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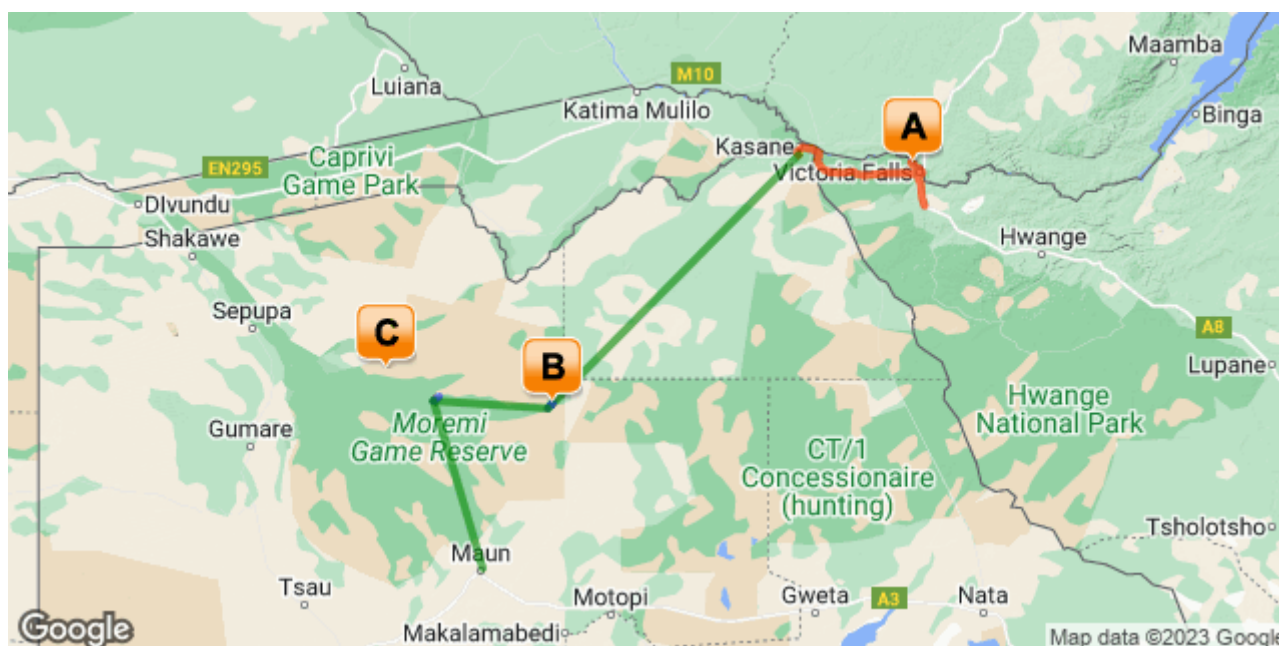


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8N Bush Explorer

Zambezi National Park - Khwai Community Area - Okavango Delta
9 Days / 8 Nights



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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Old Drift Lodge	Zambezi National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 3	Machaba Camp	Khwai Community Area	FI	3 Nights
Day 6	Shinde Footsteps- Young Explorers Program	Okavango Delta	FI	3 Nights

Key

FI: Fully Inclusive

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure/Arrival
Day 3	Shared Charter	Kasane Airport [BBK] - Khwai Airstrip
Day 6	Shared Charter	Khwai Airstrip - Shinde Airstrip
Day 9	Shared Charter	Shinde Airstrip - Maun International Airport [MUB]

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up/ Drop Off
Day 1	Old Drift Lodge	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA] - Old Drift Lodge
Day 3	Wild Horizons	Old Drift Lodge - Kasane Airport [BBK]

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PACKAGE SEASON	PP SHARING	CHILD RATE
15 – 30 November 2023	USD 6,830	USD 3,950
1 – 19 December 2023	USD 6,460	USD 3,700
11 January - February 2024	USD 6,680	USD 3,850
March 2024	USD 7,090	USD 4,130
April - May 2024	USD 8,400	USD 4,790
June 2024	USD 9,970	USD 5,680
July - October 2024	USD 10,030	USD 5,710
01 - 14 November 2024	USD 8,050	USD 4,610
15 November - 19 December 2024	USD 7,350	USD 4,260
20 - 31 December 2024	USD 8,470	USD 4,820

Family Friendly

The minimum age for this safari is 7 years and all camps offer a discount for children of selected ages when sharing with parents, rates vary with number and age of children.

Individual lodge policies:

The Old Drift Lodge minimum age is 7 years and discounted child pricing applies to children aged 7 – 16 years.

Machaba Camp minimum age is 6 years and discounted child pricing applies to children aged 6 – 11 years.

Shinde Footsteps minimum age is 7 years and discounted child pricing applies to children aged 7 – 15 years. Kindly note minimum age for any walking activity is 16 years and 12 years for mokoro activities. Please contact your consultant for a specific quote as younger children might be accepted by booking private vehicle at additional costs.

Special notes

- Add a 30 min scenic flight at USD380 per person
- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Oct & Nov, neither rate is applicable – please request a special quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees (see below)
- Single supplement* is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo – rate available on request
- Subject to availability at the 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



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/>

Old Drift Lodge, Zambezi National Park

Day Itinerary

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met by an Old Drift Lodge representative who will assist with your road transfer to the lodge. Here, you will stay for two nights on a fully inclusive basis.



ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

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1979 and is 56,000 hectares (140,000 acres) in size. The park is bisected by a road to Kazungula, dividing it into a riverine side and a Chamabondo Vlei side. Most of the park is within the ecoregion of Zambezian and Mopane woodlands, while a small portion in the south is within the Zambezian Baikiaea woodlands.

The Zambezi National Park plays host to a wide variety of larger mammals including African elephant, lion, Cape buffalo and leopard. In addition to these charismatic members of the "big 5" there are herds of sable antelope, common eland, common zebra, Southern giraffe, greater kudu, waterbuck and impala. In addition, many species of smaller wildlife can be seen here.

Overnight: Old Drift Lodge

Includes: meals, selected beverages, selected activities, return Victoria Falls/Livingstone airport transfers, conservation levy park fees, rainforest entry fee, town shuttle & laundry

Excludes: premium beverages, additional activities

Included Activities: morning and afternoon game drives and river safaris, bush walks, guided Tour of the Falls

Old Drift Lodge nestles in the untouched, beautiful surrounds of the Zambezi National Park, only 4.5km upstream from Victoria Falls. An abundance of wildlife inhabits the park which can be explored by road, river or on foot. The region's rich natural heritage is reflected in the lodge's fourteen graceful tented rooms. All carefully styled rooms feature spacious, ensuite bedrooms with indoor/ outdoor showers, outdoor "bath with a view", complimentary mini bar drinks in rooms, deck and private plunge pool. Four are ensuite family rooms.

With sweeping 360° views from the splendour of the Zambezi River through to a waterhole (and back to the river), the main lodge area boasts a breath-taking dining and bar setting. Game drives follow the river course whilst pontoon boat safaris offer unique views of wildlife along the banks as well as in the water. Large mammals including giraffe, eland, zebra, elephants and buffaloes roam the park, as do secretive predators. Guided bush walks afford fascinating ways to discover the smaller creatures, plants and numerous birds of the park. A guided Tour of the Falls bring guests incredibly close to the awe-inspiring Falls.

Airport Transfer Time: 40 minutes from Victoria Falls Airport

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Over 400 species of birds have been recorded within the Zambezi National Park. Pel's fishing owl, African skimmer, collared palm thrush, lanner falcon, goliath heron, African finfoot, rock pratincole and long-toed lapwing are considered to be among the speciality birds of the park. Aside from birds and land animals, there are 75 species of fish located in the park, including the famous tiger fish.

The easiest way to access the Zambezi National Park is via the Zambezi River Game Drive, which is extensive network of roads along the banks of the Zambezi and is accessed through the main gate. There is a 25-kilometre Chamabondo Game Drive that can take the visitor into the wilder the southern part of the Park, and which starts 5 kilometres south of Victoria Falls town; just off the main Victoria Falls to Bulawayo road.



Day 3-6 Machaba Camp, Khwai Community Area

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity, you will be transferred across the border into Botswana, assisted through immigration formalities to Kasane Airport.

On arrival at Kasane Airport you will be met by a representative from the air charter company who will assist you with check in for your light aircraft transfer to Machaba Camp. You will stay here for three nights on a fully inclusive basis.



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: Machaba Camp

Includes: meals, selected beverages, activities, park fees, conservation levy, laundry

Excludes: premium beverages

Activities: day & night game drives and mokoro (seasonal and water level dependent). Walking safaris on request

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

The camp is built in the classic 1950's style, with luxury safari tents, en-suite bathrooms and romantic outdoor showers. All the tents are situated on the ground and the pathways to the tents meander between the large riverine trees.

All 10 luxury tents are situated in the beautiful riverine tree line on the Khwai River, overlooking the famous Moremi Game Reserve. From these tented verandas one can watch the daily parade of animals coming down to drink at the river in front of camp. The camp consists of 8 luxury twin tents and 2 luxury family tents. Activities offered at Machaba include day and night game drives, mokoro (seasonal and water level dependant), walking (provided a suitable guide is available – advance booking strongly advised) and a visit to the local community.

Airport Transfer Time: 20 minutes



Day 6-9

Shinde Footsteps, Okavango Delta

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Shinde Footsteps where you spend three nights on a fully inclusive basis.



The Okavango Delta is where the wild things are: an immense, waterlogged oasis alive with elephants and birdlife, adrift in the middle of Kalahari sands. The real magic of the Delta lies in its water, trickling through from far away highlands, and spreading across the channels and floodplains.

During winter in the Kalahari, when the sun has baked the earth bare and turned the desert its driest, water fills the Okavango; transforming the floodplains into a Noah's Ark of African wildlife.

As the water brings life to the delta, its local residents shape and recreate it. Termites slowly build mounds into islands, germinated with palm trees by passing elephants. Waterways open and close on the whim of wide-bottomed hippos, carving out channels where they crash through reeds, and leaving room behind them for exploration by mokoro.

The Okavango has many faces, which change throughout the year, prompted by that most unpredictable diva of all: the weather. Water levels rise and drop, expanding and shrinking islands, while animals move where the life is easiest and the grass greenest. In a few days, a sandy road driven by vehicle can become a waterway of unknowable depth, prompting a safari by boat instead.

Where and when you stay in the Okavango Delta will hugely influence what you do in the bush each day, the animals you're most likely to see and finally, the safari experience you'll have.

The delta's watery heart is best discovered by mokoro through shallow channels and floodplains, as well as crossing the islands on foot. For less water and more of the big game, visit a camp on its drier edges (including Moremi Game Reserve and the Khwai Community Area), jump on a vehicle and seek out the animals hiding in the woodlands.

Overnight: Shinde Footsteps

Includes: meals, selected beverages, activities, concession fees, laundry

Excludes: premium beverages

Activities: day and night game drives, walking, fishing (seasonal) & mokoro excursions (seasonal and water level dependent)

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

This rustic bush camp offers accommodation in three simply furnished meru style tents, each with an open-air bush shower and an adjoining bush toilet. The main dining area is under canvas with evenings spent relaxing around the campfire sharing stories of the day. There is a small viewing platform and for those needing a little pampering with a difference, a bush bath.

The Footsteps experience focuses on walking in the delta led by a highly specialised armed guide, suitable for those looking for a little more than your average safari (the minimum age is sixteen years old). The emphasis is on exploration and discovery, each morning tracking fresh spoor to reveal the night's events. Other activity options at the camp include fishing and mokoro excursions and possibly game drives, depending on water levels and the preference of the guests in camp.

Shinde Footsteps is also the base camp of the highly successful Young Explorers, where families book out exclusive use of the camp and a specialised guide runs a family-oriented safari programme.

Airstrip Transfer Time: 1.5 hours - 2.5 hours



Young Explorers Program

The Ker & Downey Young Explorer's programmes are specially designed safaris offering families the opportunity to discover the wonders of the African wilderness together. One of the special attractions of the Young Explorer's safaris is the flexibility - tailored around the ages and interests of all family members.

The Young Explorer's in the delta is based at Footsteps Camp, an intimate 6 bedded camp in the Shinde private concession.

The key to running safaris with children is keeping them interested and stimulated, so the nature of activities has been modified to provide shorter activities with more diversity and interaction for the children. As the specialist guides of the Young Explorer's groups are highly experienced in working with children, the parents can relax and enjoy the wilderness, participating at their leisure.

Family minimum size is 3 and maximum is 6 and the minimum age is 7 years.

Airstrip Transfer Time: 1 hour



Day 9

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport in time for 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.



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

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For more information on visas please visit the following address:

Botswana Government - Visa Requirements

BORDER CROSSINGS

Currency

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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