

Wildlife Encounter – Standard Lodge & Private En-suite Camping

12 nights /13 days

Starts Maun, Botswana / Ends Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



Cost from US \$ 4530 per person

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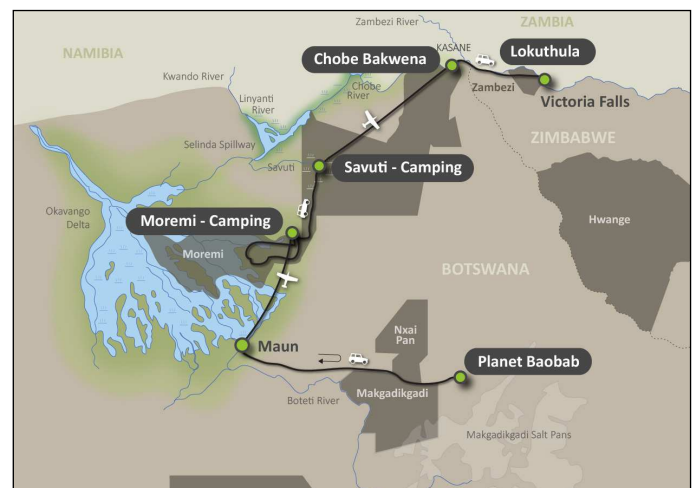
Day	Location	Accommodation	Transfers / Activities	Meals
1	Maun	Audi Camp, En-suite bedded tent	Arrive Maun Airport TBA, you are met and road transfer to Audi Camp – afternoon at leisure, lunch and dinner for own account	-
2	Makgadikgadi area	Planet Baobab Meerkat Mania or Game Expedition Itinerary (seasonal)	Following breakfast you are collected at reception for the road transfer via Maun to Planet Baobab, lunch for own account. Please note activities and accommodation vary with different seasons*	B & D
3	Makgadikgadi area	Planet Baobab	Please see below for detailed program	B, L, D
4	Khwai/Moremi area	Private Mobile Camping Safari En-suite dome tents	Return from the pans (Meerkat Mania only) and enjoy a cooked breakfast before transferring by road to Maun to connect to the light aircraft transfer to Khwai area. Here you are met by your private guide for the next 5 days. Settle into camp then enjoy game drives in the Khwai/Moremi area	B, L, D & SB
5	Khwai/Moremi area	Private Mobile Camping Safari	Game drives in Khwai area and 1x mokoro excursion (12 yrs. and over only) on Khwai River. Please note that no mokoro is included if camping is in Moremi	B, L, D & SB
6	Khwai/Moremi area	Private Mobile Camping Safari	Game drives in Khwai/Moremi area	B, L, D & SB
7	Savute area of Chobe National Park	Private Mobile Camping Safari	Following breakfast camp is taken down and you head up to the Savuti area (approximately 5 hours with game viewing and refreshments on route). Settle into camp and afternoon game drive in the Savuti area	B, L, D & SB
8	Savuti area	Private Mobile	Game drives in Savute area of Chobe	B, L, D & SB

		Camping Safari	National Park	
9	Chobe River area	Chobe Bakwena, Family Unit	Following breakfast and morning activity (flight time permitting) you will bid farewell to your private guide at Savute Airstrip for the light aircraft transfer flight to Kasane Airport, where you are met for the onwards road transfer to Chobe Bakwena – afternoon activity (game drive or Chobe river cruise). <i>Service of private guide ends at Savute</i>	B, L, D & SB
10	Chobe River area	Chobe Bakwena	Morning and afternoon activity from a choice of: Chobe River cruise and game drives. Additional activities available on request	B, L, D & SB
11	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Lokuthula Lodge, 2 or 3 bedroom unit	Following breakfast road transfer across the border into Zimbabwe to Lokuthula Lodge. Afternoon at leisure or optional activities at own account	B
12	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Lokuthula Lodge	Optional activities in Victoria Falls at own account (can be pre-booked on request)	B only
13	END OF ARRANGEMENTS	Ends Victoria Falls Airport	After breakfast and a morning at leisure, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport in time for onward travel arrangements	B only

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

Highlights

- Makgadikgadi salt pans sleep out (dry season)
- Private mobile Camping in Khwai and Savute
- Privately guided game drives in Khwai and Savute
- Game drive in Chobe National Park and Chobe River Cruises



*EN-SUITE CAMPING is non participation camping using 3m x 3m dome tents with adjoined bathrooms (dugout toilets and bucket showers).

Please note that the camping sector is not a scheduled group camping trip but a private safari led by a quality private guide through Moremi/Khwai area and Savute with lodge extensions on either side. The activities in Chobe are not private but can be arranged at additional costs. The guide can accompany the group in the Okavango, Chobe and Victoria Falls for additional cost.

The pricing is based on a family of 4 persons due to the mobile safari aspect, being more affordable for larger groups or families. Pricing for 2-3 or larger groups can be arranged on request. Contact us for further options.

Cost of Safari 2016 (based on a family of 4)

Season	Cost per person sharing	Cost per child sharing (6 – 11 years of age)
January – April 2016	US \$ 4530 per person	US \$ 3430 per child
May – June 2016	US \$ 4620 per person	US \$ 3480 per child
July – October 2016	US \$ 4820 per person	US \$ 3620 per child
November – December 2016	US \$ 4590 per person	US \$ 3460 per child

Please Note:

- The discounted child rate is specific to having 2 adults and 2 children on safari and based on using a family room at Chobe Bakwena and Lokuthula – other room types or group sizes may affect the pricing.
- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. June & July, neither rate is applicable – please request a special quote
- *Suggested Minimum age is 6 years old, but younger children may be accepted on request HOWEVER please note the Mokoro excursion on Khwai is not available for children under 12 years*
- Should a single room be required please contact us for a tailor made quotation
- Subject to availability at time of booking, major currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- Optional pre and post safari extensions on request
- The above rate is subject to change due increases in National park fees (see below)

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.



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Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 night Audi Camp, Maun in en-suite bedded tent includes bed and breakfast • 2 nights Planet Baobab, Makgadikgadi area on Meerkat Mania or Game Expedition itinerary (seasonally varies) includes 2 x dinner, 1 x lunch, 2 x breakfast and selected activities, see full itinerary details below • 5 nights Private non participation camping with en-suite dome tents in Khwai /Moremi and Savuti area includes Service of a professional guide, camp assistant(s), camping equipment, bedding, towels, all meals, selected beverages and game drives in Khwai area & Savute, 1x mokoro excursion in Khwai (children age permitting) and current National Park fees • 2 nights Chobe Bakwena, Chobe River in Kasane includes all meals, selected beverages and 4 activities over 3 days with current park fees • 2 nights Lokuthula Lodges, Victoria Falls/Zimbabwe includes bed and breakfast • Road transfer Maun Airport – Audi Camp – Planet Baobab – Maun Airport • Light aircraft transfer Maun Airport – Khwai Airstrip / Savute Airstrip – Kasane Airport • Transfer in customized safari vehicle during the mobile camping trip from Khwai area to Savuti Area • Road transfer Kasane Airport - Chobe Bakwena - across the border into Zimbabwe to Lokuthula – Victoria Falls Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases in National Park Fees for 2016/2017 • Any additional meals, any beverages and any activities /transfers whilst at Audi Camp • Any additional meals and any beverages whilst at Planet Baobab • Any premium brand beverages whilst camping (can be provided on request/additional charge) • Additional beverages at Chobe Bakwena (selected inclusions only) • Any additional activities and transfers in Chobe • Any additional meals, any beverages and activities/transfers whilst at Lokuthula Lodges • All extras such as telephone calls/curio shopping/postage and so forth • International flights & taxes • All Travel Insurances • Visas if required for travel Botswana, Zimbabwe unless otherwise indicated • Vaccinations • Errors and Omissions

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: AUDI CAMP, Maun (bed and breakfast)

Travel time: Maun Airport – Audi Camp
approx 15 mins road

On arrival in Maun you are met by a representative from Safari Specialists and shown to the onwards road transfer to Audi Camp, where you spend the following night on a bed and breakfast basis in an en-suite bedded tent. Please note any additional meals, any beverages and any activities are for your own account.

Audi Camp is located on the Thamalakane River in the outskirts of Maun and it is an ideal camp for independent travellers exploring Africa, offering excellent value with a variety of accommodation styles to suit any budget. "Audi" means fish eagle in the local language, aptly names as it is great base from which to explore the Okavango Delta.



Audi Camp offers 3 styles of tented accommodation as well as a well shaded campsite for those bringing their own camping equipment. There are simple dome tents with mattresses or spacious walk-in tents with bedding that use the shared bathroom facilities of the campsite or you can book a comfortable twin-bedded safari tent with private bathroom facilities, each with its own fireplace and cooking area. Audi Camp has a large open bar and restaurant that offers delicious, affordable a la carte meals. The décor of the bar has a tasteful African in theme and the service offered is very welcoming. The camp has a pool area overlooking the river and several private seating areas under shade where bird watching is at a premium all year round. Being based in the town of Maun (12km from the airport/town centre), Audi is ideal as a stopover between safari excursions. They can arrange mokoro day and overnight trips but it is generally best to book any further safari arrangements in advance.

AREA DESCRIPTION – MAUN TOWN

Situated along the banks of the Thamalakane River, one of the lower 'fingers' of the Okavango Delta, Maun serves as the administrative town centre of Ngamiland. The name Maun originates from the San language, meaning "the place of reeds" and Maun is referred to as the *Gateway to the Okavango Delta* providing access by aircraft, vehicle and boat to the Okavango and Moremi. Water levels fluctuate with wet and dry long term cycles as well as seasonally fluctuating. In some years the lower reaches of the delta dry up for months and then the water slowly trickles in again as the flood waters from Angola transform the area. In recent years, the river has been flowing consistently through Maun and in peak flood months continues beyond to the Boteti River on the edge of Makgadikgadi National Park.

Only 45 minutes by motorboat from Maun you cross the 'veterinary' fence which separates wildlife from the domestic animals. From this point the area transforms to the waterland paradise of the Okavango Delta.

Days 2 & 3: PLANET BAOBAB, Makgadikgadi pans area
(full board and selected activities *vary with different season*)

Travel time: Audi Camp-Planet Baobab
approx 2.5 hours road

After breakfast you are collected at Audi Camp reception and head out on a road transfer to Planet Baobab, a drive of approximately 2.5 hours on tar road, the giant aardvark on the side of the road welcomes you to camp. On arrival please reconfirm your itinerary at reception and note the meeting times for activities and your meal inclusions. The inclusions vary with the seasons, please see below information for details.

Situated close to the village of Gweta, (also charmingly known as “The Place of the Bullfrogs”), on the Francistown-Maun road and sheltered by a grove of gigantic baobabs, Planet Baobab offers a welcoming base from which to explore the Makgadikgadi Pans system.

Planet Baobab combines funky style with comfort whilst remaining true to its traditional African inspiration. Accommodation styles vary, with Bushman grass huts, palatial Kalanga mud huts (with en suite bathrooms) traditionally painted with amazing designs and a shady campsite where you can pitch your own tents. The main lodge area has a spacious bar and dining open room and serves hearty set menu meals. There is a huge swimming pool with an undercover side plunge pool to while away time in the desert heat between activities.

*Rainfall varies annually and if the pans are too wet for a camp out, alternative activities will be arranged (such as day trip to Nxai or Makgadikgadi Pans National Park). Officially the 'dry season' begins in late April but late rains may cause it to open later, and similarly the end of the 'dry season' may vary if there is an onset of early (or late) summer rains.



PB Game Expedition – Wet Season itinerary (January – 24 April & November - December) - 2 Nights Lodge

DAY 1

After settling into your hut, take a walk with your guide through the surrounding bush as he explains the local ecology and geology, and, of course, the unique biology of the baobabs. Enjoy a refreshing sundowner drink before returning to the camp for dinner and your first night in a traditional Bakalanga Hut.

DAY 2

After breakfast, you will have an early departure to Nxai Pan for game viewing and to see Baines Baobabs. Picnic lunch included.

Although Nxai Pan was also once part of the great super lake, it is quite different in character to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. It consists of a series of grass covered fossil pans dotted with islands of umbrella acacia, supporting a good variety and density of game and birdlife. In the drier months, the desert landscape is dry and harsh. Game viewing at the waterhole is excellent where you may observe lion, cheetah, spotted and brown hyena, zebra, giraffe, kudu, hartebeest, bat eared fox, jackal and sometimes wild dog and elephant. After the summer rains from December to April, the landscape changes: colours are bright and vivid as the dust is washed away and hundreds of wild flowers begin to appear and the bush turns a brilliant green. The pans are once again filled with large grazing herds and, as always, the predators are nearby and thrive in this time of plenty. Baines Baobabs is a cluster of Baobabs on the shores of Kudiakam Pan, a photographer's paradise offering a visually stunning sight with the vast pans contrasting against the giant ancient trees.

Return to Planet Baobab for another scrumptious meal, and a night of peace and quiet amongst the baobabs.

DAY 3

Wake up to a perfect Kalahari sunrise and a good Planet Baobab breakfast followed by your return transfer to Maun.

Meerkat Mania Package – Dry Season itinerary (25 April - October) - 1 Night Lodge & 1 Night Camping

DAY 1

After settling into your hut, take a walk with your guide through the surrounding bush as he explains the local ecology and geology, and, of course, the unique biology of the baobabs. Enjoy a refreshing sundowner drink before returning to the camp for dinner and your first night in a traditional Bakalanga Hut.

DAY 2

After breakfast, take a tour of the nearest thriving metropolis, Gweta to experience modern African village culture. Learn about the history and traditions of the Batswana. Visit the local primary school 'Sekolo', the Kgotla – a traditional court, and meet the people of Gweta including the Traditional Healer 'Sangoma'.

Return to Planet Baobab for lunch followed by a relaxing siesta, before you head off to Ntwetwe Salt pan. Enjoy exploring the pans on your quad bike (2 guests per bike) while you learn about the archaeology, geology and zoology of the area.

Enjoy a refreshing sundowner drink followed by a barbeque dinner before climbing into your bedroll to enjoy a night sleeping under the stars in the vast Makgadikgadi Pans.

DAY 3

Wake up to the Kalahari sun rising between your feet. Warm your hands on a mug of piping hot coffee and soak up the solitude. Quad back to the edge of Ntwetwe Salt pan, then head off with your Guide to explore the surrounds, including a stop at Greens Baobab, in search of bat eared foxes, ground squirrels and other unique desert species. Get up close and personal with a resident gang of habituated meerkats.

Head back to Planet Baobab for a much-needed shower and a scrumptious Planet Baobab breakfast before your return transfer to Maun.

Please note that the dry season in Botswana typically runs from May through October and the wet season from November through April. Changing weather conditions have resulted in unexpected rainfall throughout the year which makes some activities hazardous and detrimental to the sensitive ecology of the pans. In wet conditions the camp will automatically revert to the wet season itinerary. Activities are subject to change at the discretion of the camp manager.

AREA DESCRIPTION – MAKGADIKGADI

The network of salt pans found in Botswana's eastern regions are a striking physical feature and some of the largest of their kind in the world. The pans, huge, flat expanses of hot, sun-blasted terrain and fringed by vegetated islands and peninsulas, were once part of a great super lake that covered much of northern Botswana. This desolate landscape offers nothing but sand and sky yet its eerily silent fossil beaches and stunted red baobab trees leave an impression on every visitor. The beauty of the Makgadikgadi Salt pans lies in its stark nothingness: the sight of the vast, open pans is awe inspiring as the earth and sky blend into each other with nothing indicating the horizon but a hazy mirage. Sunset and sunrise hold a mystical quality. This area offers a unique wilderness experience full of adventure. Do not expect huge herds of animals but rather expect the unexpected, everything is interesting here especially when interpreted by the local Bushmen guides of the area. The night skies are breathtaking during the winter months with stars from horizon-to-horizon. Following the summer rains, the area is host to a spectacular migration of zebra and wildebeest.

Days 3, 4, 5: PRIVATE MOBILE CAMPING SAFARI, Khwai Community or Moremi Game Reserve (fully inclusive)

Travel time: Planet Baobab -Maun – Khwai
Approx 2 hours by road and
30 min light aircraft transfer

Following breakfast (Planet Baobab itinerary varies seasonally), you transfer by road to Maun Airport in time for the light aircraft transfer flight to Khwai Airstrip. Here you are met by your private guide and it is a short game drive to the campsite for the private mobile camping safari ahead.

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

On arrival in the campsite, receive an important safari briefing on safety in the campsite and then settle into camp. The campsite is a 'wilderness' area where you sleep in spacious 3m x 3m dome or wilderness tents with camp beds (with linen). Bathroom facilities are en-suite open-air bathrooms with bush loo and bucket shower. All meals are prepared over the open fire and you will enjoy a good variety of fresh food throughout the safari. Dinner is served at the table, but you return to the campfire after dinner to enjoy an evening of stories under the stars. The night skies are generally clear and the stars bright, so you can learn about the African night sky and constellations in the Southern Hemisphere.

We head to bed quite early so that we can be up at first light, ready to find out what the bush has in store for each new day. Generally in the middle of each day we spend some time relaxing in camp, this is when you generally shower and have lunch and then have some free time.



The days continue to follow a pattern of a light breakfast, morning activity, lunch and siesta afternoon activity and returning to camp for dinner under the stars. Your guide will show you the times of day that animals generally head to the water to drink or bathe, or perhaps when they are more likely to be found having a siesta under a bush. Every day brings new discoveries and clues and you will become more of an expert as you spend time in the bush.

AREA DESCRIPTION – MOREMI GAME RESERVE AND KHWAI COMMUNITY AREA

Moremi Game Reserve is a rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary, encompassing the Okavango Delta. The reserve is unfenced and its boundaries are defined naturally by river systems. The vegetation is varied, with dry land complemented by permanent and seasonal swamplands, resulting in an excellent diversity of both wildlife and birdlife.

Moremi is amongst the best game reserves in Africa for viewing the endangered African wild dog. Xakanaxa is home to a resident herd of several hundred buffalo whose range covers the territories of at least 4 prides of lion which may often be seen flanking the ever moving herd. Breeding herds of elephant move between their browsing areas in the mopane forests and the fresh water of the Okavango.

Please note that activities are restricted within the national park in accordance with government rules and regulations. These include no driving off-road, no walking and no driving after dark.

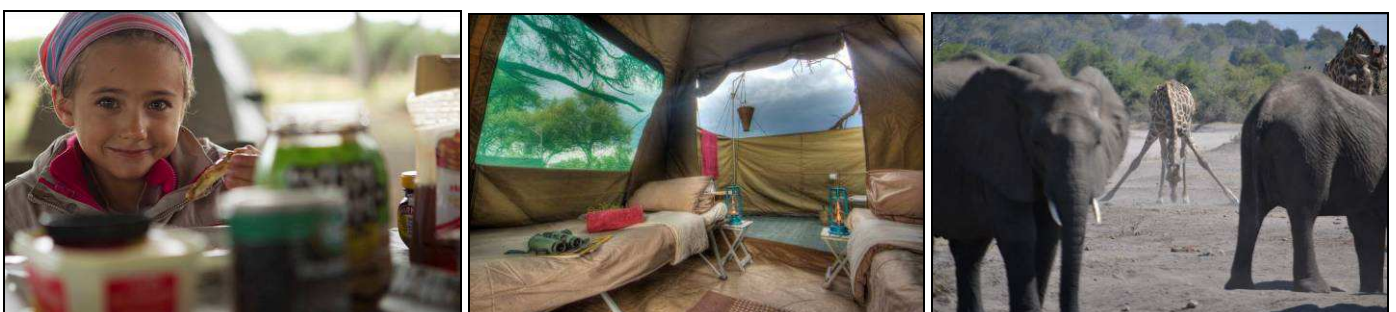
The Khwai Community area lies just north of the Moremi Game Reserve and is easily accessible via the North Gate of the park. Although the Khwai area is not officially part of the Moremi Game Reserve it can be seen as an extension of it as there are no fences and animals are free to roam. Khwai was established by the former inhabitants of the reserve (the River Bushmen) and is now managed by the community through the Khwai Development Trust. The wildlife experience in Khwai is the same as inside the reserve with the key advantage being the freedom to participate in walking safaris, off-road driving and night drives as the area is not governed by National Park rules.

The vegetation is varied, with dry land complemented by permanent and seasonal swamplands, resulting in an excellent diversity of both wildlife and birdlife. Game is more concentrated around the permanent water during the dry season (Apr - Oct) with it becoming very hot in the later 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 7 & 8: PRIVATE MOBILE CAMPING SAFARI, Savute area of Chobe National park (fully inclusive)

Travel Time: Moremi area- Savute area approx 5-6 hours by road depending on campsite location

After breakfast you will leave Moremi/Khwai area and head north past the local villages to Chobe National Park, the drive is taken at a leisurely pace and the change in landscape is fascinating, it is approximately 5 -6 hours (depending on your campsite location in Moremi/Khwai) and you stop for refreshments en-route. On arrival at the campsite your guide and camp assistant will set up camp whilst you relax with refreshments and enjoy the contrast of this new landscape.



This afternoon and the following day will be spent exploring the dynamic Savuti area where the vegetation and wildlife changes dramatically through the seasons. The now flowing Savute channel has brought renewed life to the previously harsh and dry Savute area and wildlife is moving back in on a more permanent basis. In addition to the opportunity to see a variety of wildlife including elephants, zebra, giraffe, lion; this area is also home to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills.

SAVUTE, CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Historically the Savute channel has been an enigma that flows erratically and the area is currently in a period of transition at the start of what appears to be another 'wet cycle'. The channel began flowing again in 2009 for the first time in nearly 30 years, the last active period being from 1950-1981. Water levels are not consistent and at certain times of year the channel disappears, before the Linyanti once again filters through.

The Savute area offers a harsh and desert-like landscape in the dry season when the wildlife is supported by the now flowing Savute channel. This contrasts dramatically with the rainy season where the seasonal pans fill with water and the Savute Marsh and surrounds are covered with lush green vegetation that attracts an annual migration of zebra and wildebeest, as well as an abundance of birdlife. Unlike the vast majority of the country, Savute is not a totally flat landscape: large outcrops of volcanic rock reach up out of the Kalahari sands towering over the endless savannah. These hills provide a habitat for a completely different array of small wildlife, birds and plants. The sand ridge, Ghoha Hills, and the dead trees on the Savute Marsh, offer some spectacular photographic opportunities. The Savute Marsh has been the stage for many of the most dramatic wildlife documentaries in Africa. The wide open country, good ungulate populations and until recently was the hunting ground for Botswana's strongest pride of lions – which has split/separated in recent years, yet lion sightings of the smaller prides are still common in the area. The marsh is prime cheetah country and it is not unusual to see wild dog hunting in the Savute in the wet season.

Please note that activities are restricted within the national park in accordance with government rules and regulations: these include no driving off-road, no walking and no driving after dark.

Days 9 & 10: CHOBE BAKWENA, Kasane, Chobe River
(full board, selected beverages and selected activities)

Travel time: Savute-Kasane
Approx 40 min light aircraft transfer flight

Following your last morning on the privately guided mobile Camping safari you are taken to the Savuti Airstrip to say good bye to your guide and fly by light aircraft to Kasane Airport. Upon arrival into Kasane Airport you are met by a representative from Chobe Bakwena Lodge for the road transfer to the lodge where you spend the following 2 nights in a family unit (subject to availability) with selected activities included.

During your 2 nights stay at Chobe Bakwena you will enjoy a total of 4 activities from a choice of game drive into Chobe National Park and Chobe River Cruises.

Please note that the activity on arrival day is subject to your flight arrival time/not guaranteed, depending on the arrival time in Kasane. Any additional activities or personal spending are for your own account.

Chobe Bakwena Lodge is an eco-luxury retreat surrounded by the Chobe National Park on the banks of the Chobe River near the village of Kazungula. The name Bakwena embraces the surrounding culture of Botswana, meaning 'people of the crocodile' and is also one of the largest tribes in Botswana.



Chobe Bakwena Lodge comprises of 10 rondavel style chalets, 2 of which are family units, all situated under the shady canopy of Acacia trees. Each chalet site has been selected for its river view and is surrounded by indigenous riverine bush. Built around both ecological and traditional African principles, each chalet offers laid-back luxury with its own raised deck overlooking the river and built-in daybeds offering ample opportunity to absorb the changing moods of the Chobe. Each chalet has an interior bathroom opening onto an outside garden with an outside shower.

The personal touch of owner-managers can be felt from the hand-selected furniture to the food served at meal times where simple, African-fusion dishes, inspired by traditional Setswana cuisine are offered. The swimming pool and main area with its lounge, restaurant and Rain Tree bar overlooking the river offers guests a relaxed atmosphere to unwind in.

Activities on offer include game drives into Chobe National Park or river cruises on the Chobe River. Please note that inclusions depend on your booking basis/package, please discuss with your consultant. Further activities, such as fishing trips, bird watching, nature walks, cultural tours and visiting Impalila Island are possible at an additional cost.

AREA DESCRIPTION - CHOBE

The Chobe River Front is a remarkable wildlife area due to the permanent water source of the Chobe River. However its accessibility from Kasane and neighbouring towns of Victoria Falls and Livingstone has created quite a busy tourist area with larger hotels and lodges than you find in the more remote Okavango Delta. The spectacle of all the animals coming to drink and frolic at the water's edge is one to behold, particularly in the dry season (May - Oct) where water is scarce away from the river. It is an area famous for its abundance of elephants, a variety of predators and, in addition, you are likely to see herds of buffalo and possibly even roan and sable antelope. In the rainy season (Nov - Apr) the game is much less concentrated at the river as the wildlife spread throughout the greater area of Chobe National Park due to availability of surface water from nearby pans.

This assists the vegetation on the river banks in recovering from the massive herds that are attracted to the area in the dry months. The summer rains bring beautiful wild flowers, exquisite scenery, impressive bird life and an abundance of young animals usually born around November/December. The spectacular Chobe sunsets alone are worth a visit to the area.

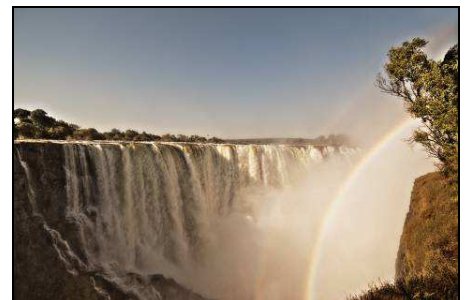
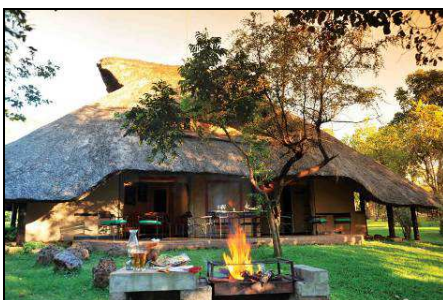
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Days 11 & 12: LOKUTHULA LODGES, Victoria Falls/Zimbabwe (bed and breakfast)

Travel time: Chobe Bakwena – Lokuthula Lodge approx 2 hours road

After breakfast, you are collected at a pre-appointed time and transfer to the Zimbabwe border. You are assisted through immigration and connect through to Victoria Falls town and onto Lokuthula Lodge, where you spend the following 2 nights on bed and breakfast basis. Any activities are for your own account – they can be pre-booked or book on arrival - there is an activity booking office at the Lokuthula as well as various options in town to assist with activity booking arrangements.

Situated within the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge resort estate, Lokuthula is surrounded by 80,000 hectares of unspoilt African bush and borders the unfenced Zambezi National Park. A nearby waterhole facilitates free passage of wildlife, including buffalo, elephant, hyena and a variety of plains game, between the park and the lodges.



There are 31 rustically styled cottages available in either 2 bedroom or 3 bedroom configurations. The 3 bedroom cottages have 1 double and 2 twin rooms with 2 bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, lounge, terrace and braai area, sleeping a maximum of 8 (as there are sofa beds on the lounge). The 2 bedroom cottages have 2 bedrooms (one double and one twin), 1 bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen, lounge, terrace and braai area. All cottages are fan cooled, have telephones, in room safe and tea and coffee making facilities.

There is a poolside bar and informal restaurant serving light meals and snacks throughout the day and access to the main hotels Makuwa Kuwa and BOMA restaurants. The joint hotel facilities also include a swimming pool, children's playground, resident's lounge with satellite television, activity booking desk and business facilities/internet cafe, laundry service and baby-sitting service.

Please note that you can only book the self-catering units 3 months in advance, however there is an allocation of the lodges to be sold on a bed and breakfast rate that you are able to book in advance.

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge/Lokuthula Lodges offer a complimentary shuttle bus to Victoria Falls Town at schedule times during the day.

All activities are optional and can be pre-booked in advance or arranged direct with the hotel's booking desk or one of the many activity operators in town. Victoria Falls is regarded as the premier adventure capital of Africa with a multitude of activities to suit every traveller. Some of the most popular are elephant back safaris, exploring the local craft market for African treasures and taking a helicopter flight over the mile-wide Victoria Falls, guided walking safaris and game drives in Victoria Falls National Park. Adventure activities include bungi jumping, abseiling and the Gorge swing as well as white water rafting or canoeing on the Zambezi, or horseback riding in wildlife areas.

AREA DESCRIPTION – VICTORIA FALLS

Victoria Falls town lies on the southern bank of the Zambezi River at the eastern end of the Victoria Falls. It is a lovely tourist town which is easy to explore on foot and which offers a wide range of activities from the challenge of white water rafting and bungi jumping, to the awe-inspiring elephant back safaris and sunset cruises. The Victoria Falls are one of the Seven Wonders of the World and is the largest sheet of falling water on earth - a spellbinding and mesmerizing spectacle. The sheer mass of water cascading down the 100m drop across nearly 2km makes a thunderous roar and creates a magnificent spray of water that can be seen for miles - hence the local name 'mosi oa tunya' meaning 'the smoke that thunders'.

Access to Victoria Falls is within easy walking distance from the town centre. Water flow over the falls varies throughout the year. The river's annual flood season is February to May when the spray can reach a height of over 400m, this is spectacular from above but it makes it very difficult to see the falls at ground level as it is under a heavy shower/mist. Water levels start dropping in August and are at their lowest October - December when much of the rocky face becomes dry. At times of low water, the falls are best viewed from the Zimbabwe side or from Livingstone Island.

Day 13: END OF ARRANGEMENTS VICTORIA FALLS AIRPORT

**Travel time: Lokuthula- Victoria Falls Airport
Approx 20 min road transfer**

Following breakfast road transfer to Victoria Falls airport for own onwards travel arrangements.

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;

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.

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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.