

Bush Explorers – Family Safari

Mid Range

8 nights / 9 days

Starts / Ends Maun, Botswana

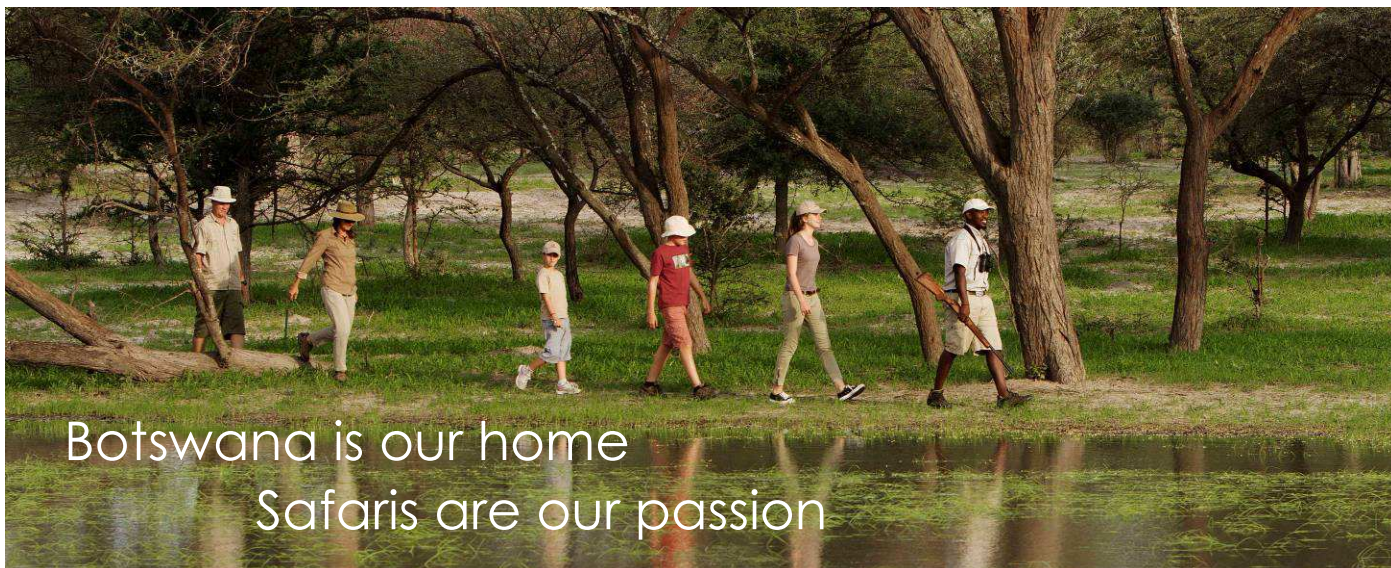


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From US \$ 4630 per person

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Day	Location	Accommodation	Transfers / Activities	Meals
1	Private Shinde Concession, north eastern Okavango Delta	Footsteps Across the Delta – private camp Traditional safari tents with bush bathrooms	Upon arrival into Maun you are met and assisted to your light aircraft transfer to Shinde Airstrip. Here you are met by your guide for your onwards transfer to Footsteps across the Delta - bush briefing and afternoon activity (time permitting)	L (time permitting), D & SB
2	Private Shinde Concession	Footsteps Across the Delta	Family activities emphasizing children's involvement and participation – see full listing in below 'inclusions' and detailed itinerary.	B, L, D & SB
3	Private Shinde Concession	Footsteps Across the Delta	Day of activities as above	B, L, D & SB
4	Khwai Community area bordering Moremi Game Reserve	Machaba Camp Luxury family Tent with en-suite bathroom	After breakfast and a possible morning activity (time permitting) transfer to the airstrip for light aircraft flight to Khwai. Transfer to Machaba Camp - settle into camp, afternoon activity	B, L, D & SB
5	Khwai Community area	Machaba Camp	Private morning and afternoon activities from a choice – day and night game drives, guided walks (safety permitting) and Khwai village visit	B, L, D & SB
6	Khwai Community area	Machaba Camp	Activities as above	B, L, D & SB
7	Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Ilala Lodge, interleaving twin/double rooms	Following breakfast and possible morning activity (time permitting), transfer by light aircraft to Kasane Airport. Here you are met by a local representative for your cross border road transfer to Ilala Lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	-
8	Ilala Lodge	Ilala Lodge	Day at leisure or exploring Victoria Falls and the many additional activities available (please chat to your consultant about possible activities)	B
9	End of Arrangements	Ends Victoria Falls Airport	Following breakfast road transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for onward travel arrangements	B

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

Highlights

- Private use of Footsteps across the Delta camp on the Young Explorer's programme, ensuring an exclusive family experience
- Young Explorers family oriented activities
- Day and night game drives in Khwai Community area
- Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwean side



Cost of the safari 2015/2016:

Rates based on a family of 4 persons, in US \$ per person – please apply for other family group sizes

Season	Adult Pricing	Child Pricing (7 – incl 11 years of age)
01 – 30 November 2015	US \$ 4630 per Adult sharing	US \$ 3790 per child sharing
01 – 31 March 2016	US \$ 4710 per Adult sharing	US \$ 3830 per child sharing
01 April – 30 June 2016	US \$ 5370 per Adult sharing	US \$ 4250 per child sharing
01 July– 31 October 2016	US \$ 6540 per Adult sharing	US \$ 5090 per child sharing
01 – 30 November 2016	US \$ 5370 per Adult sharing	US \$ 4250 per child sharing

Child Policy

- 'Children' are classified as 11 years or under, any children 12 years or over needs to apply for a specific quotation as the age policy varies slightly between lodges. The minimum age recommended on this safari is 7 years old, all children are at the responsibility of the parents at all times. Younger children may be accepted – on application.
- The rate is based on specific accommodation which is subject to availability at the time of booking:
 - 1) Footsteps across the Delta – accommodation in 2 tents, each with one adult and 1 child sharing, this camp has capacity for up to 6 guests and price reduces with family size.
 - 2) Machaba Camp – 2 adults/2 children in a Family unit – the family unit may be accommodated by a maximum of 5 persons in total – subject to availability and on request only.
 - 3) Interleaving standard rooms at Ilala Lodge – maximum of 2 adults and 2 children sharing the interleaving rooms.
- Children are allowed to participate on all activities at parent's discretion
- Pricing is based on the family units being available – any other rooming on request only
- Based on private activities throughout including any private vehicle surcharges applicable based on a family of 4 travelling

Special Notes:

- Young Explorers is open from 1st March through to 30 November 2016
- Minimum age is seven years on the Young Explorer's family safari, younger children may be permitted on request
- The Young Explorer's programme can also be conducted in the Linyanti area, price is slightly higher due to increased flight costs – pricing on request
- The Young Explorer's programme can also be operated in a modified format from one of the more luxury permanent camps – Shinde, Kanana or Okuti – pricing on request
- We recommend that guests book a private vehicle at Machaba Camp for the duration of their stay. Cost for private vehicle is US \$ 1650 in total. This is not compulsory, for children aged 7 – 12, but a recommendation as this allows your family flexibility on activities.
- 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
- Please note that no single supplement is advised as the safari is based on a family travelling together, where a triple share can be arranged for an "odd" number of children, so no singles required. Should a single adult be accompanying, contact us for a quotation
- Subject to availability at time of booking, major currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges

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- Optional pre and post safari extensions on request
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and 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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By booking this itinerary, you donate USD\$2 for every night of travel per person on the booking. Your donation goes to **Travel for Impact (TFI)** and ensures that your safari has a meaningful impact on the people who live locally. For more information on giving back to your chosen destination of travel, visit www.travelforimpact.com

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 nights Footsteps Across the Delta bush camp, private Shinde Concession north eastern Okavango Delta on fully inclusive basis - all meals, selected beverages, limited laundry service, activities - guided walks, tracking spoor, bush survival, campfire making, bush cooking, poling a traditional mokoro (water level permitting) and shooting an air rifle(subject to parent permission), game drives are subject to water level and on request only • 3 nights Machaba Camp, Khwai Community area bordering Moremi Game Reserve on fully inclusive basis - all meals, selected beverages, laundry service and activities/ concession fees – day and night game drives, guided walks (safety permitting) • 2 nights Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on a bed and breakfast basis. • Light aircraft transfers Maun Airport – Shinde Airstrip – Khwai Airstrip – Kasane Airport • Road transfers Kasane Airport – Ilala Lodge – Victoria Falls Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items of a personal nature and personal spending • Increases in National Park Fees for 2016/2017 • Increases in government taxes and levies, exchange rate fluctuations and fuel surcharges • All extras such as telephone calls/curio shopping/postage and so forth • International flights & taxes • All Travel Insurances • Visas if required for travel in Botswana • Premium imported wines, champagnes, spirits & liqueurs where drinks are included • Errors and omissions

Detailed Itinerary:

Days 1, 2 & 3: FOOTSTEPS ACROSS THE DELTA, Private Shinde Concession north eastern Okavango Delta (fully inclusive)

Travel time: Maun – Footsteps approx 30 min flight

On arrival at Maun Airport, proceed through customs/immigration formalities (please check if a visa is required before travel) and you will be met by a representative from Safari Specialists and escorted to the light aircraft for the scenic flight across the delta to the Shinde concession, a flight of approximately 30 minutes. From there you drive across to the Footsteps Across the Delta bush camp – depending on the time of year you are travelling they may be some exciting water crossings on the way.

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.

Footsteps across the Delta is situated in the Shinde Concession, one of the most diverse regions of the Okavango Delta, offering a variety of habitats; riverine forests, palm islands, permanent swamps and dry veld. The camp is true to the original 'under canvas African safari', essentially an exclusive camp that offers a specialised walking experience.



This rustic bush camp offers accommodation in three simply furnished meru style tents, each with an open-air bush shower and an adjoining bush toilet. The main dining area is under canvas and you spend your evenings relaxing around the campfire sharing stories of your day.

Here are a few highlights of the experience, contact us for a full detailed itinerary:

One of the most amazing aspects of this bush camp is that the direction of a walk or type of activity is entirely up to you and your guide. An interesting track, circling vultures or even the call of a jackal can lead you on an adventure every time you leave camp. Following the water's edge gives you the chance to examine some of the tracks left overnight, as well as identifying some of the multitude of animals, birds and insects that inhabit the riverine forests. By the end of the walk you should be able to recognise many tracks and have put some of your new bush skills to use.

During time in camp you have the chance to learn some more traditional skills, using the natural products to create jewellery and tools. Using the palm leaves we learn to weave baskets and carve the palm seed, known as plant ivory into a necklace for Mum! Or perhaps try to build your own digging sticks and bow and arrows from the materials available around you.

We also venture out on the water. Using the traditional dugout canoe (mokoro), we explore the reed beds and Okavango waterways. You learn about the skills developed by local people, allowing them to survive in this environment. How do you get a drink of cold water using a water lily stem?

You may wish to try your angling skills Okavango style, either along the banks of lagoons and channels or, for the more adventurous from the Mokoro. You learn how to catch, handle and release a fish correctly, ensuring you do it no harm. We may choose to keep a couple for dinner, in which case be ready to learn how to clean and prepare it yourself!

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.

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.

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Day 4, 5 & 6 : MACHABA CAMP, Khwai Community area, bordering Moremi Game Reserve (Fully Inclusive)

**Travel Time: Footsteps – Machaba
Approx 20 minute flight**

After breakfast and a morning activity (time permitting) you will fly by light aircraft from Footsteps Across the Delta to Khwai Airstrip on to Machaba Camp.

Machaba Camp is situated in the game rich Khwai area, on the eastern tongue of the Okavango Delta, and is constructed on the same site as the previous Machaba camp. The name Machaba is the local Setswana name for the Sycamore Fig Tree, the tree of life.



The camp is built in the classic 1950's style, with luxury safari tents, en-suite bathrooms and romantic outdoor showers. All the tents are situated on the ground and the pathways to the tents meander between the large riverine trees. Accommodation is in 10 luxury tents, two of which being family tents and are built into the beautiful riverine tree line on the Khwai River, overlooking the famous Moremi Game Reserve. From these tented verandas one can watch the daily parade of animals coming down to drink at the river in front of camp. The camp has a swimming pool and main 'mess' area tent with a cosy lounge with a small library and open sided dining tent. The informal 'boma' area is the best place to enjoy the evening, around the campfire, listening to the night sounds. Activities offered include night and day game drives with Professional guides. Walking safaris are available subject to prior arrangements and are safety permitting at the time as Khwai is a busy predator area. In addition community visits can be arranged.

AREA DESCRIPTION – KHWAI COMMUNITY AREA

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 : ILALA LODGE, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
(bed and breakfast basis)**

**Travel Time: Machaba – Ilala Lodge
Approx 70 minute flight and 1.5 hour cross
border road transfer**

Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting), you are transferred to Khwai airstrip for your onward light aircraft transfer to Kasane Airport. Here you will be met by a local representative and transferred to the vehicle for a cross border road transfer to Ilala Lodge in Victoria Falls. Please ensure to have your passports and correct change (if possible) for visa costs at the border. The road transfer is approximately 1.5 hours including border formalities.

Ilala Lodge is situated close to the Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe as well as to the town centre, wild animals are often seen grazing the hotel lawns as the National Park borders the front of the property.

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The Lodge offers 32 rooms: 24 twins, 8 doubles and 2 suites. All rooms have an en-suite bathroom with a separate shower, air-conditioning, overhead fan and satellite TV. Guests are served early morning tea/coffee and fruit. The rooms are spacious with railway sleeper teak furnishings and patio doors leading onto either an open lawn or a balcony where you are afforded a view of the Victoria Falls. There is an à la carte restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a comprehensive wine list and cocktails. Dining outside under the African night sky amidst the sound of the mighty waterfall makes for a very romantic evening.

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 offers 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. It has something for everyone

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 mesmerising 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 9 : SAFARI ENDS Victoria Falls Airport

Travel time: Ilala Lodge – Victoria Falls Airport
approx 20 minute road transfer

Following breakfast you transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for onward 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.

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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.

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.