



14 Day Botswana and Beyond Safari – Johannesburg to Livingstone

Enjoy wild encounters on this exciting 14-day safari through the wilderness of Botswana. Experience the Okavango Delta by traditional dug-out canoe and discover the abundant wildlife of Moremi Game Reserve and Savuti. Savour the sunsets at Chobe National Park while cruising the Chobe River before arriving finally at spectacular Victoria Falls!

Tour Highlights: Khama Rhino Sanctuary, Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve, Savuti, Chobe National Park, Chobe River Cruise, Victoria Falls

Group Size: Minimum 4 / Maximum 12

Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 7 Dinners

Accommodation: Camping is in large 2-person dome tents – twin share. These are easy to erect and have built in mosquito nets. Mattresses and camp chairs are supplied. We use designated campsites for 6 nights where we use have running hot water and good wash/shower facilities. We wild camp for 7 nights – this is a fantastic experience but our camps have minimal facilities – dig-and-bury toilets and bucket showers.

Tour Includes: Tour highlights, meals as indicated, all transfers and game drives, all park entrance fees, services of tour guide, driver & local polers, road tolls & taxes

Tour Excludes: Visas, travel insurance, flights, transfers not specified in the itinerary, sleeping bag & pillow, optional activities, laundry, tips to driver & local guides & items of a personal nature.

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Day 1: Johannesburg to Khama Rhino Sanctuary (L / D)

Departing Johannesburg at 06:30am we head north into Botswana and the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. This reserve situated on the Kalahari sandveld, has several natural waterholes and provides prime habitat for white rhino, zebra and wildebeest. The Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust is a community based wildlife project established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and provide economic benefits to the local Motswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources.

Day 2: Maun (B / L)

We drive through the central Kalahari to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Situated on the banks of the Thamalakane River, Maun is a bustling frontier town where we prepare for the delta excursion. After setting up camp we have a relaxing afternoon with the opportunity to use the camp swimming pool and enjoy the sunset from the camp bar.

Days 3 to 5: Okavango Delta (Bx3 / Lx3 / Dx2)

Our local guides will take us deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta on Makoro (dugout canoes). The delta forms as water flows from the Angolan highlands out over the Botswanan flat Kalahari Desert sands creating a delicate, green oasis for bird & wildlife. We will camp wild on remote islands in this amazingly dynamic environment & enjoy bush walks, bird watching & swimming in the clear water. Camping with our local guides we learn more about their lifestyle & culture. We return to

Maun in the late afternoon of day 5 and have time for an optional (own expense) game flight over the Okavango, which will reveal a different aspect of the delta.

Days 6 & 7: Moremi Game Reserve (Bx2 / Lx2 / Dx2)

After an early start we head north out of Maun, to the Moremi Game Reserve, in our open 4WD vehicle. This unique area is named after the Chief of the Batawana tribe, who founded the reserve in 1963. The reserve protects a large part of the greater Okavango Delta. The grasslands, floodplains, forests and winding water channels combine to form a variety of game viewing habitats attracting amongst others; elephant, lion, hippo, leopard and wild dog. We explore the reserve on morning and afternoon game drives, relax during the heat of the day and spend two nights wild camping in the reserve.

Days 8 & 9: Savuti (Bx2 / Lx2 / Dx2)

The dry Savuti channel runs from the west into the sandy Mababe depression, but it seldom flows, so the seasonal rains and waterholes in the park ensure a perennial source of life for the game in the area. Wildlife gathers on the open plains of the Savuti marsh and the surrounding dry camel thorn trees make this place a wildlife photographer's dream. Famous for its big game and particularly its predators - the lions and the hyenas of Savuti fight a constant battle for survival. We spend 2 nights camping in this area, near a waterhole which is a constant source of activity.

Days 10 & 11: Chobe National Park (Bx2 / Lx2)

Chobe National Park offers an exceptional wildlife experience. The meandering river feeds the flood plains, which provides essential grazing to the herbivores throughout the year. Chobe is most famous for massive herds of elephants. One is more than likely to spot them during the dry season, in the late afternoon, when herd after herd of elephants emerge from the Mopane woodland to quench their thirst. Our experience in Chobe is rounded off with a spectacular afternoon cruise on the river. This is one of the best ways to view the elephants and to get closer to the hippos and crocodiles. One night is spent camping in the Chobe National Park and one night on the border of the park, in Kasane. Evening meals can be enjoyed in the local restaurant (own expense).

Days 12 to 14: Victoria Falls / Livingstone (Bx3)

Crossing the Zambezi River we enter Zambia and make our way to Livingstone for our final 2 nights. The Zambezi river plummets 110 meters over the Victoria Falls and it is a breathtaking sight. We spend half a day touring the falls before setting up camp. The following day is at leisure to enjoy some of the wonderful activities available in the adventure capital of Southern Africa. The Flight of Angels over the falls in a micro light is highly recommended, as is a day of rafting on the white waters of the mighty Zambezi River. Alternatively an elephant back safari is an experience never to be forgotten. Our evening meals are in colourful local restaurants (own expense). The tour ends in Livingstone after breakfast on Day 14.