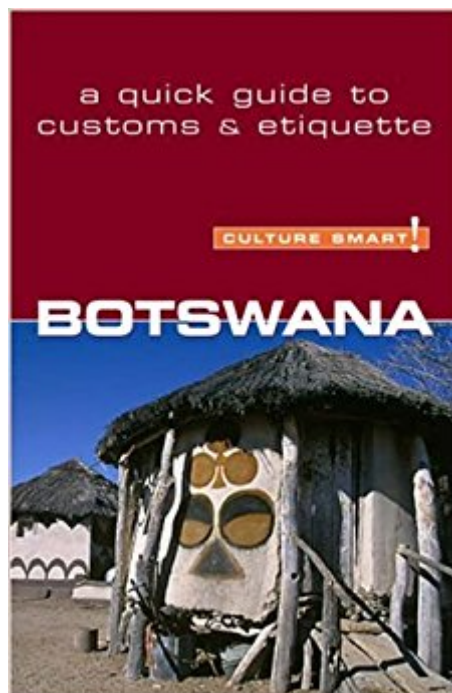




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Botswana - Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide To Customs & Culture



Synopsis

Culture Smart! provides essential information on attitudes, beliefs and behavior in different countries, ensuring that you arrive at your destination aware of basic manners, common courtesies, and sensitive issues. These concise guides tell you what to expect, how to behave, and how to establish a rapport with your hosts. This inside knowledge will enable you to steer clear of embarrassing gaffes and mistakes, feel confident in unfamiliar situations, and develop trust, friendships, and successful business relationships. Culture Smart! offers illuminating insights into the culture and society of a particular country. It will help you to turn your visit-whether on business or for pleasure-into a memorable and enriching experience. Contents include * customs, values, and traditions * historical, religious, and political background * life at home * leisure, social, and cultural life * eating and drinking * dos, don'ts, and taboos * business practices * communication, spoken and unspoken

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"Culture Smart! has come to the rescue of hapless travellers." [Sunday Times](#)

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I bought this guide before going on Safari in Botswana. Although I wasn't going to be spending time in any towns or villages, I always like to know a bit about the culture of the people I will be visiting. This book was fantastic! It not only gave a great history of the country, but it offered simple phrases in the native language. I used a few phrases throughout my stay and loved the happy reaction of the locals I was speaking with both at the airport and and camp.

Having traveled extensively, I never thought about learning the cultural intricacies of a country before visiting. The concept seems to obvious, but I've never seen a book like this. I'm going to Botswana in a few months am so glad to happen upon the terrific book. Concise, detailed and accessible. Will always read Culture Smart guides before all future travel.

I bought this small introduction to Botswana culture before taking a 13-day safari. It's a quick and easy read but didn't go beyond what I already knew from Botswana informative sites online. If you haven't gone online and want a one-stop capsule summary, this book would serve. I would have appreciated a more detailed primer on basic Setswana for the few commonly needed phrases I could use to be polite.

This book was informative, although there were too many generalities such as older people being more conservative than the younger generation. We are left with a positive view of the country and it makes one want to learn more. I was surprised that essentially no mention was made of Sir Seretse Khama, the father of the country. A list of recommended readings on Botswana would be a great addition.

An excellent way to get a quick run down of what to expect on your trip to Botswana. Would recommend

It has been a big help in planning my trip!

Very informative. Nice and consisely written.

This is a short book which gives the reader a good understanding of Botswana. I recommend it.

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