

Vintage Botswana - Superior

8 nights / 9 days

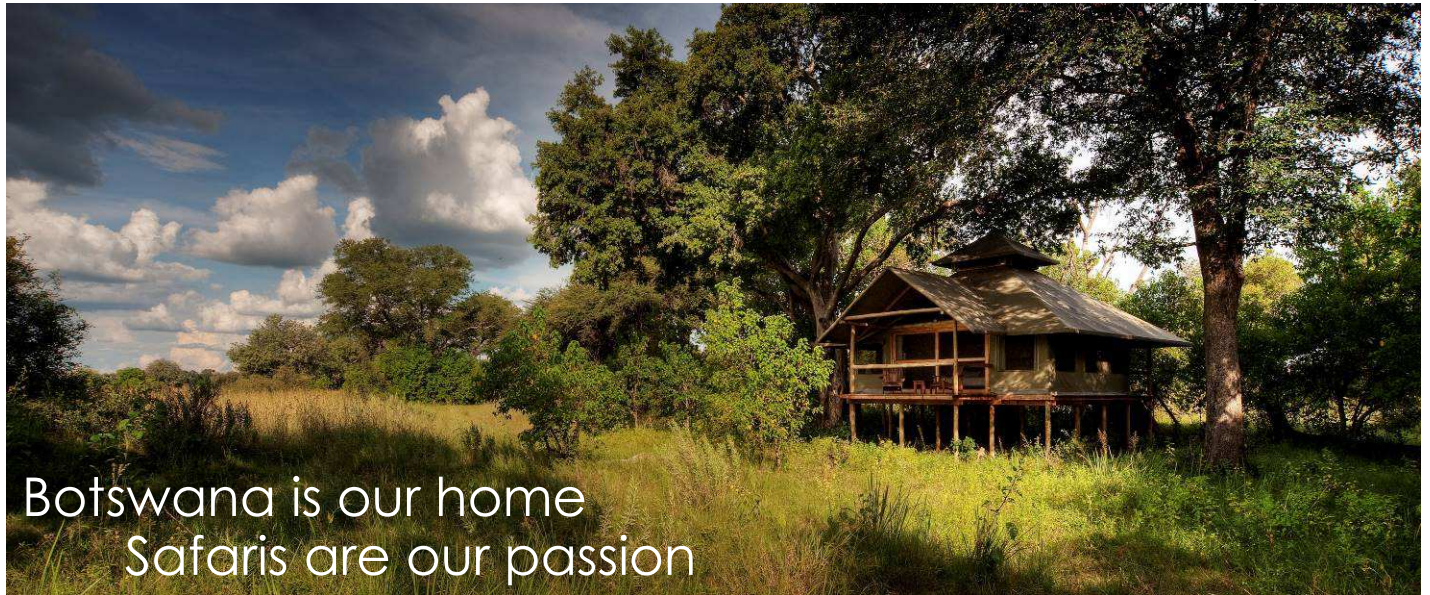
Starts / Ends Maun



From US \$ 4230 per person

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Safaris are our passion

Day	Location	Accommodation	Transfers / Activities	Meals
1	Kwara Concession, Okavango Delta,	Little Kwara Thatched chalets	On arrival in Maun you are met and transfer by light aircraft to Little Kwara Camp - afternoon activity (time permitting)	Afternoon tea, D & SB
2	Kwara Concession, Okavango Delta,	Little Kwara	Morning and afternoon activity from a choice of: day and night game drives, guided walks, boating, fishing and mokoro excursions (water levels permitting)	B, L, D & SB
3	Kwara Concession, Okavango Delta	Little Kwara	Activities as above	B, L, D & SB
4	Kwando Concession, Linyanti	Lagoon Camp, Deluxe safari cottage	Following the morning activity (flight time permitting), light aircraft transfer up to the Linyanti to Lagoon Camp, afternoon activity	B, L, D & SB
5	Kwando Concession, Linyanti	Lagoon Camp	Morning and afternoon activity from a choice of: day and night game drives and guided walks and boating on the Kwando (water levels permitting)	B, L, D & SB
6	Kwando Concession, Linyanti	Lagoon Camp	Activities as above	B, L, D & SB
7	Kwando Concession, Linyanti	Lebala Camp, deluxe safari cottage	The road transfer (approx 3 hours) across to Lebala Camp is arranged by your guide and may be part of a game drive or between the morning and afternoon activity	B, L, D & SB
8	Kwando Concession, Linyanti	Lebala Camp	Morning and afternoon activity from a choice of: day and night game drives and guided walks (safety permitting)	B, L, D & SB
9	Safari Ends Maun	Safari Ends	After breakfast and possible morning activity (Flight time permitting) light aircraft transfer to Maun in time for own onward travel connections.	B

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

Highlights

- Day and night game drives in Okavango Delta, Kwando concession
- Mokoro excursions, guided walks and boating Okavango Delta
- Day and night game drives, guided walks, boating in Linyanti / Kwando concession



Cost of the safari 2015/2016

Season	Cost per person sharing	Single supplement*	Average nightly rate per person sharing
01 – 14 November 2015	US \$ 5930 per person	US \$ 1825	US \$ 741 per person per night
15 – 30 November 2015	US \$ 4700 per person	US \$ 680	US \$ 588 per person per night
01 Dec 2015 – March 2016 **Christmas surcharge**	US \$ 4230 per person	NIL up to 2 singles	US \$ 529 per person per night
01 April – 30 June 2016	US \$ 6240 per person	US \$ 1820	US \$ 780 per person per night
01 July – 31 October 2016	US \$ 8680 per person	US \$ 2590	US \$ 1085 per person per night
01 – 14 November 2016	US \$ 6240 per person	US \$ 1820	US \$ 780 per person per night
15 – 30 November 2016	US \$ 4920 per person	US \$ 680	US \$ 615 per person per night
01 – 31 December 2016 ** Christmas surcharge**	US \$ 4500 per person	NIL up to 2 singles	US \$ 563 per person per night

Please Note:

- **Christmas surcharge applies** from 20 Dec 2015 – 04 Jan 2016 and from 20-31 December 2016 US \$90 per person per night at all camps
- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Oct & Nov, neither rate is applicable – please request a special quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in National park fees
- Subject to availability at the time of booking, should any accommodation on the itinerary not be available at the time of booking, you will be offered a similar alternative.
- Single supplement is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo – rate available on request.
- PLEASE NOTE, new 5 Rivers special policy, no solo flying surcharge from 15 November – 31 March 2016
- Kwando 5 Rivers rates for 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 are included in the green season
- Pre and post safari arrangements on request

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

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Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 nights Little Kwara Camp, private Kwara Concession Okavango Delta includes all meals, selected beverages, laundry, activities/concession fees – day and night game drives, guided walks, mokoro and boating on the Okavango Delta • 3 nights Lagoon Camp, private Kwando Concession, Linyanti includes all meals, selected beverages, laundry, activities/ concession fees – day and night game drives, guided walks and boating activities (water level permitting) • 2 nights Lebala Camp, private Kwando Concession, Linyanti includes all meals, selected beverages, laundry, activities/concession fees – day and night game drives and possibly guided walks (safety permitting) • Light aircraft transfer Maun –Little Kwara – Lagoon & Lebala – Maun • Road transfer Lagoon to Lebala Camp/game drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All extras such as telephone calls/curio shopping/postage and so forth • All imported wines and premium brand drinks throughout • Increases in National Park fees • International flights & taxes • Visa if required for Botswana – please check with your consulate • Vaccinations • All Travel Insurances • Errors and omissions • Personal Spending

DETAILED ITINERARY:

Days 1, 2 & 3: LITTLE KWARA CAMP, Kwara Concession, Okavango Delta – (Fully inclusive)

**Travel time: Maun Airport – Kwara airstrip
Approximately 30 minute flight**

On arrival in Maun you are met by a representative from Safari Specialists and escorted to the light aircraft flight out to Kwara Airstrip, road transfer to Little Kwara by safari vehicle. Here you spend 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis.

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.

Little Kwara Camp is situated within the Kwara private reserve which shares a common boundary with Moremi Game Reserve. The camp has a picturesque setting overlooking the permanent waters of the Okavango Delta.



Little Kwara Camp is completely separate from Kwara Camp, although it is only a five minute drive away. It has only four tents and therefore offers an intimate wilderness experience. The large and stylishly furnished tented rooms with big shaded verandas are raised onto individual wooden platforms and each room has an en-suite bathroom, with a Victorian style bathtub and partly-covered outside shower and separate toilet. Kwara is renowned for being a camp that offers a year round delta experience on a diverse range of activities including mokoro trips, guided walks with armed guides and motor boating trips through the waterways. In addition day and night game drives are taken to explore the area which offers spectacular scenery with scattered herds of plains game and ever-attendant predators.

Please note that Kwando Safaris game drive vehicles do not have an overhead canopy. Kwando Safaris believe this is to their client's advantage for optimal photographic and game viewing opportunities. Please note that this may not be suitable for some clients due to exposure to the elements.

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.

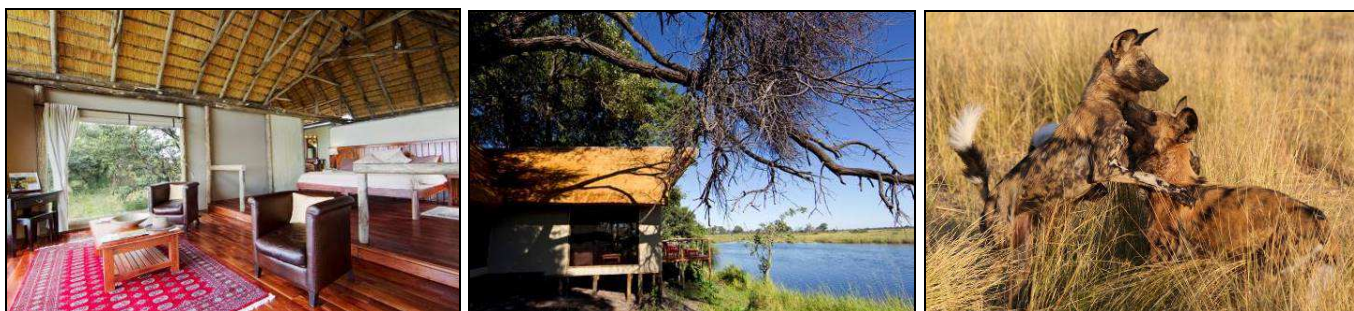
Flood levels fluctuate dramatically throughout the year, with high water levels peaking in the central Okavango during the dry winter months and water levels at their lowest during the later summer months, contrary to the seasonal rainfall. The landscape, activities and game viewing vary considerably 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 4, 5 & 6: LAGOON CAMP. private Kwando Linyanti Concession (fully inclusive)	Travel time: Lebala - Lagoon approx 3 hour game drive
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Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting), you are transferred back to the Kwara airstrip for your onward light aircraft transfer to Lagoon airstrip (possible stops en-route) in the private Kwando Concession. You are met by a camp representative and it is a short transfer to camp where you will spend the following 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis.

Lagoon Camp is situated in the Kwando Reserve, a huge private reserve covering 2,300km². Most of its western side is dense mopane forest, but along the Kwando River is a band of lush riverine forest, interspersed with open plains. The area attracts superb big game, especially during Botswana's dry season when elephants may seem to be everywhere.



Lagoon Camp was rebuilt early 2011 with the traditional safari tents being replaced by more spacious Safari Cottages, including a family room. The thatched cottages have canvas walls and large shade net windows allowing maximum natural light and open views across the lagoon. Each room has a sun deck, lounge area and changing area that leads through to the bathroom. The bathrooms have an indoor and outdoor shower, as well as a claw foot bath and his and her basins. The camp uses solar heating.

The two level bar and lounge area is open fronted and leads out to the pool area on one side and connects through to the dining area and out to the campfire and main viewing deck on the other. The décor is a blend of old and new – antique style vases and morris chairs, modern loungers, cabinets made from recycled teak and a stunning hand crafted bar top made of locally found wood.

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At Lagoon Camp, the activities concentrate on open vehicle game drives and boat cruises. A special feature of Lagoon Camp is the river boat experience. The flow of the river enables the boat to drift with the flow in silence - perfect for bird watching and game viewing. Game walks are on offer but are at the guides' discretion due to the concentrations of elephant. Lagoon Camp offers off road and night game drives, offering guests to see the fascinating nocturnal wildlife in the area. Fishing is also a specialty here and those who are keen will have an opportunity to catch the fighting tiger fish, bream, catfish and pike. Fishing can be done from the front of your tent at Lagoon due to its situation, but please note that fishing opportunities vary throughout the year. Kwando Safaris subscribes to the catch and release policy, but exceptions can be made if you wish to eat your fish.

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AREA DESCRIPTION LINYANTI & SELINDA

The Linyanti area lies to the north-east of the Okavango Delta where the Kwando and Linyanti rivers meet at right angles, forming a swamp area within this triangle. From here the Selinda Spillway seasonally makes its way down to the Zibadianja Lagoon and ultimately links the Linyanti River system with the far northern reaches of the Okavango Delta. The recent high water levels in Botswana have revived the old waterways, however in the not too distant past, it was nearly unheard of for the waters to connect and it is unpredictable what the future holds.

The area's relative remoteness makes it a favoured safari destination. The wildlife in the Linyanti area is spectacular and the region is famous for its enormous herds of elephant and buffalo which move to the Linyanti area at the start of the winter months and only move back inland once the summer rains arrive in November. The Linyanti is also known as one of the best wild dog areas in Africa. The dogs start denning anytime from June onwards after which they can usually be found with relative ease for 3-4 months afterwards as they hunt from their den. An abundance of cat species also frequent this area and the birdlife is rich with the best birding months being between October and January.

Days 7 & 8: **LEBALA CAMP. private Kwando Linyanti Concession (fully inclusive)**

Travel time: Lagoon- Lebala approx 3 hour game drive

The camp managers and your guide will discuss your movement plans and you may transfer to Lebala Camp as part of the morning activity or in between the morning and afternoon activities depending on other guest movements (and wildlife movements!). The transfer takes approximately 3 hours at a leisurely pace and your meals/refreshments are arranged accordingly. Your safari ends in style with 2 nights at Lebala Camp on a fully inclusive basis.

Lebala Camp fronts onto the Linyanti Wetlands where the perennial and southerly flowing Kwando River disappears into the vast marshes before emerging as the Linyanti River, flowing in a north easterly direction. Lebala means wide open spaces in the local Setswana dialect which aptly describes this incredible area.



The camp has modern influences whilst retaining the classic wood and canvas 'vintage' bush feel. The eight spacious tents are unique with open mesh sides on 3 of the 4 surrounding walls creating a sense of space and immersion with nature opening out to expansive views. The mesh walls are lined with lightweight curtains that can be closed for privacy or for protection against the elements – as each guest prefers. The tents have a reading and writing area, en-suite bathrooms with Victorian clawfoot bathtubs, "his and hers" washbasins and flush toilets. The bathrooms lead out to a reed enclosed open-air shower with hot and cold running water on demand. The main lodge is under thatch featuring a bar, dining area and open lounge connected on wooden walkways to a plunge pool on raised decking and the boma area.

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At Lebala Camp, the activities concentrate on open vehicle game drives and walking safaris. However, game walks are at the guides' discretion due to the concentrations of elephant. Lebala Camp offers off road and night game drives - night drives being a specialty at Lebala with its high-visibility plains.

The wetlands and flood plains around Lebala offer a wonderful variety of wildlife with excellent sightings of elephant, hippo, lechwe, zebra, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, kudu, tsessebe, roan, sable, buffalo and the ever present predators; wild dog, lion, cheetah and hyena.

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Day 9: SAFARI ENDS Maun Airport

**Travel time: Lebala - Maun
approx 50 minutes flight**

Following a possible morning activity (flight times permitting) and breakfast you will transfer to Maun by light aircraft with possible stops en-route, arriving in time 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.

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.

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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.