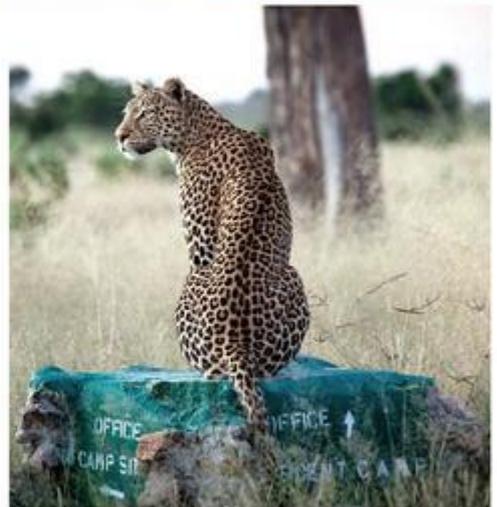


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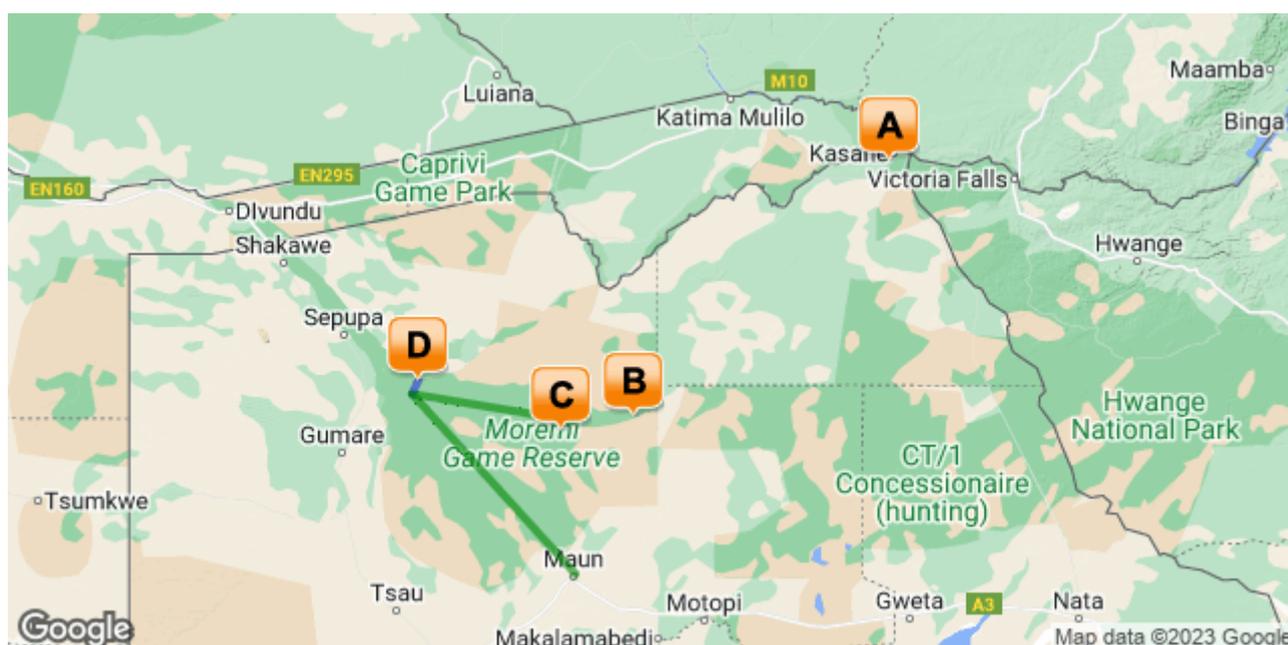


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## 11 nights Northern Explorations

Chobe River Front – Mababe Concession - Moremi Game Reserve - Okavango Panhandle  
12 Days / 11 Nights



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### Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari	Chobe National Park	FI	3 Night
Day 4	Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari	Mababe Concession	FI	3 Night
Day 7	Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari	Moremi Game Reserve	FI	3 Night
Day 10	Setari Camp	Okavango Panhandle	FI	2 Nights

#### Key

FI: Fully Inclusive

## Transport

### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure/Arrival
Day 10	Shared Charter	Xakanaxa - Jedibe Airstrip
Day 12	Shared Charter	Jedibe Airstrip - Maun International Airport [MUB]

### Cost of the safari and dates 2023/2024

Southbound routing starts Kasane at 08h45 (pre-night in Kasane or Victoria Falls is required)

Season	Cost per person sharing	Single Supplement **	Dates
November 2023	US \$ 6,340	US \$ 1,080	29 October – 09 November; 02 – 13 November; 09 – 20 November; 16 – 27 November; 23 November – 04 December
December 2023	US \$ 4,850	US \$ 0	30 November – 11 December; 14 – 25 December
January - March 2024	US \$ 4,720	US \$ 0	03 – 14 February; 17 – 28 February; 24 February – 6 March; 9 – 20 March
April - June & November 2024	US \$ 6,750	US \$ 330	06 – 17 April; 13 – 24 April; 20 April – 01 May; 27 April – 08 May; 04 – 15 May; 11 – 22 May; 18 - 29 May; 01 – 12 Jun; 08 – 19 June; 15 – 26 June; 29 October – 09 November; 02 – 13 November; 09 – 20 November; 16 – 27 November; 23 November – 04 December
Split season June 2024	US \$ 7,190	US \$ 330	22 June – 03 July
July - September 2024	US \$ 7,940	US \$ 1,940	29 June – 10 July; 06- 17 July; 09 – 20 July; 13 – 24 July; 27 July – 07 August; 02 – 13 August; 06 – 17 August; 10 - 21 August; 16 – 27 August; 24 August – 04 September; 31 August – 11 September; 03 - 14 September; 07 – 18 September; 14 – 25 September; 21 September – 02 October
October 2024	US \$ 7,490	US \$ 1,600	28 September – 09 October; 01 – 12 October; 05 – 16 October; 12 – 23 October; 19 – 30 October; 26 October – 06 November
Split season March & December 2024	US \$ 5,180	US \$ 330	23 March – 03 April; 30 March – 10 April; 30 November – 11 December; 15 – 26 December

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## Special notes

- Minimum age of 12 years to participate in this safari
- Please note that the camping section runs with a minimum of 2 /maximum 7 persons
- The safari is built around the mobile sector departure date which are fixed, they run in two directions – Northbound starting in Maun/ending in Kasane and Southbound starting in Kasane/Ending in Maun
- Please note that any changes to the order may affect pricing if it crosses a season
- Pre and post safari arrangements can be made in Kasane/Chobe and Victoria Falls – please discuss with your consultant what is required \*\* a pre-night is required on Southbound departures \*\*
- The single surcharge may be waived for selected departures on the mobile camping safari, resulting in a much lower single surcharge, please discuss with your consultant
- Please note that additional surcharges on transfers may apply for single travellers, the single supplement covers accommodation only, solo travellers please apply for a personal 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 time of booking

## 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](http://www.travelforimpact.com)



### Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include a fee into all our packages for a local medivac in case of an emergency. Please discuss further details with your consultant and for more information, visit <http://www.okavangorescue.com/>

## Day 1-4

### Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Chobe, Chobe River Front



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 ficked off the big stuff. It is 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 will 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: Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Chobe**

#### **Includes:**

Services of a professional guide, safari chef and camp assistants, complete with a supply vehicle. Game drives and local transfers in customised safari vehicles. Exclusive camping in private campsites within the national parks and reserves. All entrance and camping fees within the national parks and reserves. All meals and drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, beer, wine and G&T) whilst in Letaka Tented Camps. All activities as specified in the itinerary.

#### **Excludes:**

Travel Insurance, all flights unless otherwise indicated, Items of personal nature, Staff gratuities, Optional

safari extensions, any drinks at lodges or accommodation other than Letaka Tented Camps.

**Wi-Fi:** Letaka Safaris runs on a proudly no Wi-fi policy

### **Participation**

The Fully Serviced Safari is a nonparticipation safari, where the Letaka Safaris 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 and a backup team (chef + camp assistants) in a backup vehicle setting up and breaking camps, cooking meals, etc.

### **Accommodation:**

The tents are 4 x 3m Sahara style tents with high roof with a 2 x 3m en-suite bathroom and a 2 x 3m covered area in front of the tent. The tents are fitted with solid base camp beds made up with mattresses, sheets, duvets and pillows. The tents have en-suite long drop toilet facilities and a bucket shower at the rear of the tent. Showers can be ordered as hot, cold or warm and the water is heated in a bucket on the fire. Showers may be taken at any time but on Kalahari safaris the guide withholds the right to limit water use and showering depending upon the availability of water. Both hand towels and bath towels are supplied for the guests' convenience but please note that guests should bring their own personal items and toiletries.

Each tent has an oil/paraffin lamp on the veranda and in the bathroom and within the tent itself, a LED rechargeable camp light is supplied along with a side table in the sleeping area and in the bathroom. Although each tent has lighting and there are lamps strategically around the camp for navigation, an essential tool for your safari is a headlamp which lets you read a book at night in your tent or catch up with your safari journal as you listen to the sounds of the wild outside! If you don't buy it from us make sure you buy it from someone and take our advice – don't pack the free headlamp you got at the supermarket with your battery purchase. Spending a little bit of money will save you a lot of frustration. If you are travelling as a couple then pack one per person.

For families travelling with younger children on private trips, Letaka Safaris have designed a family safari tent, ensuring the children's safety and their parent's peace of mind. A family tent is a two-bedroom unit with an adjoining bathroom and lockable exit/entrance with each tent taking 2 people in each.

### **Transportation:**

Transport is in a custom made 4x4 safari vehicle. While the vehicle can take nine guests, our groups are limited to a maximum of 7 passengers thus ensuring all have comfortable seating and access. Please note that mobile safaris that have road transfers between camps - the vehicle is open and windy with some transfers taking 4-6 hours depending on the routing.

**Group Size:** Maximum 7

### **What to expect on Safari**

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.

Moving days follow a different pattern. Your guide combines his knowledge of the wildlife, safety and road and weather conditions when planning transfers. Departure times are always communicated in advance.

NOTE: Although Letaka Safaris make every effort to adhere to schedules and itineraries, these are subject to change subject to weather, roads, and animal movements and availability. You will be notified of any changes



### Day by Day:

#### Day 1: Kasane to Central Chobe / Travel Day (5 hours)

Your safari will start in Kalahari Tours in Kasane at 09h00. Enjoy a morning boat cruise along the Chobe River before your guide drives you through Chobe National Park to your camp site in Central Chobe. Today's drive takes us from the Chobe River through the wonderful Zambezi teak woodlands of the Chobe Forest Reserve, across the sand-ridge and into the stunted mopane scrub of the Goha clay basin. While there are community areas that we pass through that are settled by local tribes, for the vast majority of the day's drive we pass through wild country where wildlife moves un-inhibited by fences or man. Roan and sable antelope thrive in the teak woodlands where the low density of predators and lack of competition for food by other ungulates makes this prime habitat for these large ungulates.

#### Day 2 & 3: Central Chobe Exploration Days

Unlike the vast majority of the country, Central Chobe is not flat landscape. Large outcrops of volcanic rock reach up out of the Kalahari sands, towering over the endless savannah. These hills provide habitat for a completely different array of small wildlife, birds and plants. The Savuti Marsh has been the stage for many of the most dramatic wildlife documentaries in Africa. The wide-open country, good ungulate populations and particularly strong prides of lion and hyaena clans make for dramatic wildlife interaction and excellent viewing opportunities. The now dry Savuti Channel runs through this landscape linking the dry sandveld, the waterholes, the hills and the grassland that was the Savuti Marsh. Undoubtedly it is the interaction between lion and elephant that is the most interesting aspect of Savuti. The area is inhabited by a huge pride of lions with numbers fluctuating from 20- 30 members. These remarkable lions have learned over the years how to hunt these massive pachyderms that are supposedly above predation.

### Day 4-7

#### Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Mababe Concession



**MABABE**

The Mababe Concession is located in the eastern part of Botswana's North-West District, set on the vast, wild plains of the Mababe Lower Depression. From open grasslands to cathedral Mopane forests, riverine habitats and Kalahari scrub, this area boasts a large variety of differing habitats, flora and fauna.

The concession has the Khwai River running through it which finally empties out into the Mababe Depression. The area is teeming with large and small mammals, birds, plains game and predators, including elephant, giraffe, buffalo, hippo, wildebeest, impala, kudu, waterbuck, zebra, steenbok, warthog, leopard, lion, hyena, jackal and even eland and oryx in the western areas of the concession being dubbed as the "mini-CKGR".

What sets this area apart is that the Mababe concession has a strict maximum of 20 vehicles for the whole concession at any given time, only Botswana guided safaris with permits can explore the area. The concession allows walking and night drives and coupled with the lower vehicle capacity means a much more private experience. Walking is done in areas that have been set aside specifically for walking safaris where no vehicles are allowed.

## **Overnight: Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Mababe**

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### **Day 4: Central Chobe to Mababe / Travel Day**

This is a full day of extended game drive and journey time with picnic lunch between camps. Leaving the parched landscape, we continue our journey south to the Mababe Community Area. A fascinating days drive looking at some of the evidence of the Paleo-Lake Makgadikgadi that dried up some ten thousand years ago. The most challenging part of the trip is crossing the Magwikwe Sand-ridge that formed the shoreline for this massive inland sea. The winding track through this deep sand makes for interesting travel in the early summer! The old lake bed is now the Mababe Depression. The dense clay floor of the depression result in high protein feed for wildlife and the area teams with game after the rains. During the rainy season the depression is impassable due to the "cotton soil" and alternative routes must be used. The range of habitat that is covered encompasses most of the habitat types of northern Botswana. We pass through excellent lion country and some of the best cheetah country that our safari will cover. Elephant occur throughout the drive but are more common at the start and end of the drive where permanent surface water can be found.

### **Day 5 & 6: Mababe Exploration Day**

The Khwai River meanders through the concession giving ample riverside routes to explore. We spend the following two nights camping at an exclusive campsite in the Mababe concession that has a strict max of 20 vehicles for the whole concession at any given time, exploring the riverbanks, Kalahari shrub to the east, cathedral mopane to the south on game drives both during the day and at night. Exploring after dark with spotlights offers you an opportunity to experience some of the nocturnal animals that are rarely encountered during the day.

We will also have the opportunity to explore the surrounding wilderness on foot to enjoy an up close and personal encounter with Botswana's flora and fauna. It is important to note that night drives and guided walks are not permitted within the national parks and reserves. These activities are conducted outside the boundaries of the Moremi Game Reserve in the Mababe Private Reserve. The Mababe region boasts excellent populations of both bull elephant as well as breeding herds. Lion, leopard, serval and African wildcat are common predators of the region with wild dog and cheetah being less common. Buffalo use this area seasonally with large herds moving in during the summer rains. Other ungulates include tsessebe, blue wildebeest, giraffe, kudu, sable antelope, roan antelope and impala, and even eland and oryx in the western parts.

## Day 7-10

### Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Moremi, 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: Letaka Safaris Northern Highlights Mobile Safari Southbound Moremi

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#### Day 7: Mababe to Moremi / Travel Day

This morning we head towards and through Khwai, stopping to do a mokoro excursion on the slower and safer back waters of the Khwai River and the Mbudi channel. The day's journey follows this water course, with the track weaving from the riverside and floodplains into the mopane veld and the woodlands before crossing the Khwai River and entering the Moremi Game Reserve.

The western mopane veld is home to mostly breeding herds of elephant whilst the eastern reaches of Khwai is home to some impressive old bulls. The mature bulls revel in the cool waters of the Khwai River and are far more approachable while drinking and bathing than the breeding herds. The river has an unusually high

density of hippo as well as some huge crocodile. Leopard, cheetah, serval and lion are common predators along this route and both Xakanaxa as well as Mababe are included in the home ranges of different packs of wild dog. General game includes southern giraffe, Burchell's zebra, tsessebe and red lechwe with roan and sable antelope being less common residents.



### Days 8 & 9: Moremi Exploration Days – Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi lies on the eastern extremity of the Okavango Delta. Habitats here range from wide-open floodplains, marshes, lagoons, papyrus fringed channels, vast reed-beds of *Miscanthus* and *Phragmites*, woodland and savannah. As a result of the extremely variable habitat the diversity of both wildlife and birdlife is excellent. Every type of mopane habitat is well represented in this drive from the towering cathedral woodlands Xakanaxa to the classic climax mopane woodland and in the drier and harsher habitats, extensive stretches of scrub mopane. The San-ta-Wani region has scattered ephemeral water pans with large floodplains and camel-thorn woodlands. 40 km of the drive is in Moremi Game Reserve with a further 40 km in areas designated for wildlife management where animals roam freely to and from the Game Reserve.



## Day 10-12

### Setari Camp, Okavango Panhandle

#### Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and an early morning game drive, you will be taken to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Jedibe Airstrip for Setari Camp where you will spend two nights on a fully inclusive basis.



Before the Okavango River fans out into its familiar delta shape, its waters are channeled between steep banks created by parallel fault lines. This channel is commonly known as the Pan Handle, named as such as the Delta takes on the appearance of a giant frying pan lying in the heat of the Kalahari.

Permanent deep water has encouraged the growth of villages along the river, particularly on the western side which is accessed by a tarred road. The communities up in this area are mainly fishing based or cattle farming and there are opportunities for some colourful encounters with the locals and the area offers a true glimpse of village life, often not seen in Botswana as guests often only visit the uninhabited wildlife areas.

The Panhandle area is not within a protected reserve or park, but there are still huge areas of unspoiled wetlands and a number of well-established lodges on the western side. The wetlands offer exquisite birdlife, a huge population of hippos and some of the largest crocodiles to be found. The general wildlife common in the lower delta is less abundant in this area. The focus of activities in the area are water based - motorboating and fishing, and it is possible to travel by road or boat to the eastern side of the river where there are community based mokoro excursions offered. The Pan Handle area is also in proximity to the world heritage site of Tsodilo Hills. Being the spiritual home of the San and Bantu people, the hills feature many well preserved specimens of 'rock art' and there is a small museum where it is possible to hire a local guide for a personal tour of the area. The annual barbell run of catfish (September/October) attract hunting tiger fish in large numbers and is the best time for serious anglers to experience this fascinating phenomenon and catch this awesome predatory game fish.

## Overnight: Setari Camp

**Includes:** meals, local drinks, activities laundry & Intermittent Wi-Fi

**Excludes:** premium drinks

**Activities:** boat safaris, mokoro excursions, walking safaris on neighbouring islands and a cultural visit to the Jao Island Village. Scenic helicopter trips may be arranged at an additional cost.

Setari Camp enjoys an idyllic island setting on a 50,000-hectare private concession in the Okavango Delta's Panhandle region. The island is dotted with palm trees and offers an exclusive, water-based safari experience. Activities are available all year. The camp sits atop wooden walkways and platforms to maximise views of the surrounding waterways.

All of Setari Camp's nine large tented rooms, one being a family unit, feature en suite bathrooms with separate loo, outdoor shower and bathtub.

The central camp facilities under thatch include the dining area and a comfy indoor lounge. Outdoors, Setari Camp has a well shaded relaxation area and swimming pool. Electricity supply is available with certain limitations.

The permanent waters of the Okavango Delta's region are renowned for their exceptional birding, and aquatic wildlife is plentiful. Larger water dependent animals such as hippo and crocodile are frequently seen.



## Day 12

### End of Itinerary

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#### Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport in time for your exiting international flight. A Safari Specialists representative will meet you on arrival at the airport to assist with check in for your onward travel.

#### 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.



### **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**

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

#### **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

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