

NOTES ON BOTSWANA TRANSIT (From Brian Thomas ex Joburg 18 Aug 82)

Leave Joburg along N1 north via Pretoria to Nylstroom as usual.

Camp first night at Nylstroom campsite. Costs 20R for whole group.  
Distance 220 kms.

From Nylstroom take road west for Ellisras and Parr's Halt (called Stockport on S. A. side). Road is good tar until 20 kms after Ellisras then good dirt to border.

Ellisras last place to shop or buy diesel in SA - small town with butcher and small supermarkets.

Border officials considerate but want to use stamp. Can be persuaded not to. Hold onto carnet. This should not be done here but when leaving Botswana.

Botswana side - need D Form for vehicle. If applied for but not arrived they will phone Gabarone to get authority to enter. Buy visas at border for those needing them.

Plenty of free campsites just after border - road is good dirt.

Day 2 - 290 Kms - road in Botswana is sandy dirt - good when dry.

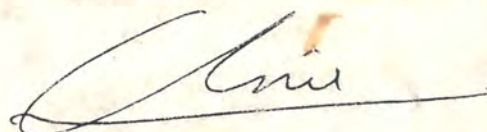
Day 3 - next main road at Mahalapye - turn right. Changed money in Pelapye but very small place, nothing much to buy. Shopping plus water in Francistown. Camp after Francistown on main road to Nata. 360 kms - good tar to Nata.

Day 4 - Water in Nata. Road turns to dirt and roadworks for new tar road. Slow going in places. No villages after Nata until Kasane, 440 kms drive. Arrive Kasane 5 pm and camped at Chobis Safari Lodge - expensive. 47 Pula for group. Nice lodge by river and has good bar.

Day 5 - Back to Kazangula for Immigration and Customs plus ferry which is free. Entry into Zambia no problem - buy visas at border. 2 hr drive to Livingstone. Camp at Rainbow Lodge by Falls.

N.B. DON'T GO TO CHOSE VIA MAUM & OKAVANGO.

- ① IT'LL COST A FORTUNE IN PARK & CAMPING FEES
- ② CHANCES ARE YOU'LL GET TURNED BACK AT CHOSE PARK BOUNDARY 'COS WHATEVER GOT A GUIDE LICENSE. YOU WON'T GET ONE EITHER! LONG DETOUR BACK!!

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