

Elephant country between Okavango, Zambezi and Kalahari

Botswana has one of the lowest population density in Africa and therefore offers lots of space to the roaming game. Nowhere else in Africa is the Elephant population as strong. Plenty possibilities of excellent viewing exist.

Many other game species are found besides the Elephants: Hippopotamus, Giraffe, Buffalo, and Zebra. Even the more scarce antelopes like Roan and Sable, Lechwe, Puku and Greater Kudu, and sometimes the very shy Sitatunga can be viewed. Extensive game drives are done in the National Parks of Moremi and Chobe to ensure a complete wildlife experience. The grasslands, savannah, riverine forests, swamps and floodplains of the Okavango Delta are also explored by mokoro (dug-out canoes) or on foot.

On this adventurous safari an accompanying back-up team will set up the mobile camp each evening. To grant a minimum of luxury in the wilderness iglu-tents, bedding, showers, toilets, table and chairs as well as a cash bar are available.

Day 01: Departure day

Departure from your home destination.

Day 02: Maun - Okavango

During the late morning arrival at Maun airport. A charter plane brings you to an island in the Okavango Delta. During the low level flight the floodplains are visible. After crossing the cattle grid, a barrier between domestic and wild animals, the migration routes of game mark the landscape.

The tented camp is idyllic situated on the banks under palm trees.

Day 03: Okavango

The dug-out canoes bring us deeper into the Okavango Delta. Experienced local people pole the mokoros through the different water channels, dotted with water lilies, until we reach another island. We explore the island on foot as this is the ultimate way to experience Africa. Assiduous Dung Beetles, colourful Butterflies and even the tracks of game, all not visible from a vehicle assemble into an unforgettable experience. Different species of birds sing between the reeds and papyrus. Whilst walking, there is a strong possibility to view Buffalo, Lechwe and Giraffe.

Day 04: Okavango - Moremi

Today the charter plane flies you into another area of the huge Okavango Delta. After landing in the Moremi National Park the safari jeep takes you via a game sighting route to our mobile camp. Enjoy your first night under the crystal clear stars of the southern hemisphere whilst sitting at a cosy camp fire.

Day 05 – 08: Moremi

Covering about one third of the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve is undoubtedly one of the top wildlife destinations in Africa. We spend 4 days in this area, mainly on game drives. Moremi consists of permanent swamp, seasonal swamp areas and dry land. Due to the ever changing water levels, roads often disappear and your driver has to find new routes. Giant forest contrasts beautifully with the wide, open spaces, seasonal pans as well as salt pans. Elephant, Buffalo, Giraffe, Lechwe and Waterbuck roam through this lush and diverse vegetation. Predators like Lion, Leopard and occasionally Wild Dog might cross our camp at night whilst on hunt.

The rich bird life include the Wattled Crane, African Jacana, Malachite Kingfisher, Giant Eagle Owl and the famous Fish Eagle.

Day 09: Moremi – Savute

On our way to the Chobe National Park rock engravings tell countless stories of early human existence.

A sandy track leads us to Savute, where our friendly back-up team already awaits us.

Day 09/10: Savute

The game drives take us past dry riverbeds of the Savute Channel and through almost desert-like landscapes with dead trees, being evidence of the erratic flow of the Savute Channel over the years. However, Blue Wildebeest, Tsessebe, Zebra and Elephants line up to get the ever-dwindling water supply and feed on the nutritious grasses of the Savute Marsh. At night Savute becomes alive with nocturnal sounds, not only from predators like Hyena.

Day 10: Savute – Chobe

Our vehicles have to manage the loose and soft sand and the pace is slow. Huge anthills are visible between the Mopane woods. During the afternoon we reach our camp at the lush Chobe river. Monkeys and Baboons will try and raid whatever they can get hold off.

Day 11: Chobe

The Chobe river is the only permanent water supply to the game. During the dry season game sightings are extremely good with Impala, Water Buck, Reedbuck and Warthog frequenting the river. Large herds of Elephants even cross the deep river and at times only the trunks are visible, enabling breathing. Sable Antelope, Giraffe, Buffalo and also the shy Greater Kudu feed on the banks.

A photographer's dream are the red sunset portraits between the Acacia trees. Back in Camp Mongoose and Hornbills will pay a inquisitive visit.

Day 12/13: Chobe

Today we have to say good-bye to our hardworking back-up team. We proceed to Kasane. Boats take us to the Ichingo Chobe River Lodge, situated on Impalila Island, where the four countries of Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe meet. Game viewing can only be done per boat and on foot. Watch the baby Elephants rolling around in mud and water, stumbling across each other and taking the important dust bath afterwards.

Day 14: Chobe – Victoria Falls

Today an experience of a different kind awaits you. The asphalt road takes us to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Depending on the water levels, the rainbow across one of the world's most spectacular waterfalls is visible from far. At times 500 million litre of water per minute cascade 100m deep. No wonder the indigenous people called the waterfalls "the smoke that thunders" or in the native language "Mosi-oa-Tunya". The Victoria Falls National Park, nestled along the steep cliffs, offers a great variety of fauna and flora.

After a short excursion through the craft centre of town, where the last souvenirs can be purchased, this adventures safari ends at the airport of Victoria Falls.

Day 15: Arrival day

Arrival at your home destination.