

## Requirements for Children Travelling to Botswana

A trip to Africa is an exceptional adventure and will give your children life-long memories. To make sure everything goes smoothly however, please **ENSURE** that you adhere to the regulations in place regarding travel for **ALL** children under the age of 18.

A fun safari activity is completing a tick list of the birds and animals spotted in the bush. To help you get to your safari with the minimum fuss and bother, we've compiled a checklist of the requirements for travelling with minors.

### ALL Children under the age of 18 travelling to Botswana and or Zimbabwe need to have:

- ☐ Childs Valid passport
- ☐ Unabridged Birth certificate (or certified copy thereof)

### Child and One Parent:

- ☐ Childs valid Passport
- ☐ Unabridged Birth certificate (or certified copy thereof)

### And either of the Following:

- ☐ Parental Consent to Travel Affidavit from absent parent and certified copy of ID or Passport of absent parent
- ☐ Court order
- ☐ Parental Death certificate

### Child and Guardian:

- ☐ Childs valid Passport
- ☐ Unabridged Birth certificate (or certified copy thereof)

### And either of the Following:

- ☐ Parental Consent to Travel Affidavit and certified copy of ID or Passport of absent parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- ☐ Court order
- ☐ Parental Death certificate

### Child Unaccompanied:

- ☐ Childs valid Passport
- ☐ Unabridged Birth certificate (or certified copy thereof)
- ☐ Letter from the person received child along with full contact details and certified copy of ID/Passport

### And either of the Following:

- ☐ Parental Consent to Travel Affidavit from Both Parents and certified copy of ID or Passport of absent parents
- ☐ Court order
- ☐ Parental Death certificate

**NOTES:**

While certified Copies of unabridged birth certificates are currently accepted, it is preferable to carry the original document. Please note that certified copies are only valid for 3 months from date of issue.

Both parents whose details appear on the Unabridged Birth certificate or Equivalent Document\* shall consent to the child's travel. Where only one parent's details appear, only such parent's consent is required.

\*An Equivalent Document is any official document or letter issued by a foreign government (including a foreign embassy) or a letter issued by the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs in lieu of an unabridged birth certificate and which serves as a confirmation of parentage of a person below the age of 18.

Adopted children to provide proof of adoption by means of an adoption certificate

In cases where a parent or guardian is travelling without a parental consent affidavit from the absent parent/s then they will need to have a court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights or legal guardianship in respect of the child. Legally separated parents should also provide a court order when the other parent does not give consent.

Any copies of supporting documents should be certified by a recognised authority. Please note that certified copies are only valid for 3 months from date of issue.

Deceased parent. In cases where one parent is deceased, the parent accompanying the children only need to produce the death certificate for the deceased parent.

# **SAMPLE PARENTAL CONSENT AFFIDAVIT – Please Edit according to your individual requirements**

## **PARENTAL CONSENT AFFIDAVIT**

I/We hereby declare my/our consent that my/our daughter/son whose Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC) or Equivalent document is attached may travel to and from (Insert Country): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Identified by Passport no: \_\_\_\_\_ is travelling from \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ for the period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

**The child is accompanied / will be received by** (delete appropriately):

<b>Surname, Name</b>		
<b>Relationship</b>		
<b>Identified by Passport no.</b>		
<b>Residential Address</b>		
<b>Work Address</b>		
<b>Contact no. Work</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Residence</b>

**Mother:** (If the Mother is absent from travel, they must complete this section)

<b>Surname, Name</b>		
<b>Residential Address</b>		
<b>Identified by I.D. number OR Passport no.</b>		
<b>Contact no. Work</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

*Attach copy of Mother's ID or passport.*

**Father:** (If the father is absent from travel, they must complete this section)

<b>Surname, Name</b>		
<b>Residential Address</b>		
<b>Identified by I.D. number OR Passport no.</b>		
<b>Contact no. Work</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

*Attach copy of Father's ID or passport.*

**Legal Guardian:** (If the Legal Guardian is absent from travel, they must complete this section)

Surname, Name		
Date of birth		
Residential Address		
Identified by I.D. number OR Passport no.		
Contact no. Work	Mobile	Residence
Contact no.		
Signature		
Date		

Attach legal guardian's appointment letter or court order and ID or passport.

**Copies of the following documents are attached: (delete appropriately)**

- ☐ Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC) or Equivalent Document of child travelling
- ☐ ID or Passport and Visa of person receiving child.
- ☐ Court Order (where applicable)
- ☐ Death Certificate (of any deceased parent reflected on the UBC or Equivalent Document)
- ☐ ID or Passport of absent parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

Thus signed and **\*\*sworn/solemnly affirmed before me on this ..... day of .....20....**

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Commissioner of Oaths

**OFFICE STAMP**

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