

# BATSWANA



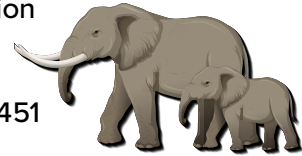
**FAST FACTS**

**BOTSWANA**

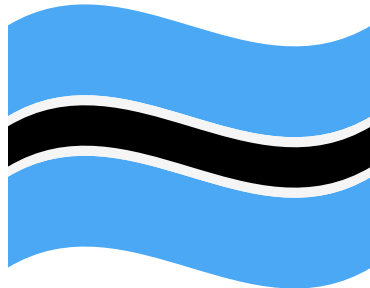
**Capital:** Gaborone  
**Currency:** Botswana Pula  
**Motto:** Pula! (means "let there be rain!")  
**Anthem:** Fatshe Leno La Rona (This is Our Land)  
**Official languages:** English / Tswana (unofficial) / Sekalaka / Seherero  
**Area (Sq Miles):** 224, 607 sq miles  
**Demonym(s):** Batswana

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ★ The country's name means "Land of the Tswana", referring to the dominant ethnic group in Botswana.
- ★ Botswana has Africa's highest concentration of elephants - the country is home to approximately 130,451 elephants.
- ★ Botswana is mostly desert - the semi-arid sandy savanna of the Kalahari Desert occupies over 70% of Botswana's total area.

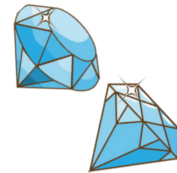


**FLAG STORY**



- **Black and white** represent the harmony of the people. It also represents the zebra, which is the national animal.
- **Blue** pays homage to Botswana's rainy season and also represents water and life.

- ★ Botswana is the world's second largest producer of diamonds. The country produced 40 million carats of diamonds in 2016.



**LET'S TALK FOOD!**

**Seswaa** (also known as loswao) is the national dish and is served at weddings, funerals and other celebrations. Salt is added to meat while it cooks to soften it; when it's ready the meat is pounded with a pestle and served atop pap, which is stiffened cornmeal.

**FAMOUS FIGURES**



**Kwame Nkrumah**  
 First prime minister of Ghana



**Akosua Busia**  
 Actress, film director, author and songwriter

**HOW DO YOU SAY HELLO?**



English



Tswana