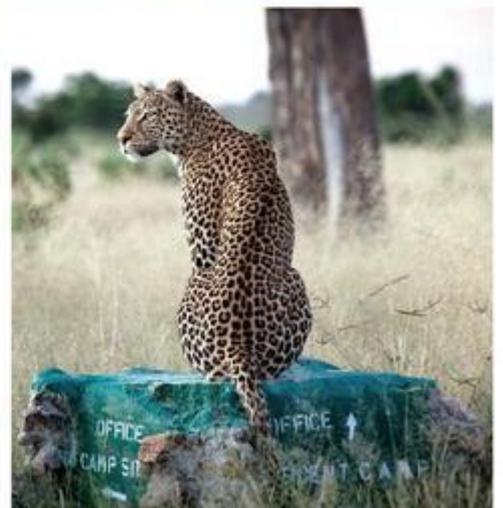


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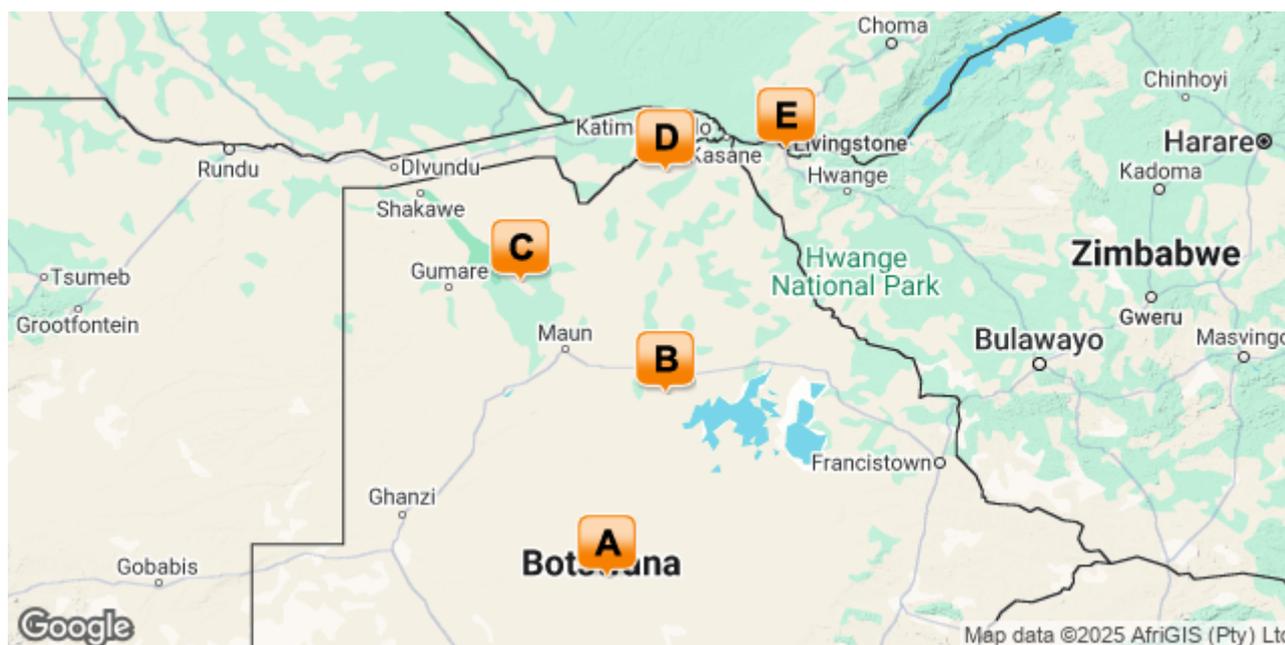


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10N Botswana Explorer

Deception Valley Private Reserve - Xhumaga - Moremi Game Reserve - Chobe Forest Reserve - Victoria Falls
(Zimbabwe)
11 Days / 10 Nights



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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Deception Valley Private Reserve Northbound, The Dune Camp	Deception Valley Private Reserve	FB+	2 Nights
Day 3	Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Boteti River Camp	Xhumaga	FB+	1 Night
Day 4	Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Moremi Northbound Khwai Guest House	Khwai Village	FB+	3 Nights
Day 7	Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Chobe Chobe Elephant Camp	Chobe Forest Reserve	FB+	2 Nights
Day 9	Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Victoria Falls Northbound Pioneers Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

This comfortable accommodated safari is an activity-packed safari allowing you to discover the diversity that Botswana has to offer. Accommodation throughout your journey includes lodges, camps and guest houses.

This is a scheduled accommodated safari travelling with a maximum of 11 guests per departure and offers guests the opportunity to explore the most amazing wilderness areas of Botswana and Zimbabwe, simultaneously providing the comfort of permanent camps and lodges with the incredible privilege of being introduced to these fantastic natural wonders from beginning to end by one guide.

Accommodation is in comfortable camps or Guest Houses and transportation between accommodation is in a comfortable, air-conditioned minibus with parts in an open game drive vehicle, depending on the itinerary. The activities are carried out in the various accommodations where guests are staying using the lodge game drive vehicles, boats and mekoro (traditional dugout canoes).

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Season	Cost Per Person	Single Supplement	Northbound Dates	Southbound Dates
January – June 2025 & November – December 2025	USD 3955	USD715	27Mar – 06 Apr; 09-19May; 01-11Nov	18-28 May; 10-20Jun; 11-21 Nov; 20- 30 Dec
July – October 2025	USD 4360	USD715	01-11 July; 30July- 09 Aug; 25Aug- 04 Sept; 27 Sept – 07 Oct	07-17July; 05 -15 Aug; 04Sept-1 Sept; 07-17 Oct

Special notes

- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees
- The single surcharge applies to those requiring single accommodation throughout the safari, any SOLO travelers may incur additional transfer costs, depending on the group logistics, please discuss with your consultant
- Subject to availability at the time of booking
- Please note a specific departure date is confirmed once a minimum of 4 guests are confirmed on the safari
- Please contact your consultant for the southbound itinerary
- Selected departures have a translator on the mobile safari if there are German guests booked (in addition to the English speaking guide indicated by: **bold dates for German speaking**)

Included



Travel for Impact – Responsible Travel

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



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

Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Deception Valley Private Reserve Northbound, Deception Valley Private Reserve



The Deception Valley Private Reserve provides a soft introduction to the harsh expanses of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve next door. This is also one of the best places in Botswana to get a glimpse into the hunter-gatherer lifestyle of the San people, who have survived in the arid desert for tens of thousands of years.

This private reserve contains desert-adapted wildlife from giraffes to ostriches, gemsbok and springbok. Ease of access, together with high chances of finding black-maned Kalahari lions during the winter months are key draw cards for heading out on safari here.

Unlike other desert safaris in Botswana, you won't be restricted by national park rules here. The freedom to look for nocturnal desert creatures on a night drive, sit out in a hide to soak up the sightings or to explore the bush on foot is what makes this area unique.

Despite the fences, big predators such as lion, leopard and cheetah move in and out of the concessions throughout the year. During the dry winter months, the big cats often prefer the easy access to water at the pumped waterholes here over the Central Kalahari itself.

When you're done with the typical safari routine, head out into the desert with the San bushmen. Watch in awe as these traditional hunter-gatherers pull food, water and tools for survival out of the sand in front of your eyes.

For self-drivers, the Deception Valley Private Reserve provides an ideal stop for experiencing the desert without the risks of heading into the vast Central Kalahari hundreds of miles from the nearest creature comforts and assistance.

Overnight: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Deception Valley Private Reserve Northbound

The safari begins in Maun where your guide will meet you at 14h30 at Maun Airport. You will travel 160km to the Deception Valley Private Reserve on the northern border of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve. Upon arrival you will be given a safari briefing. Night spent in a comfortable camp. (Day 1 - D)

You will explore the area for the next two days, enjoying game drives and participate in a nature walk led by a local San tracker. They will share their intricate bush knowledge and give you an insight into their unique and intriguing culture. The game drives will allow you to discover this stunning area which is home to a fascinating variety of desert specialised wildlife such as oryx and predators including lion, hyena and cheetah. Savour the vast open spaces, clear night skies and uninterrupted beauty. (Day 2 - B, L, D)

Maun – Deception Valley Private Reserve (northern border CKGR): 160km, 4h

Day 1-2: Deception Valley Private Reserve, comfortable camp

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Maun – Deception Valley Private Reserve (northern border CKGR): 120km, 4h



Day 3

Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Boteti, Xhumaga



The small town of Xhumaga is situated in north-central Botswana and rests on the western bank of the Boteti River, flanking the Makgadikgadi National Park.

The Boteti is the last finger of the Okavango Delta, reaching down to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. Years have passed without the river being fed a drop at all; becoming a long sandy riverbed with shrinking waterholes, where zebras jostle for space under high-flying sheets of dust. At other times, the Boteti swells up fat and full, spilling into salt pans hundreds of kilometers from its source before evaporating into thin air.

This is the place to watch plains game crashing through sharp acacia trees, gathering under lofty palms and lurking in the shade of the riverine woodland, keeping close to the water. When the Boteti River is full, big elephant bulls can often be found playing in the water and browsing in the reeds while the sun sets on the day.

Although the park's eastern edges touch the Makgadikgadi salt pans, it's unlikely you'll see them during your stay. Where the salt pans are about landscapes, the Boteti is about a more traditional safari experience. Explore the banks by game drive, drift along the river by boat (when water levels allow), or wait for the wildlife to pass by from the sanctuary of a hide.

Once the rains arrive (October – November) the zebras and wildebeest abandon the Boteti, migrating to the salt pans and only returning in the winter (April – May). During the green season the Boteti's banks become a quiet green landscape of technicolour sunsets and an explosion of birdlife.

Overnight: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Boteti

Day 3: Makgadikgadi, comfortable camp

You will wake up as the sun rises and do a short game drive before heading to the Makgadikgadi area. You will spend one night at a camp, on the edge of the Makgadikgadi National Park, overlooking the Boteti River in Khumaga village. Arriving for Lunch at the camp you will have time for a short siesta and then enjoy a game drive along the Boteti River in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)

Deception Valley Private Reserve – Boteti River Camp: 120km, 4-5h (including game drive)



Day 4-7

Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Moremi Northbound, Moremi Game Reserve



The Moremi Game Reserve is all about searching for big game; where the habitats are as diverse as the wildlife itself. Water-adapted antelopes and wary-eyed buffaloes spill out into floodplains, behind towering woodlands where leopards hide on the high branches. Dead trees cast silhouettes over elephant-filled savannas a stone's throw from papyrus-fringed channels stretching out to the delta beyond.

When you arrive in the Moremi Game Reserve, it's anyone's guess what you'll find lurking in the long grass. From wild dogs stalking waterbucks to long sunsets by a hippo-filled lagoon, the scenes will live on in memory long after the journey home.

Kick up sharp smelling clouds of dust on a morning drive, disturbing pockets of warm air in the reeds as you splash through water crossings in pursuit of a distant lion's call. Pause by the edge of large lagoons, squinting to catch mischief making hyenas as they emerge from the trees to drink.

When you get sick of game drives, discover the channels by boat while Squacco herons fly alongside you into the wind. Watch a lazy sunset with the blue-cheeked bee eaters before returning to dry land for more hardcore bush exploration.

As Moremi Game Reserve is bound by national park rules, activities here are limited to game drives during hours of daylight with no off-roading, and boat cruises on the permanent channels.

While most of the reserve is open to the public, two private lodges sit in the Mombo Concession to the north of Chief's Island, surrounded by the waters of the Okavango Delta. Boating isn't possible here, instead the area offers the ultimate in dry-land game viewing. Hailed as Botswana's predator capital, this exclusive corner is closed to outsiders and home to the big five, where the invitee list fills up years in advance.

Overnight: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Moremi Northbound

Day 4 - 6: Moremi/Khwai, guest house

After breakfast you will make your way west, you will stop over in Maun where you will enjoy lunch (at own expense) at a local restaurant. Your adventure then proceeds to Khwai, your drive will take you through beautiful wildlife areas, game viewing as you go. You will have the option of taking a helicopter transfer that afternoon to Khwai (45min, rate TBA by your guide/agent – to be booked during the safari, payment in USD). Your journey is to the Khwai River area, on the border of the Moremi Game Reserve - one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana.

The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for, while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives will explore the region surrounding the Khwai River (North-east Moremi / Khwai Concession), and you will also have an opportunity to do a mokoro excursion (dug out canoe) on a tributary of the Khwai River. Your mokoro poler/guide will share with you hidden secrets of this water system. Accommodation at Khwai Guesthouse in the Khwai Village. (Day 1 - B, D, Day 2 - B, L, D)

Boteti River Camp – Khwai: 340 km, ±6hrs (excluding lunch stop over



Day 7-9

Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Chobe , Chobe Forest Reserve



Travellers unfortunate enough to overlook Chobe Forest Reserve on the transit route between Kasane and the Ngoma border post forfeit an opportunity to observe astonishing sights on this peaceful enclave tucked on the western edge of the eminent Chobe National Park. At Barangwe Pan, hordes of elephant, buffalo, eland, kudu, sable, roan, impala, warthog, lion, leopard, wild dog and various bird species flock to quench their thirst at the waterhole. While self-driving is possible, expert guides lead you on day and night safaris through the wilderness. Soak in the unspoiled territory with a picnic or enjoy a scenic boat cruise on the beautiful Chobe River. For the culturally curious, nearby Kachikau Village, one of the oldest villages in this area, boasts a beautiful basket shop and other highlights.

Day Itinerary

The safari then heads north towards a rustic camp at the edge of Chobe National Park, where you will stay 2 nights to explore the northern reaches of the park. This day will be a full day activity as we will do a full day game drive through the Savuti area of the Chobe National Park towards the Chobe flood plains. You will have your picnic lunch break en-route and arrive late afternoon at your lodge.

Time is spent in northern Chobe, a park which is incredibly rich in game due to the Chobe River providing water all year round. Large herds of elephant and buffalo are frequently seen. Due to the high density of herbivores in this area many predators, such as lions and leopards, can be found. While staying at Chobe Elephant Camp you will do game drives and a boat cruise within the Chobe National Park. (B, L, D)

Khwai – Chobe: 200 km, 10 hrs (including game drives)

Overnight: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Northbound Chobe

Day 7 - 8: Chobe, comfortable lodge

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Khwai – Chobe: 200 km, 10 hrs (including game drives)



Day 9-11

Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Victoria Falls Northbound, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)



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: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Victoria Falls Northbound

Today the journey takes you to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe where you will spend two nights at a comfortable lodge. Your guide will take you to the Kazungula border where you will meet the transfer vehicle for your lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Visa required). The lodge team will assist you with arranging activities of your choice that you can enjoy during your stay (at own expense). Spend the afternoon at leisure, visiting the majestic falls or shop for curios. Dinner at own expense. (B) (L, D at own expense);

Chobe – Victoria Falls: 160 km, ±3.5 hrs driving (plus border crossing)

The lodge has an activities desk where you can make bookings for the day to explore Vic Falls town. Activities in Victoria Falls include White Water Rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, canoeing on the upper Zambezi and Helicopter Flights over the Victoria Falls, please ask the lodge reception for further details if not pre-booked.

Overnight: Bushways Sable Accommodated Mobile Safari Victoria Falls Northbound

Day 9: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, comfortable lodge

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Day 10: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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Day 11: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – END of the safari

Bush Ways is happy to arrange post-tour accommodation and transfers to Victoria Falls airport or lodges, Kasane, or any nearby lodges at an additional cost.



Day 11

End of Itinerary

Please contact your consultant to assist with post-tour accommodation and transfers (additional cost).

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.