in or in a safety chair.
- > Ensure that the “kids lock” is activated.
- > Include enough rest stops and make sure you take a break every 2 hours and/or every 200 kilometres of the journey.
- > Ensure enough drinking water for any emergency that may arise.
- > Eat light meals before and/or during an extended journey.
- > Adhere to all road regulations and laws.
- > Do not drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Some medication causes drowsiness. Consult your doctor in this regard.
- > Do not exceed the speed limit. Be observant at all times.
- > Adapt your speed to the road and weather conditions.
- > Switch the headlights on at all times.
- > When blinded by oncoming traffic, reduce speed and keep to the left of the road as far as possible.
- > Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.
- > Never pick up strangers or hitchhikers.
- > Drive with your doors locked at all times.
- > Maintain a safe following distance.
- > Do not overtake at blind spots. Only overtake when it is safe.
- > Always be on the alert for animals and pedestrians on the road.
- > In an emergency, stop at least 1 meter away from the road surface and place warning triangles.

May to September the drier months are the best time to visit.

Allow longer time for travel than you would normally. Slowing down for animals and potholes is time-consuming.

Speed limits are very strictly enforced, and even the smallest cluster of huts necessitates reducing your speed to 80km then 60km.

Don't drive at night – with potholes and animals it's extremely dangerous.

There are police roadblocks as well as veterinary roadblocks. These require you to remove your shoes and dip the soles in the basin provided. Should you only produce a single pair, they may ask to look through your bags for more shoes, so best to have your other shoes easily accessible. This is particularly so on the Kasane to Gaborone road.

Do the one-hour flight from Maun over the Okavango Delta – it's a truly awesome experience.

People expect to be asked before you take a photograph, some may expect a few pula to pose, so be respectful.

The roads can be long, straight and boring, so be sure to swap drivers.

Facilities such as toilets, food stops etc. can be limited, so come prepared.