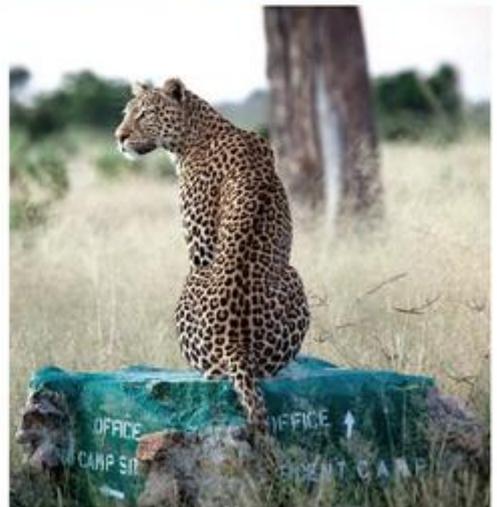


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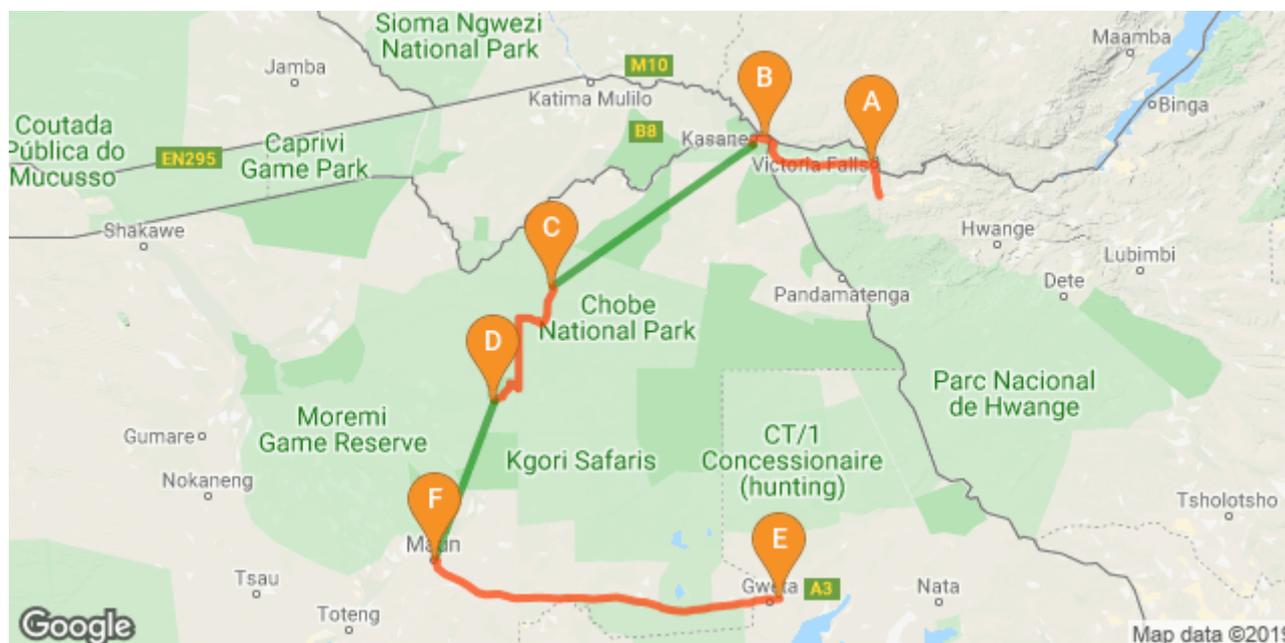
BOTSWANA IS OUR HOME SAFARIS ARE OUR PASSION

12nts Wildlife Encounter 2020

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Kasane Forest Reserve - Savuti - Chobe National Park - Khwai Community Area - Gweta - Maun

13 Days / 12 Nights

Starts Victoria Falls/ Ends Maun



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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Lokuthula Lodges	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	2 Nights
Day 3	Chobe Bakwena	Chobe River Front	FI	2 Nights
Day 5	Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Savute	Savuti - Chobe National Park	FB+	2 Nights
Day 7	Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Khwai	Khwai Community Area	FB+	3 Nights
Day 10	Planet Baobab - 2N Dry Season Package	Gweta	D,B&B	2 Nights
Day 12	Cresta Riley's Hotel	Maun	B&B	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast. D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities. FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure	Arrival
Day 05	Charter Flight	Kasane Airport [BBK]	Savute Airstrip
Day 10	Charter Flight	Khwai Airstrip	Maun Airport [MUB]

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off
Day 01	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Lokuthula Lodges
Day 03	Lokuthula Lodges	Chobe Bakwena
Day 05	Chobe Bakwena	Kasane Airport [BBK]
Day 07	Mobile Tented Camp Savute	Mobile Tented Camp Khwai
Day 10	Maun Airport [MUB]	Planet Baobab - 2N Dry Season Package
Day 12	Planet Baobab - 2N Dry Season Package	Cresta Riley's Hotel
Day 13	Cresta Riley's Hotel	Maun Airport [MUB]

Cost of the safari 2020 – on application

Child Policy

- The minimum age recommended on this safari is 6 years old, all children are at the responsibility of the parents at all times. Younger children may be accepted – on application.
- Each camp has a different child policy for pricing and therefore pricing is worked out on an individual basis – varying with number of people in the family and specific ages.
 - 1) Lokuthula Lodge - pricing is based on a sole use booking of the unit (2 or 3 bedroom). Children of all ages are accepted.
 - 2) Chobe Bakwena – is priced on a per person basis and children 0-2 years are FOC, 3-11 yrs pay 50% of the adult price. Children under 12 require private vehicle hire. There is 1 Family Unit allowing 2 adults/2 children to share, unless otherwise arranged.
 - 3) Safari Life Africa Mobile Camping – is priced on a private camp/sole use basis and the price is scaled accordingly (the higher number in the family, the lower the price – however children must be sharing with adults). There is a family tent available (2 tents adjacent sharing the bathroom) and the best rooming configuration is worked out for your group. No mokoros for children under 12 years (not included/an optional activity)
 - 4) Planet Baobab – is priced per person on a shared activity basis for the pans sleepout, they do not offer private activities. Children of all ages are accepted, children 6-18 years pay 50% on accommodation, children under 6 are free of charge (however have to pay for meals).
 - 5) Riley's Hotel accepts children of all ages and have a limited number of interleading rooms

Additional Notes:

- Activities can be added in Victoria Falls on request (recommended in peak season)
- Accommodation in Maun and Victoria Falls can be substituted with alternative accommodation on request

- The season you travel affects the Makgadikgadi experience– please note that the dry season activity – Makgadikgadi Pans visit and sleep out dates are approximately 01 June – 31 October – annual rainfall determines exact dates. Outside of these months there are pans excursions without the sleep out and quad biking, migration game drives and meerkat visits available
- 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
- Subject to availability at time of booking, major currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- The above rate is subject to change due increases in National park fees (see below)

Park Fees and Departure Taxes and Tourism Levy

Please be aware that Park Fees, Conservation Levies, VAT, Airport Taxes and Government Levies may increase in 2020. 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



Feed a Child Botswana

Safari Specialists contribute USD\$5 per person per booking to Feed A Child Botswana. This contribution goes directly towards the purchase of Nutri-meal, a fortified cereal provided to undernourished children in our local community in Maun.



Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include Okavango Air Rescue patronage. They provide paramedic or Doctor assisted helicopter medical evacuation as required, in conjunction with your travel insurance. Please discuss further details with your consultant and visit www.okavangorescue.com

Day 1-3: Lokuthula Lodges, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport you are met by a representative from Wild Horizons for your transfer to the Lokuthula Lodges. Here you stay for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis in a 2 or 3-bedroom unit.

We have not included activities, as we prefer to tailor those to individual families taking into account the age of the children and time of year you are visiting. Some ideas to discuss with your consultant are:

- The Canopy Tour – a series of zip lines and climbing across the Batonka Gorge
- Zambezi Nature Sanctuary and Crocodile Farm visit
- Village Tour – which may include a 'Pay it Forward' community contribution or lunch
- Tour of the Falls – guided or explore on your own
- For older children, the sky is the limit with adventure activities, contact us for more ideas!



At Victoria Falls, the earth splits open and swallows one of Africa's greatest rivers, the mighty Zambezi, creating the largest sheet of falling water on earth. As the water hits the narrow depths of the Batoka Gorge beneath, it blasts a cloud of mist skywards, lending the falls their local name 'mosi-oa-tunya' (the smoke that thunders). When the Zambezi is its fullest, the mist hangs a permanent raincloud above the falls, showering visitors on even the sunniest of days and visible for miles around.

Above the falls on the upper Zambezi, boats cruise the tranquil water at sunset while the distant spray catches the fading light downstream. Below the falls, the Batoka Gorge's rocky walls funnel the lower Zambezi into a chain of world-class rapids, prime for white water rafting.

Aside from being a UNESCO world heritage site and a natural world wonder, Victoria Falls also forms a natural border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The falls can be seen from both countries, and for the most part the same activities are offered on both sides, from helicopter scenic flights to village visits and souvenir shopping.

Whether your idea of getting away from it all is a relaxed high tea in colonial grandeur or a heart-stopping bungee jump off a bridge, Victoria Falls keeps both the faint of heart and the most insatiable of adrenalin junkies busy for days.

From Zambia, a side on view of the falls is on offer with views into the Batoka Gorge, as well as the possibility of perching yourself at the edge of the falls on the vertigo-inducing Livingstone Island.

From Zimbabwe, you'll get a full-frontal view of three quarters of the falls' 1.7km wide curtain of water from viewpoints and footpaths meandering through a rainforest kept hot and humid by the spray of the falls.

Overnight: Lokuthula Lodges [View iBrochure](#)

Includes: bed and breakfast

Situated on the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge property, 24 km from Victoria Falls Airport and a mere 4 kilometres from the majestic Victoria Falls, Lokuthula Lodges provide well-appointed self-catering accommodation set in tranquil, indigenous gardens where elephant roam and warthogs kneel to mow the lush lawns.

The units are split-level and open fronted with blinds, affording magnificent views of unspoilt bushveld. There are eleven 3 bedroom lodges and twenty-six 2 bedroom lodges, all with a fully equipped kitchen, lounge, and terrace and braai area. The lodge facilities include a poolside bar and restaurant serving light meals and snacks, a swimming pool and activities desk at the main hotel.

Airport Transfer Time: 20 minutes



Day 3-5: Chobe Bakwena Lodge - 2 Night Package, Chobe River Front

After breakfast, you are collected at reception and transferred to the Botswana border where you are assisted with border formalities. From here you continue through to Chobe Bakwena with a camp guide for a 2-night stay on a fully inclusive basis.



The Chobe Riverfront is an elephant mecca; home to the largest density of African elephants in the world. Travel here during winter and you'll fast run out of fingers and toes while you count them drinking at the riverbanks and socialising out on the floodplains.

Thanks to its ease of access from Victoria Falls, the Chobe Riverfront is the busiest part of Botswana (though still a much quieter affair than most South or East African safaris). What Chobe lacks in solitude during the busier months, it more than makes up for with quality game viewing.

Chobe will leave you feeling tiny as giant elephant bulls stroll up next to your vehicle or snorkel alongside your boat. It will make you feel lost as hundreds of hippos and buffaloes crowd you out on the floodplains. It will put your heart in your throat as prides of lions stalk antelopes by the water's edge, and it will leave you alone with your thoughts while the classic red sunsets melt over the river to a soundtrack of whistling fish eagles.

Chobe is not just a great introduction to Botswana. It also makes a rewarding repeat journey once you've ticked off the big stuff. It's a place to search for the rare sable antelope, to spot that gem from the birders' bucket list and to explore the remoter corners.

Where you stay in Chobe makes a huge difference to your safari experience. The most affordable options are at bigger hotels in a town setting where you'll share your game drives with a few more vehicles. On the more exclusive end, stay in a wilder area in or around the park, listen to the sounds of the bush at night and get a head start on accessing the park for activities.

Overnight: Chobe Bakwena Lodge - 2 Night Package

Includes: meals, selected drinks, laundry (5 items per stay), 4 x activities, 2 x park fees

Excludes: premium and imported wines, all spirits & additional activities

Activities: game drives, boat cruise, village walk or cycle, full day trip to Zimbabwe (accounts for 2 activities)

Bakwena Lodge is situated near the Chobe National Park on the banks of the Chobe River near the village of Kazangula. The name Bakwena embraces the surrounding culture of Botswana, meaning 'people of the crocodile' and is also one of the largest tribes in Botswana.

Bakwena Lodge features ten rondavel-style river view chalets (including one family unit), and five tree top chalets. The river view chalets sit at ground level with small, private decks in front surrounded by indigenous riverine bush, looking towards the Chobe River. The treetop chalets are elevated three metres above the ground on stilts, with large, private decks looking into the tree canopy. Both river view and treetop chalets offer twin or double beds, as well as an indoor and outdoor shower. The River view family chalet offers two bedrooms with a shared bathroom (with indoor and outdoor shower).

The personal touch of owners can be felt from the hand-selected furniture to the food served at meal times where simple, African-fusion dishes, inspired by traditional Tswana 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 include game drives or river cruises in the Chobe National Park. The option to engage in a village tour or bicycle ride to the world's only four nation border or village can be arranged with management on arrival.

This property is located in the small but thriving town of Kasane, where many bigger hotels are located along the Chobe River banks. Entry to Chobe National Park for game drives is via Sedudu Gate ten to fifteen minutes drive from town. For Chobe River cruises, boats depart directly from town. Although wildlife often passes through Kasane a typical bush experience is not on offer here. Instead you'll get all the comforts of civilization with easy access to the bush.

Please note: A preference for a particular room types can be requested, and the lodge will do its best to accommodate your preference, however a particular room category cannot be guaranteed (except for family chalet bookings).

Airstrip Transfer Time: 20 minutes



Day 5-7: Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Savute, Chobe National Park

After breakfast and a morning at leisure, you are collected at reception and transfer to Kasane Airport for your light aircraft flight to Savute. Please note that the flight time is only advised the day prior and transfers arranged accordingly.

Your safari guide will meet you at the airstrip and transfer you to the private camp in Savute where you spend 2 nights on a fully inclusive basis before continuing through to Khwai.



SAVUTI - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

When it comes to Botswana, Savute breaks all the rules: both for animal behaviour and for habitats. Here, lions hunt elephants, leopards take to fishing, the grasslands are vast and open and rocky hills punctuate the flat terrain.

Savute has proved itself somewhat of an enigma over the decades. During years of abundance its marsh fills with water, fed by the Savute Channel. The water weaves its way here from Angola via a chain of rivers and lagoons, spilling out into the marsh and drawing huge herds of elephants, wildebeest, zebras and buffalos.

In drier years, the channel shrinks into small pools and can evaporate completely, leaving the marsh dry and sending wildlife to the waterholes for water, where the tension between plains game and predators heats up over a parched and dusty landscape.

Wherever the plains game goes in Savute, the predators follow close-by, learning tricks of survival to adapt to the marsh's ever changing nature. Whether the water flows here or not is anyone's guess. The channel and marsh have a life of their own, independent both of the seasons and the annual rainfall.

Savute doesn't just offer a safari; it's also a feast for the eyes. Whitewashed skeletal trees set against green grass and huge blue skies, blinding red sunsets that spill purple and orange across the bush, and endless horizons that fade into a hazy mirage with the heat.

As Savute is part of Chobe National Park, a safari here is limited to game drives only. With the diversity of habitats, wildlife and landscapes that the marsh has to offer however, you'll still find yourself wishing you had more time to see it all.

Overnight: Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Savute

Includes: All camping equipment, All activities as stated (unless marked optional), All camping and park entrance fees as per the itinerary, Services of a Private Guide and Camp Assistant, Transport in an open Land Cruiser game drive vehicle for optimal game viewing, All meals are prepared for you over an open fire and wine is included with your evening meal, selected drinks (local wine, beer, water, soft drinks), Road transfers between all campsites as per the itinerary (unless other modes of transport such as light aircraft transfers are specified)

Excludes: Other beverages unless otherwise arranged, Any optional activities (unless otherwise arranged to be included), International Flights, Any Visa fees, Items of a personal nature (see suggested packing list), personal spending and tips

Participation: This serviced safari is a nonparticipation safari, where the team will carry out all the necessary camp chores to keep the safari running smoothly. There is one guide with the guests at all times with a camp assistant to set up and break camps, cooking meals, etc.

Activities: Game drives in Savute.

In the heart of Chobe National Park, Savute boasts most of the Chobe species, except for water-loving antelope. It is best known for its predators, particularly lion, cheetah and hyena, of which there are large resident populations.

One of its greatest mysteries is the Savute channel, which has over generations inexplicably dried up and recommenced its flow several times. In flood or not, Savute remains an exceptional wildlife viewing destination.

The camp consists of a main area with campfire and mess tent. Accommodations are comfortable 3mx3m dome tents, with comfortable linen dressed mattresses and stretchers supplied. Each tent has an en-suite open air bathroom with bucket shower and toilet. Enjoy a piping hot shower while gazing at the beautiful canopy of stars. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided, as well as refreshments throughout the day.

Savute provides numerous opportunities for game drives. It is important to note that whilst camping in the National Parks you will need to return to camp by sunset to conform to the regulations and no off road driving is permitted.

What to expect on Safari

The appeal of a private safari is that your days are flexible to plan with your private guide in accordance with your preference - following and tracking wildlife movements from the crack of dawn; searching for rare bird species or setting up by a waterhole to wait for the perfect sunset photograph.

A full day in camp usually starts at sunrise around the campfire for that first 'essential' cup of tea or coffee and a light breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and rusks. You then head out as early as is permitted to be the first on the roads to track fresh spoor left from the animal's overnight activities – you may spot fresh lion tracks walking straight past the camp or evidence of a passing herd of buffalo not far away

Generally on the morning game drive you stop for tea and head back to camp by late morning. In camp you may enjoy a lunch or brunch, depending on the time, and then there is plenty of time for showers and that great safari tradition 'siesta time'. You meet together for afternoon tea and then head out on the afternoon activity, perhaps seeking a new area or returning to a great morning sighting.



Day 7-10: Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Khwai, Khwai Community Area

After breakfast camp is packed up and you take a leisurely drive out of Chobe National Park into the Khwai community area. It is a half day journey with game viewing en-route, stopping for leg stretches and refreshments as you like.



Looking at a map of Botswana, you'd miss Khwai completely if you didn't know it was there. Wedged between the big-ticket attractions of Chobe National Park to the east and Moremi Game Reserve to the south, Khwai exists as a significant big game destination of its own.

Lying on the eastern fringes of the Okavango Delta with a rich wildlife population and no borders drawn around it on the map, Khwai is often overlooked in favour of its more famous neighbours, though in the winter months it can hold its own for the quality of big game viewing.

During your time here, you'll spend most days exploring the narrow Khwai River, which forms the natural boundary to the Moremi Game Reserve on the south. The Khwai River is a beacon for wildlife and plays host to leopards stalking lechwe in the long grass, lions swimming from the banks to save their cubs' during territorial disputes and crocodiles competing with wild dogs for a midday meal of impala.

As Khwai lies outside the parks, it offers the freedom and flexibility normally only possible with the heavier price tag of a private concession. Go off-road for a closer look at sightings, night drive in search of nocturnal species, and, with a little advance planning, head out on game walks to track wildlife on foot.

Khwai is also home to a village community where people live side by side with the resident wildlife. Some camps will offer village visits for a dose of cultural insight to go with your safari. For those not visiting the water camps of the delta, many camps in Khwai offer the chance to get out on a mokoro (traditional canoe), although excursions are less traditional in nature, skirting the riverbanks, rather than open delta floodplains.

Overnight: Safari Life En-suite Tented Safari Khwai

Includes: All camping equipment, All activities as stated (unless marked optional), All camping and park entrance fees as per the itinerary, Services of a Private Guide and Camp Assistant, Transport in an open Land Cruiser game drive vehicle for optimal game viewing, All meals are prepared for you over an open fire and wine is included with your evening meal, selected drinks (local wine, beer, water, soft drinks), Road transfers between all campsites as per the itinerary (unless other modes of transport such as light aircraft transfers are specified)

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Participation: This serviced safari is a nonparticipation safari, where the team will carry out all the necessary camp chores to keep the safari running smoothly. There is one guide with the guests at all times with a camp assistant to set up and break camps, cooking meals, etc.

Activities: Game drives in Khwai Community and/or Khwai area of Moremi Game Reserve (campsite location permitting). A pre-booked mokoro activity may be included at additional cost (not permitted for children under 12 years).

In Khwai, your private mobile camp is based in the Khwai Community Concession. Bordering Moremi Game reserve, the concession allows for night drives in addition to day drives spent exploring this somewhat drier habitat. The camp consists of a main area with campfire and mess tent. Accommodations are comfortable

3mx3m dome tents, with comfortable linen dressed mattresses and stretchers supplied. Each tent has an ensuite open air bathroom with bucket shower and toilet. Enjoy a piping hot shower while gazing at the beautiful canopy of stars. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided, as well as refreshments throughout the day.

Here you can drive into the evening as night driving is permitted in Khwai Community area (not Moremi Game Reserve). Short walks may also be possible, safety permitting – the guide will assess the safety of the area and group given the time of year and conditions and arrange what is suitable.



Day 10-12: Planet Baobab – 2 night Dry Season Package, Gweta

After breakfast and possible morning activity (flight time permitting) your mobile safari adventure comes to an end. The guide will transfer you to Khwai Airstrip to enjoy a scenic flight out to Maun Airport, approximately 30 minutes. At Maun Airport, you are met by a local representative for 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 – the dry season is approximately 01 June – 31 October, however rainfall varies annually and 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.



The quirky village of Gweta doesn't offer the traveller a lot as a destination in its own right and is best visited as a jumping off point for the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans further south. For travellers interested in exploring Gweta, there are a few traditionally painted rondavels to be found on the village's sandy back roads and village tours can be organised to see the local school, *kgotla* (traditional court), cattle posts and to sample traditional village fare. The Makgadikgadi Salt Pans are around two hours from Gweta Village by road and the drive requires a 4WD. Due to the lack of signposts and the distance from Gweta, visitors are advised to book a pre-organised excursion out to the salt pans before they arrive.

Overnight: Planet Baobab - Dry Season Package

Includes: dinner, bed & breakfast, 1x lunch, specified activities

Excludes: drinks, laundry and additional activities

Activities: quad bike and Ntwetwe pan overnight, habitual meerkat visit (all activities are dependent on

weather conditions and access to Pans. Quad bike trips – TWO guests per quad bike only. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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 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. Except for the family room, all the huts have two single beds on opposite ends of the room.

Activities include an overnight trip to Ntwetwe Pan with knowledgeable guides. When the pans are dry and weather permits, guests' quadbike to the pans. Here you can discover the geological origins of what was once the world's largest ever super lake and you can follow the Palm Trail created by elephant droppings as these ancient creatures trekked across the arid waste when the super lake dried up.

In addition, you may book optional activities such as a cattle post visit with lunch, baobab bush walks, migration mission day trip. (optional and at an additional cost)

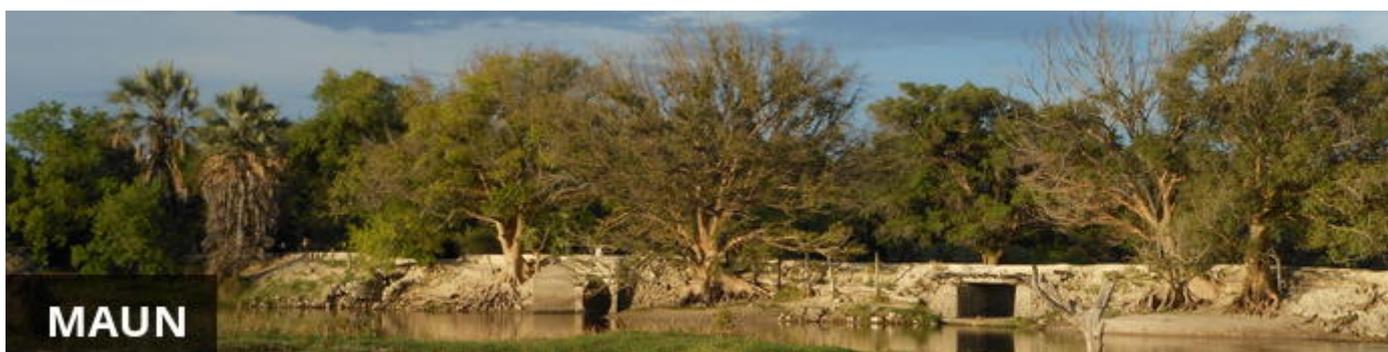
Ntwetwe Pan and Sua Pan, together with numerous smaller pans, form the Makgadikgadi Pans system. The pans are the remnants of the once great Lake Makgadikgadi: 80,000 square kilometres in extent, and up to 30 metres deep, this was the largest inland sea in Africa. The pans form a spectacular lunar landscape in the dry season and in the wet season, this vast area of salt pans interspersed with low-lying grass islands is the destination of herds of migrating zebra. It has an un-spoilt beauty unlike any other part of Africa.

Please note: All activities are subject to seasonal availability and weather conditions during the month of travel. Pans sleep outs and quad bike activities do not operate in the wet season and may also be halted after unexpected rains, when wet conditions prevent access to the pans. In the case where guests cannot do the sleep out activity, back up lodge accommodation in dome tents are available at the lodge. Some activities will need to be pre-booked before travel. Quad bike trips run with TWO guests per quad bike. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Day 12: Cresta Riley's Hotel, Maun

Enjoy your last day at Planet Baobab – or in the pans if you are camping out on the Meerkat Mania. A cooked breakfast is served at Planet Baobab before you are collected for the 2 hour road transfer back to Maun. You spend the afternoon/evening at Riley's Hotel to clean the dust off and prepare for your onward journey. Please note that breakfast is included, however all other meals are for your own account.



Situated along the banks of the Thamalakane River, in the North-West District of Botswana, Maun, a term that derives its name from the San language, meaning "the place of reeds," serves as the administrative town center of Ngamiland. Maun is notoriously known as a "Frontier" town, and is referred to as the 'gateway' to the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve as most tourists enter these destinations through this buzzing town.

Although classified as one of the fastest growing towns in Botswana, and boasting one of the busiest airports in Southern Africa, Maun still retains much of its old/traditional (village-like) character, which encompasses the old judicial court of chiefs who are still active. Reed and mud hut infrastructures are seen in and around town as well as donkeys/carts and livestock. However, numerous hotels, lodges, bed and breakfasts, shopping malls, post offices, a museum and a big hospital are available too. Maun also serves as the headquarters for the safari industry, tour operators and air charter companies that offer trips into the Okavango Delta and National Parks such as Moremi Game Reserve, Khwai, Savute, Makgadikgadi, Chobe, Nxai Pan to name a few, as well as monumental historical sites like the Tsodilo Hills. Opportunities to visit nearby cultural villages can also be arranged from this central point.

Overnight: Cresta Riley's Hotel

Includes: bed, breakfast

Excludes: all other meals not specified, drink and activities

Riley's Hotel is located on the banks of the Thamalakane River within walking distance of shops and just 3kms from Maun Wildlife Sanctuary. Maun itself is the gateway to the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park

All of the guest rooms are air conditioned and have en-suite bathrooms. Other room facilities include television, telephone, tea and coffee making equipment.

Riley's Grill serves full English and continental breakfasts, a la carte lunches and dinners. There is a choice of bars where cocktails and snacks can be enjoyed. The swimming pool is set in the hotel's lovely gardens. Other facilities include a curio shop, hair salon and foreign exchange desk

Airport Transfer Time: 10 minutes



Day 13: End of Itinerary

After breakfast, you transfer to Maun Airport where you are met by a Safari Specialists representative who will assist you with your onward connections.

Mobile Safari Preparations

(Additional notes specific to camping supplementary to the General Travel Information below)

1. In our winter months, it can be very cold at night/early mornings on safari, please ensure all participants have sufficient warm clothing including a windproof jacket as travel in the open vehicles/morning game drives with wind chill factor is cold.
2. Electricity – there is no electricity when camping, all lighting is solar, battery or paraffin around the camp. It is highly recommended you bring a headlamp or flashlight for each person for use inside your tents. Charging can be arranged via the battery/inverter system from the vehicle, the guides will coordinate your charging, please be sure that your camera can charge from 220V and that you have a Botswana adaptor plug (or share some between the group). It is recommended you bring spare batteries if you are on 'normal' batteries for your camera to avoid disappointment!
3. Keep your luggage to a minimum where possible. There is no laundry service whilst camping so you will need to bring sufficient clothing for each day – recommended 6 t-shirts, 2 long sleeves, 1 warm windproof jacket, 1 fleece, 2 light long pants/jeans, 1 pair of shorts, 1 open pair of shoes, 1 closed pair of shoes, swimming costume for your time in Maun (days can be warm), under garments and warm extras (scarf/beanie/under leggings for those that feel the cold). Please travel with a soft sided bag, not a hard suitcase in order that your luggage can be packed into the safari trailer.
4. Safety- the safari guide will give you a safety briefing on day 1, please listen and respect safety regulations, they are there for a reason. Camping is in a wildlife area, unfenced for wildlife movement.
5. Insurance – the operators involved throughout the safari have Public Liability Insurance and appropriate vehicle insurances. Additionally, we arrange Okavango Air Rescue service (facilitating/not paying for medivacs) however you are required to arrange your own travel insurance whilst travelling in Botswana to cover you for medical evacuation, medical expenses, cancellation /curtailment and loss/theft. It is recommended that you have your insurance details handy with your travel documents – company name, emergency contact number and policy number so that the operator can assist in the case of an emergency.
6. Communication – please note that whilst you are in the towns of Kasane and Maun there is cell phone reception for Botswana cell phones, however when you are in the Okavango Delta there is no phone reception at all. In Moremi/Khwai and Savute only Be Mobile will work when in proximity to Khwai Village. We discourage the use of cell phones in the bush/on safari as it ruins the atmosphere. The lead guide will have a radio to Maun base and a Be Mobile phone for use in case of an emergency as well as radio contact with other vehicles.
7. Timing of activities and transfers is subject to change. We will monitor the times and liaise with the transfer companies accordingly for any delays. Flexibility is the key!

Travel Information

- Please take note of our Booking Terms & Conditions. It will be understood that these have been read and accepted by you on receipt of confirmation of the booking.
- For your safety and peace of mind, on confirmation of your booking, we strongly recommend that Travel Insurance is arranged to cover cancellation, curtailment, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods.
- Road and air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (shared) unless otherwise requested or specified. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times. Private charters can be requested at an additional cost.
- Passengers weighing over 100kg should please advise us at the time of booking, as we may need to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for your safety and comfort.

- The costs are subject to change at any time due to fluctuations in fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers that are beyond our control.
- Please advise us of the ages of children (under 18) travelling, together with their date of birth, at the time of booking as not all lodges accept children and there may be restrictions or conditions which can affect pricing.
- We recommend that optional activities be booked in advance at time of confirmation to guarantee availability e.g. Helicopter Flight of the Angels in Victoria Falls
- Please allow a minimum 2-3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. It is important that you check that your flight tickets have been issued in your full names as per your passport.
- We require full payment for international and domestic scheduled flights at the time of confirmation e.g. Air Botswana Johannesburg to Maun, Proflight Livingstone - Lusaka and so on. We are not able to guarantee any flights before receipt of payment as seats are often held for a limited period before ticketing is required so this is a time sensitive issue. Air tickets are considered non refundable unless otherwise specified. Please confirm the details with your consultant at the time of booking.

Passports, Visas and Travel Documentation

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity before the expiry date and 6 empty pages (not including the endorsement pages). The onus is upon guests to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Please note that certain visas can take up to 3 months to be processed so please consider this when booking.

If you are travelling with children through Southern Africa please be aware that you will be required to have certified copies of their unabridged birth certificates, and passports on hand. If you are not their legal parents, or if only one of you is travelling – you will need to have consent in the form of an affidavit giving you permission to travel with the child.

Inter-camp transfers

Due to the vast distances involved in travelling in the remote areas of Southern Africa - your itinerary may include road, boat and air transfers in small aircraft.

On shared air transfers, all the flight times between lodges are arranged a few days before the flights take place to avoid endless schedule changes. The lodge or camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time. Although every effort will be made to ensure that guests are transferred together in one vehicle / aircraft, this cannot be guaranteed, especially with larger groups. The aircraft used for inter-camp transfers vary in size from 3, 5, 7 and 12 seater aircraft. We recommend that guests susceptible to motion sickness take appropriate precautions due to flying conditions.

Weight & Luggage Restrictions

There are strict luggage restrictions in place on any itinerary, which includes light aircraft transfers for safety reasons. Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg per person travelling on seat rates. Only soft bags will be accepted - no hard suitcases or bags with wheels can be transported, as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm/10 inches wide x 30cm/11 inches high and 62cm/24 inches long. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning, your baggage could be delayed, as we may have to fly the baggage into camp at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. However, should you notify us in advance that your baggage will exceed the limit; we may be able to assist you with alternative arrangements e.g. storage or purchase of additional luggage allowance.

For bookings including flights within Zambia & Mozambique, please note luggage weight exceptions under destination information.

Lost Luggage

Lost luggage on international flights is a common problem facing travellers today. We suggest that you pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with you as hand luggage. If travelling as a couple or family we suggest that you split your clothing between bags so that if one bag gets lost, you will have basic items on hand to see you through the first couple of days while we try and recover your lost baggage.

Please note that whilst we try our utmost to locate and re-unite you with your bags, that there may be charges involved in getting your bags to remote areas, which would be for your cost. Please remember to report the lost luggage to the airline as soon as you make the discovery - the airline will issue you with a Baggage Claim Form, which you will need in order for us to trace the bag.

Health and Dietary

Please note that you are travelling to a Malaria-risk area. Please consult your doctor for medical advice prior to travel.

Although usually safe to drink, we do not recommend that you drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at the camps and lodges.

The camps are isolated and generally have limited power supply and access to supplies. Please notify us in advance of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions and medical equipment you may need with you. Please carry critical medication in your hand luggage.

Yellow Fever Certificates - are only required if you have travelled to a Yellow Fever area as designated by the World Health Organisation. Please check with your Travel Clinic or doctor well in advance of your departure date.

General Travel Information

- There is no or limited electricity and cell phone coverage in the camps and lodges excluding major towns and cities. All camps do make provision for charging cameras and electronic devices.
- Please ensure that you do not pack any valuables, cameras, cash, laptops in your checked in luggage – these should be kept on your person at all times.
- Please notify us immediately of any changes to flight arrival and departure details as this affects onward transfer arrangements.
- Please note that most camps & lodges in Botswana do not have double beds. Twin beds are pushed together to make up a double room.
- Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules the company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions or unforeseen circumstances.
- By confirmation of the booking, you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept that the tour carries inherent risks, and that you voluntarily assume all risks which are associated with the tour. You will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps, lodges and service providers, and abide by their operators code of conduct in order to ensure your safety.
- If you have any cause for complaint while travelling, you should immediately bring it to the attention of the camp manager and / or our Maun office that will attempt to resolve the situation immediately.
- Do not remove any animal artefacts, flora or fauna from any of the areas you visit, as there are strict international regulations on the export of such items.

Please refer to the **Safari Information** for further details on preparing for your safari.



Currency

From June 2019 the Zimbabwean Dollar (Z\$) was reinstated as the official currency of Zimbabwe. However, for tourism purposes, cash in US Dollars is generally the accepted currency. US\$ Dollar notes (2007 Series onwards), and Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Always have enough US\$ cash available in smaller denominations in the event where ATM's and Credit Card facilities are not operational.

Visa

Fees for Visitors to Zimbabwe who are eligible to receive their visa on entry

Europe and USA: US\$ 30.00 for single entry/ US\$ 45.00 for double entry.

UK & Ireland: US\$ 55.00 for single entry/ US\$ 70.00 for double entry.

Canada: US\$ 75.00 for single entry/ double entry to be obtained from local embassy prior to travel

Some visitors need to apply for visas before arrival - please check with your Embassy, Zimbabwe Government Visa Requirements. ALWAYS have cash available in the correct US\$ amount at ALL ports of entry.

Kaza Univisa – Zimbabwe and Zambia

Travellers planning to visit both Zimbabwe and Zambia should apply for a UniVisa (also known as KAZA visa). The visa can be obtained in advance, as well as at ports of entry, but cannot be guaranteed.

The UniVisa allows travellers 30 days travel within both Zambia and Zimbabwe, and is also valid for daytrips to Botswana. Travellers must remain within Zambia & Zimbabwe for the visa to stay valid. Visiting Botswana as a daytrip will not affect the visa's validity, provided travellers return to Zambia or Zimbabwe the same day.

Internal Flights and Transfers

Due to the remote areas the camps and lodges are based in, transfers between camps may take place by boat, train, game drive vehicle or light aircraft.

Road transfers to and from Hwange Safari Lodge/ Hwange Main Camp have scheduled departure times, any transfer outside these times will attract a surcharge.

Departure Taxes

International departure taxes are included in the scheduled flight rates. However light aircraft transfers from Victoria Falls Airport to Livingstone or Kasane require an International Departure tax of US\$35 per person & AIDF Levy of US\$15 = US\$50 per person to be paid in cash.

Domestic departure taxes are payable in cash at the airport, for any flights departing internally from any registered, manned airport. These include Harare, Bulawayo, Kariba, Hwange and Victoria Falls Airport. The amount is US\$10 departure tax + US\$5 AIDF Levy = US\$15 per person. We recommend small denominations for easier and quicker transactions as change is not always available. Traveller's cheques and credit cards are NOT accepted.

Weight & Luggage Restrictions

See Booking Information



Visa

Some visitors need to apply for visas before arrival please check with your Embassy.

For more information on visas please visit the following address:

Botswana Government - Visa Requirements

BORDER CROSSINGS

Currency

The currency of Botswana is the Pula (BWP). US\$ Dollar notes (2007 Series onwards), and Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Internal Flights and Transfers

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Flight times around Botswana | Approximate flying times

Flight duration times (as listed below), are to be used as an average guideline. They are based on actual flying time, and passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination affecting the total travel time. Your pilot will brief you of your flight route and duration during the safety briefing.

Maun - Delta: 15 to 30 minutes

Delta – Delta: 10 to 20 minutes

Delta - Linyanti: 30 to 40 minutes

Maun – Linyanti: 50 to 60 minutes

Linyanti - Kasane: 40 to 60 minutes

Maun/Delta - Kasane: 60 to 80 minutes

Maun - Makgadikgadi/Desert: 40 to 60 minutes

Departure Taxes

Departure taxes are included in ticket prices.

Weight & Luggage Restrictions

See Booking Information
