Botswana Wildside Camping Safari Budget

13 nights /14 days

Starts Johannesburg / Ends Livingstone

From EUR 1740 per person

(Plus local payment \$300 USD)



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Day	Location	Accommodation	Transfers / Activities	Meals
1	Khama Rhino Sanctuary Travel 630km +/-7.5 hrs	Camping - facilities Light participation, tents 2.1m x 2.1m	Depart 06h30 from Johannesburg, head up through to Botswana border and continue to Khama Rhino Sanctuary. Afternoon game drive in the sanctuary. * Pre-night in Johannesburg required *	L, D
2	Maun Travel 450km +/- 6.5hrs	Camping with facilities	Drive through to Maun. Afternoon at leisure by the swimming pool. Dinner for own account.	B, L
3	Okavango Delta	Camping basic bush facilities	Transfer by road to the mokoro polers station, depart on mokoro Okavango camping trip.	B, L ,D
4	Okavango Delta	Camping as above	Mokoro excursions, guided walks on islands.	B, L, D
5	Maun	Camping with facilities	Transfer by mokoro back to the vehicle and drive to Maun. Optional afternoon scenic flight. Dinner for own account.	B, L,
6	Moremi Game Reserve or Khwai area Travel 180km +/-5hrs	Camping basic bush facilities	Early departure from Maun and road transfer to Moremi Game Reserve or Khwai area. Afternoon game drive.	B, L, D
7	Moremi Game Reserve	Camping as above	Game drives in Moremi area.	B, L, D
8	Chobe National Park Savuti area Travel 170km +/-5 hrs	Camping as above	Drive to Savuti area, game drives.	B, L, D

9	Chobe National Park Savuti area	Camping as above	Game Drives in Savuti area.	B, L, D
10	Chobe National Park Chobe River area Travel 150km +/- 5hrs	Camping as above	Drive to Chobe river area, game drives.	B,L, D
11	Kasane , Chobe River area	Camping with facilities	Game drives and Chobe River cruise. (order may vary). Move into Kasane town for the evening, dinner at own account.	B, L
12	Livingstone, Victoria Falls Zambian side Travel 85km +/-2hrs	Camping with facilities	Cross the border to Zambia, afternoon at leisure in Livingstone. Entrance fee to Victoria Falls included.	В
13	Livingstone	Camping with facilities	Day of optional activities at own accountdiscuss with your guide for arrangements.	В
14	Safari Ends Livingstone	Safari Ends	Safari ends 08h00. Transfers and extensions can be arranged at additional cost.	В

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

Highlights

- Khama Rhino Sanctuary
- Okavango Delta mokoro excursions and quided walk
- Moremi Game Reserve game drives
- Chobe National Park, Savuti and Chobe River areas game drives and Chobe River Cruise
- Victoria Falls adventure activities
- Small group adventure travel, maximum 12 guests



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

Cost per person sharing	Single supplement	Average nightly rate per person
EUR 1740 + US \$300 local fee per person	EUR 70	EUR 134 per person per night

Please Note:

- 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- NATIONAL PARK FEES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE
- Pre and post safari extensions on application, selected dates connect to Namibia and Zambian safaris with Sunway Safaris.
- If road conditions in the parks prevent us visiting Savuti, then an alternative route will be run via Nxai Pan (it is possible that this may happen between January April, but it is subject to rainfall, so only in special circumstances).

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

- 13 nights light participation camping
- Entrance fees on included activities
- Use of camping equipment(except sleeping bags &pillow)
- Transport in minibus/safari truck & 4WD
- Meals as per itinerary
- Professional Guide and assistant
- Okavango Delta excursion
- Moremi, Savuti, Chobe 4WD excursions
- Chobe River Cruise
- Victoria Falls entrance fee (Zambian side)

Exclusions

- Meals where not stated included
- Sleeping bag and small pillow
- All beverages
- All laundry
- Any optional activities (including Okavango scenic flight and Victoria Falls activities)
- International flights, visas and taxes.
- All Travel Insurances
- Personal spending
- Errors and omissions, changes in government fees and taxes, National Park fee increases.

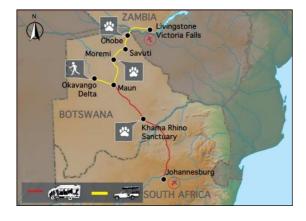
Dates 2016:

03 January – 16 January, 10 January – 23 January, **17 January - 30 January**, 24 January - 06 February 31 January – 13 February, 07 February – 20 February, 14 February – 27 February, 21 February – 05 March 28 February - 12 March, 06 March- 19 March, 13 March - 26 March, 20 March - 02 April, 27 March - 09 April 03 April - 16 April, 10 April - 23 April, 17 April - 30 April, 24 April - 07 May, 01 May - 14 May, 08 May - 21 May, 15 May - 28 May, **22 May - 04 June**, **29 May - 11 June**, 05 June - 18 June, 12 June - 25 June, **19 June - 02 July**, 26 June – 09 July, 03 July – 16 July, 10 July – 23 July, 17 July – 30 July, 24 July – 06 August, 31 July – 13 August, 07 August – 20 August, 14 August – 27 August, 21 August – 03 September, 28 August – 10 September, 04 September – 17 September, 11 September – 24 September, 18 September – 01 October, 25 September – 08 October, 02 October – 15 October, 09 October – 22 October, 16 October – 29 October, 23 October – 05 November, 30 October – 12 November, 06 November – 19 November, 13 November – 26 November, 20 November – 03 December, 27 November – 10 December, 04 December - 17 December, 11 December - 24 December, 18 December - 31 December, 25 December 2016 - 07 January 2017

Special notes:

Departures highlighted in grey travel with a German Translator

Departures in **bold text are guaranteed departures**, minimum 1 person to guarantee the trip will run, all other departures minimum 4 persons.





Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Khama Rhino Sanctuary(Camping), Serowe (Lunch and Dinner)

Travel Time: Johannesburg – Khama Rhino Sanctuary
Approx – 630km, +/- 7.5 hours (excluding
Border crossing sightseeing and lunch)

Departing Johannesburg at 06h30 we head north into Botswana and the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. 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 Botswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources. This reserve situated on the Kalahari sandveld has several natural water holes and provides prime habitat for white rhino, zebra and wildebeest. We take our first game drive around the open grassland of Malema and Serwe Pans.

Includes: Entrance Fees to Khama Rhino Sanctuary and afternoon game drive.

Overnight: Campsite – shared bathroom facilities with hot showers.

Day 2 : Maun , Camping (Breakfast and Lunch only)

Travel time: Khama Rhino Sanctuary – Maun Approx - 450km, +/-6.5hours (excluding sightseeing stops)

We drive through the Kalahari to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Since Maun's founding in 1915 as the capital of the Batawana people, it has had a reputation as a hard living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and safari operations. The name Maun is derived from the San word 'maung' which translates 'the place of short reeds'

Includes: -

Overnight: camping – shared bathroom facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

Days 3, 4 & 5: Okavango Delta, Camping
(All meals, except dinner on Day 5 in Maun)

Travel time: Maun – Okavango Delta Approx – 2 hour 4WD transfer into the delta, each way

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

Includes: Entrance fees to the Okavango Delta, morning and afternoon game walks with local guides.

Overnight: 2 nights wild camping – sharing basic ablutions with bucket shower.

1 night camping in Maun – shared bathroom facilities with hot showers.

Optional Activities: Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (+/- US\$95 – 120 per person depending on number of people in each aircraft).







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 administrated 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.

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.

Days 6, 7, 8 & 9: Moremi & Savute Camping (All meals included)

Travel Time: Maun – Savute Approx - 350km, +/- 8.5 hours over 4 days (excludes game drives and stops for viewing wildlife)

We have 4 nights in these conservation areas with time to explore the various habitats. We spend our time on game drives watching the plentiful wildlife including wild dog, elephant, hippo, buffalo, lion and other game. Moremi Game Reserve rates as one of the leading wildlife areas of the world and we take our open 4WD vehicle into Moremi for fantastic game viewing. Grasslands, floodplains, forests, lily lagoons and winding water channels combine to form a variety of game viewing habitats.

Moving north over the sand ridge and into the Mababe depression we arrive at the Savuti marsh. This open grassland area attracts herds of zebra and wildebeest, which in turn draw the large lion prides for which Savuti is famous. The waterhole near camp is also a favourite drinking point for many elephant and the sunsets here are fantastic.

Includes: Entrance fees, morning and afternoon game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle.

Overnight: Wild camping – basic bush bathroom facilities, bucket shower.







AREA DESCRIPTION - SAVUTE

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 10, 11: Chobe National Park , Camping (All meals, except dinner on Day 11)

Travel time: Savuti – Chobe Approx - 150km, +/- 5. 5hours excludes game drives and stops for wildlife viewing

The Chobe River flows lazily along the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park attracting some of the largest herds of elephant in Africa. In the early morning we search for game on the flood plains of the Chobe River. The late afternoon game viewing ''sundowner'' cruise is a highlight as we see the mighty elephant herds returning to the Chobe River to quench their thirst .We camp at Kasane on the Chobe River for night 11.

Includes: Entrance fees, morning and afternoon game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle & sunset cruise on Chobe River.

Overnight: day 10 - wild camping- basic ablutions, bucket shower.

Day 11 campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

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. 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.

Day 12,13: Victoria Falls/ Livingstone Zambia (Breakfast only)

Travel time: Chobe – Livingstone Approx - 85km, 1hour excluding border formalities (which can take 2 to 4+hrs)

We camp for 2 nights in Zambia near Livingstone town on the banks of the Zambezi River. Enjoy a spectacular walk through tropical vegetation to the very edge of the "Mosi oa Tunya" or "the smoke that thunders" – Victoria Falls. Opportunities to white water raft on the mighty Zambezi River, Bungi Jump, or take a "flight of angels" (own expense).

Includes: Entrance fees to see The Victoria Falls

Overnight: Campsite-good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

Optional Activities: White water rafting, sunset cruises, elephant back safaris, scenic flights & many more.

Day 14: SAFARI ENDS in Livingstone , Zambia Breakfast only

Travel time: Livingstone Town – Livingstone Airport
Approx. 20mins road transfer

Tour ends at 08h00 after breakfast. Transfers to local airports are available.

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 <u>all</u> 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.

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.