

Buffalo Trail Lodge & Mobile Combo

Budget

11 nights / 12 days

Starts Maun, Botswana / Ends Livingstone, Zambia



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Day	Location	Accommodation	Transfers / Activities	Meals
1	Okavango Delta	Oddballs Camp Rustic tents	On arrival in Maun eta TBA light aircraft transfer to Delta Airstrip - afternoon activity. Drinks are excluded/for your own account to pay on departure	L (if flight time permits) and D
2	Okavango Delta	Oddballs Camp	Morning and afternoon activity from a choice - mokoro excursions and guided walks in the Okavango Delta	B, L, D
3	Maun	Island Safari Lodge Chalets **Alternative option on the 'Buffalo Special' departures to bush camp this night **	After breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you fly to Maun by light aircraft where you are collected by the lodge for the onwards transfer with stop for drinks shopping for the camping safari ahead. Afternoon at leisure. Lunch/Dinner for your own account	B
4	Moremi Game Reserve, Xakanaxa area Travel: 150km/5-6 hrs	Camping- wild Light participation camping in 2.1m x 2.1m dome tents GROUP SAFARI STARTS	After breakfast you are collected by your guide (approx 0730 – 0800) to start the group camping safari. Road transfer to Moremi, settle into camp, afternoon game drive	B, L, D
5	Moremi, Xakanaxa area	Camping – wild	Game drives in Moremi	B, L, D
6	Moremi, Khwai area Travel: 2-3 hours	Camping – wild	Move camp to the Khwai area with game drives en-route	B,L, D
7	Chobe National Park, Savuti area	Camping – wild	Drive to Savute area, game viewing en-route	B, L, D

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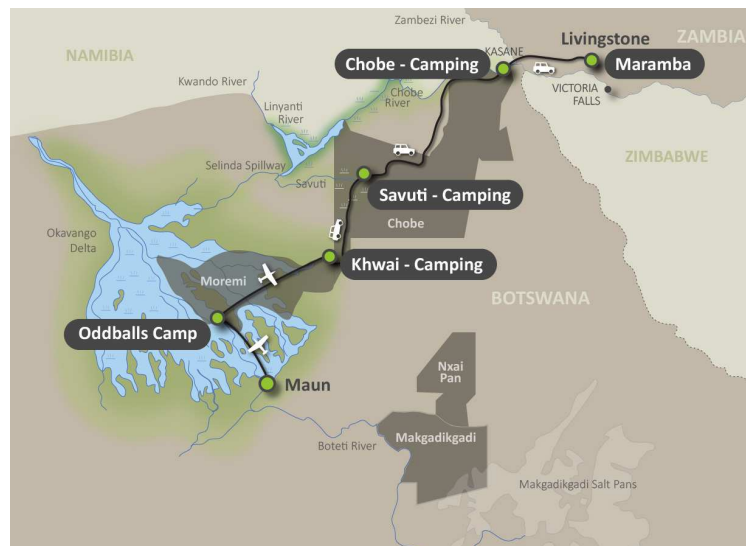
	Travel: 170km/5 hrs			
8	Chobe National Park, Chobe River area	Camping – wild	Drive to Chobe River area - game drives	B, L, D
9	Chobe River area	Camping – wild	Game drives in Chobe River area	B, L, D
10	Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia side Travel time: 120km/2-3 hrs	Maramba River Lodge (or similar) En suite tents or chalets	Cross the border into Zambia, afternoon at leisure in Livingstone. The guide will take you to Victoria Falls (Zambian side) - entrance is for your own account. Dinner for own account	B & L only
11	Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia side	Maramba River Lodge Group safari end in the morning	The guide's services end by 1000. You stay on in Livingstone for an additional day. Activities can be pre-booked or book on arrival	B & L only
12	END OF ARRANGEMENTS	ENDS LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT	Transfer to Livingstone airport for onward connections	B only

B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner / SB=selected beverages

Highlights

- Okavango Delta
- Moremi Game Reserve & Khwai Community area
- Chobe National Park
- Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia

Light Participation camping means that you set up your own tents (with guidance/assistance) and assist with packing/unpacking your luggage, but aside from this the camp chores are done by the camp assistant and guide (cooking/cleaning/firewood etc). It is one of the most easily mobile forms of camping and allows you to visit a range of areas within a limited space of time.



Cost of the safari 2016

Season	Cost per person sharing	Single supplement**	Average nightly rate per person
Jan – March 2016	EUR 2170 per person	EUR 285 per person	EUR 198 per person per night
April – June 2016	EUR 2280 per person	EUR 315 per person	EUR 208 per person per night
July – October 2016	EUR 2495 per person	EUR 355 per person	EUR 227 per person per night
November 2016	EUR 2280 per person	EUR 315 per person	EUR 208 per person per night



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Please Note:

- ****Buffalo Special**** departure dates (listed separately) have the option of either staying in Maun at Island Safari Lodge OR head straight to the bush to camp overnight on the doorstep of Moremi with guests that started earlier (on the Fish Eagle Safari). Contact us for further information
- Single supplement applies to voluntary singles only, single travelers may book on a 'share' basis where they will be nominated to share with a same-sex travel companion on the safari
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- Rates subject to National Park Fee increase
- Single supplement is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo – rate available on request
- Optional upgrades available in Livingstone and Maun accommodation

Botswana Park Fees and Departure Taxes - Increase

Please be aware that the Botswana Park Fees and Airport Departure taxes may increase in 2016/2017. Regrettably such increases are beyond our control and are excluded from any bookings, provisional or confirmed. We will inform you should any increase be advised.

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 nights Oddballs Camp/Okavango Delta including all meals, activities and National Park Fees • 1 night Island Safari Lodge/Maun including breakfast OR option of pre-night camping on the Buffalo Special departures • 6 nights Group safari light participation camping includes camping equipment/ mattress, all meals whilst camping, camping and current park entrance fees, services of a Professional Guide and camp assistant, game drives whilst on the camping safari • 2 night Maramba Lodge, Livingstone includes breakfast only, all activities optional extra costs Please note that the first night is accompanied by the group/guide but second night you are independent • Light Aircraft transfer Maun – Oddballs – Maun Airport • Road transfers Maun Airport – Island Safari Lodge • Safari transfers Maun – Moremi – Savute – Kasane • Airport transfer Maramba – Livingstone Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeping bag and small pillow whilst camping 6 nights (cost to hire 20 EUR) and towel • Optional additional mattress 10 EUR • All beverages (you purchase your own drinks in Maun for the camping safari on day 3 as you fly in from Oddballs and transfer out to Island Safari lodge) and pay all drinks at the various lodges direct • Lunch and Dinner in Maun and Livingstone • Entrance fees to Victoria Falls (currently \$20 USD on the Zambian side, subject to change) • All extras such as telephone calls/curio shopping/postage and so forth • International flights & taxes • All Travel Insurances • Visas if required (Botswana/Zambia) unless otherwise indicated

Safari Dates 2016:

Buffalo Classic Safari Dates 2016

Low: 20 - 31 January, 10 – 21 February, 02 – 13 March, 23 March – 03 April, 06 - 17 April, 20April – 01 May, 04 - 15 May, 18 - 29 May, 01 -12 June, 26 October – 06 November*, 09 – 20 November, 23 November – 04 December

High: 22 June - 03 July* , 06 – 17 July , 20 - 31 July, 03 - 14 August, 17 – 28 August , 31 August -11 September, 14 - 25 September, 28 September - 09 October, 12 - 23 October

“Buffalo Special” Safari Dates 2016:

Low: 13 – 24 January, 03 – 14 February, 24 February – 06 March, 16 – 27 March, 30 March – 10 April, 13 – 24 April, 27 April – 08 May, 11 – 22 May, 25 May – 05 June, 15 – 26 June, 02 – 13 November, 14 – 25 December

High: 29 June – 10 July*, 13 – 24 July, 27 July – 07 August, 10 – 21 August, 24 August – 04 September, 07 – 18 September, 21 September – 02 October, 05 – 16 October, 19 – 30 October

*See mixed season pricing guide below for these departures

Mixed season pricing:

22 June – 03 July AND 30 June – 10 July – unique price EUR 2360 plus single surcharge EUR 315 per person
26 Oct – 06 November – unique price EUR 2420 plus single surcharge EUR 355 per person

Detailed Itinerary:

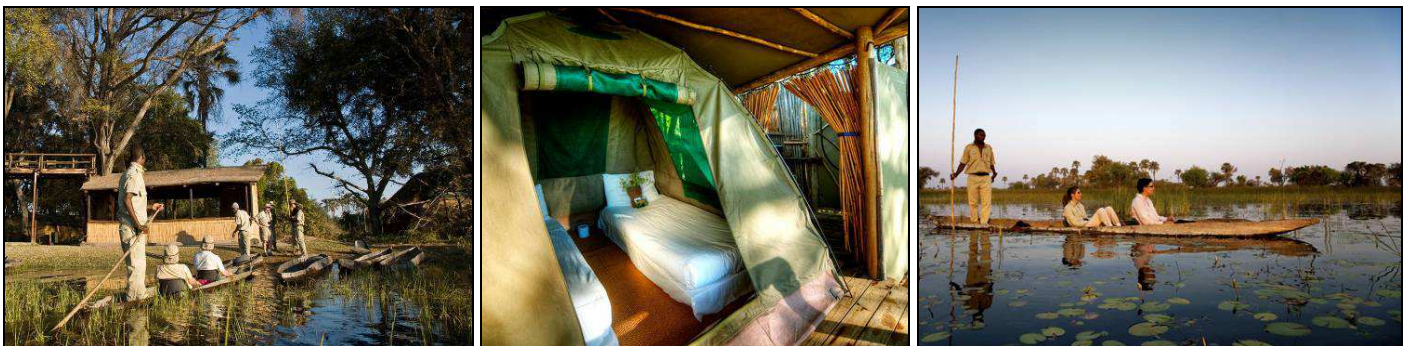
Days 1 & 2: ODDBALLS CAMP, Okavango Delta, Botswana (full board)

Travel time: Maun – Oddballs approx 25 min flight

On arrival at Maun Airport eta TBA you are met by a representative from Safari Specialists and Delta Air for the flight to Oddballs Camp. On arrival at the delta airstrip it is a short walk to Oddballs Camp where you stay for 2 nights on a full board basis, exploring the delta on morning and afternoon mokoro excursions and guided walks.

Please note that the flight is booked on a 'seat rate' basis and therefore flight times are not scheduled until the day prior to flying, the lodge management will arrange your activities and transfers accordingly. Please note that there is a strict luggage restriction on all light aircraft flights of 15kg per person in soft bags, plus hand luggage.

Situated in the southwestern Okavango Delta, Oddballs Camp is one of the original camping sites in the Okavango Delta. The camp is accessible by a 25-minute light aircraft flight from Maun. Oddballs' camp is an affordable delta experience that suits the adventurous traveller or those just wishing to get away from it all.



Oddballs Camp accommodation consists of simple domed tents erected on raised wooden platforms, overlooking the floodplains and bush. All tents have a rustic en-suite bathroom. The central dining area directly overlooks the Boro River, providing excellent game viewing for guests. There is also a comfortable lounging area and a raised viewing platform on the banks of the river. The setting is informal and located above the legendary "Skull bar" where you will be regaled with adventure stories.

The Camp offers guided safaris on foot and mokoro excursions with your own local 'poler' guide. The Okavango Delta is home to over 400 bird and 1,000 plant species, crocodile, hippo, elephant and buffalo. The Okavango has earned its reputation as one of the world's premier wilderness areas.

AREA DESCRIPTION – OKAVANGO DELTA

The Okavango Delta is one of the world's largest inland deltas situated in the middle of the largest stretch of continuous sand in the world - the Kalahari basin. This oasis in the middle of the desert is a rich yet fragile ecosystem, providing a life source for an incredible variety of wildlife. A wealth of species have adapted to the contrasting conditions created by living in the harsh Kalahari desert which is transformed annually with the arrival of the delta flood waters originating in Angola.

The Okavango wetland encompasses Moremi Game Reserve and surrounding regions divided into areas known as Private Concessions. These concessions are wildlife management areas, carefully administered to balance the growing community's development and conservation, whilst empowering citizens through sustainable tourism. Many of the exclusive lodges in Botswana are situated within these concessions in the delta, providing an unparalleled wildlife experience - exclusive and remote, avoiding mass tourism and exploitation.

Flood levels fluctuate dramatically throughout the year, with high water levels peaking in the central Okavango during the dry winter months and water levels at their lowest during the later summer months, contrary to the seasonal rainfall. The landscape, activities and game viewing vary considerably throughout the delta depending on your location, the season and flood levels. Some areas have larger tracts of permanent dry land which generally means there is more focus on land based activities (game drives) and big game viewing. Lodges situated on islands deep in the delta concentrate more on water activities such as mokoro excursions, walking, boating, fishing and bird watching. Those lodges situated on the outer fringes of the delta, referred to as the 'seasonal' delta, offer varied experiences at different times of the year - more water based during high flood levels and more land based as the flood recedes.

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Game is more concentrated around the permanent water during the dry season (Apr - Oct) with it becoming very hot in the later months. The heronries become active as the migrant birds return to Botswana from September through November, and general bird watching is excellent throughout the summer months. The rainy season (Nov - Apr) invigorates the lush scenery with wild flowers, dramatic thundershowers, spectacular sunsets and the birthing season brings great predator and prey interaction.

**Day 3: ISLAND SAFARI LODGE, Maun, Botswana,
(Breakfast only)**

**Travel time: Oddballs Camp - Maun
Approx: 25 minute light aircraft flight**

After breakfast and possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you fly back to Maun where you are met by a representative from Safari Specialists and Bush Ways Safaris. The Bush Ways driver will take you shopping for safari drinks and any last purchases (sunscreen/snacks and so on) before continuing out to the lodge where you overnight on a bed and breakfast basis, dinner is for your own account as are any extras. Please check with the Bush Ways driver for your pick up time for the following day.

**** Alternative option on the Buffalo Special departures**** on arrival in Maun ex Oddballs Camp you are met, taken shopping and transfer out by road to the bush campsite near Moremi Game Reserve instead of staying Maun, whilst Bush Ways Safaris do not charge for this night (FREE!!!) the transfer cost balances out the price of the two options – so it is a choice to your preferences without cost implications **

Island Safari Lodge and campsite is one of the oldest lodges in Maun, established in 1973. It is situated 10 km from Maun town centre along the Thamalakane River and the chalets are recently refurbished, offering comfortable and affordable accommodation and a well equipped camping site.



Island Safari Lodge offers simple accommodation in 12 chalets, each with en-suite bathroom facilities, fan cooled and a television. The main lodge area features a reception with small curio shop and booking office, a thatched bar and dining area, two swimming pools (one at the main bar and one at the campsite) and a well shaded campsite. The lodge is situated within a large conservancy, once you turn off the main road and enter the gates you are amongst a small mopane forest and the area hosts some walking trails which are excellent for keen bird watchers.

**Days 4, 5 & 6: CAMPING, Moremi Game Reserve (full board)
GROUP SAFARI STARTS**

**Travel time: Maun – Moremi Game Reserve
Approx - 150km, 6h (incl game drive)**

You are collected (between 0730 – 0800) from your accommodation in Maun by the Bush Way's guide and meet the group to commence the Buffalo Trail camping safari. Together you drive through to Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana which covers swamp and dry areas. The drive is only 150km, the first 30km on tar road and the remainder on bush roads, thus taking approximately 4-5 hours with game viewing en-route.

The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets will be the norm. After your morning game drive you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta. Camping will be in private designated campsites with bush ablutions and generally you move camp after two nights from the western side of the Moremi to the eastern side.

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Days 7, 8 & 9: Camping, Chobe National Park (full board)

**Travel time: Moremi – Savuti
Approx - 120km. 5-6 hrs (incl game viewing)**

Chobe National Park, with its diverse and striking landscapes, will be your next destination. As you continue your search for wildlife, you will traverse the drier region of Savuti where bull elephants dot the plains, camping for one night before heading north to the Chobe River area for a further two nights where your game drives will meander along the banks of the river, followed by the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle.

Each day you can expect to be on the road for approximately 5 hours, in game viewing areas, with all drives taken at a leisurely pace stopping for refreshments and leg stretches as you go.

Camping is in private designated areas with shared bush ablutions.

Day 10 & 11: MARAMBA LODGE (or similar)/standard tent, Livingstone (bed and breakfast only)

**Travel Time: Chobe River – Livingstone
Approx - 100km, 2-3h**

After a morning game drive you will cross the Zambezi River by ferry (this can be a very African experience, as the wait to cross the border can take time) and then drive to Livingstone on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls, (Visa required), where you will spend 2 nights at a comfortable lodge.

The first night is with the group and escorted by the guide, he will assist with activity bookings and how to best organize your time in Livingstone, but his services end the following morning after breakfast when he returns with the vehicle to Maun. You stay on an extra night in order to have a full day in Livingstone. Activities can be pre-booked or arranged on arrival, check with your consultant for recommendations for the time of year you visit.

Day 12: END of Safari

**Travel Time: Maramba Lodge – Livingstone Airport
Approx. 20mins road transfer**

After breakfast and a morning at leisure, you transfer to Livingstone Airport in time for onward flights of your own arrangement.

Camping Style:



Special Notes

Shared Transfers and Activities

Road, boat, air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (on a shared basis and NOT private) unless otherwise requested or specified. Private charters/transfers can however be requested at an additional cost. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination adding to the duration of the transfer. International flight connections are accounted for in the daily schedules.

On shared transfers all the flight times are arranged a day before travel to avoid endless schedule changes. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times.

Weight and Luggage restrictions

Please advise upon requesting a quotation where a traveller **weighs over 100kg**, as well as at time of confirming the booking, as it may be necessary to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for the passenger's safety and comfort.

Luggage is restricted on flight transfers to **20kg per person in soft bags**, which includes all hand luggage and camera equipment. Please refer to your itinerary notes, as in some instances, and in some countries, such as Zambia and Zimbabwe this limitation is decreased to 15kg per person. Please note that luggage in excess of the above restrictions shall result in additional costs for transport and/or storage and should be arranged in advance. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Health

Please confirm that all Clients are medically fit, in good physical and mental health and that there is nothing which renders him/her unfit to undertake the tour at the time of booking. Any Client with a pre-existing medical condition or illness must declare the true nature of such conditions to the Company before the commencement of the tour. The Client is responsible for attending to any medical condition which he/she may have and must consult with his/her physician in respect of all medical conditions which might be affected by his/her participation in the tour, activities or associated activities.

The Client accepts that certain areas included in the tour are malaria-infected areas and that he/she should take reasonable anti-malaria precautions.

Insurance

Travel, cancellation and health insurance are highly recommended for all Clients.

Visas/Passports/Travel Documents

The Client is solely responsible to ensure that his/her passports, visas, insurance cover and vaccination certificates, (and any other travel documents and/or requirements of any nature whatsoever) are valid for the duration of the tour and in the countries to be visited.

Arrival and Departure Details

It is imperative that we have the correct International/Regional arrival and departure details for the clients in order to plan the itinerary and ensure efficient onward transfers. Costs may be incurred if these details are not given on quotation, or if they change subsequently.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We require that you have read and understood our full **SAFARI INFORMATION** and **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** before confirming the itinerary and commencing the safari. However we would like to highlight the following important notes.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

In terms of the trading conditions, and any contract(s) concluded pursuant hereto, the Company acts as a booking agent only, for and on behalf of the Client in procuring services. The Company utilizes the products of various travel Subcontractors. The Company does not provide any direct services to the Clients as its services are limited to procuring and compiling tour packages for its clients.

While the Company makes every effort:

- to engage quality Subcontractors among the airlines, hotels, tour operators and other service providers to constitute the itinerary of the tour; and
- to ensure that the various services that constitutes the tour package will be carried out efficiently and as advertised;

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it does not have direct control over the provision of services by Subcontractors and shall not be liable for *inter alia* any loss, damage, injury, additional costs, delay or irregularity that may be occasioned by an error or default, act or omission of any Subcontractor in carrying out the logistics of the tour package, or associated activities.

Payment Terms

Bookings must be confirmed in writing by fax, email and/or registered letter and the deposit payment must be received before the Company can confirm in full to all subcontractors. Once the deposit is received and the booking is confirmed, all terms and conditions apply and our cancellation policies will be in immediate effect.

By confirmation of the booking, the Client acknowledges that all terms and conditions of the Company have been provided and accepted.

The full amount of the tour is payable not less than 60 days prior to the date when the tour commences.

In the event that a booking is not paid in full as per the above payment terms the Company reserves the right to refuse the Client(s) participation in the tour, and the client will be liable for any applicable cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations should be made in writing and will only be deemed effective upon acknowledgment of receipt by the Company.

Cancellations will be subject to the following penalties:

- 20% of the total booking fee shall be payable immediately upon confirmation.
- 50% of the total booking 45 - 90 days prior to commencement of the tour.
- 100% of the total booking 44 days or less prior to the commencement of the tour.

Standard Cancellation fees shall apply in instances of postponed departure dates.

RESERVATIONS

Please be advised that for any quotes, no provisional bookings have been made unless otherwise specified by your consultant. Accommodation is subject to availability at the time of the booking.

Costs quoted are subject to change at any time due to *inter alia* excessive exchange fluctuations, fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange, and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers and government that are beyond our control.

Provisional bookings will be held for a period of 12 days (unless otherwise advised), where after confirmation of the booking and payment of a 20% non-refundable deposit will be required to secure the booking, failing which the booking will be cancelled.

Clients are to advise the Company at the time of requesting a quotation, and of making a booking, of the ages of all children (under the age of 21 and as at the time of travel) that will be participating in the tour, together with their date of birth, as not all lodges accept children, and there may be restrictions or conditions applicable. Some properties will require that children under the age of 18 share with an adult.

It is recommended that optional additional activities should be requested at the time of requesting a quotation and/or making the booking, specifically in Livingstone or Victoria Falls e.g. sunset cruise, to guarantee availability of such activities.

All Clients should allow a minimum 2 - 3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. Please ask your consultant to check your flight details before booking.

With confirmation of the booking the Client accepts that the tour carries inherent risks, and that the Clients voluntarily assume all risks, which are associated with the tour. All Clients will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps/lodges/service providers, and abide by the Operators Code of Conduct in order to ensure their safety.

On confirmation of a booking, the Company requires personal information with respect to each and every Client e.g. Medical Conditions, Dietary requirements, Travel Insurance details and Emergency contact details. Please complete the Booking form on confirmation of a booking. By choosing not to complete and submit this information to the Company the Client will compromise the Company's response time in the event of an emergency.

With confirmation of the booking the Client confirms that he has read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions of the Company and its Subcontractors.