

## Adventure Safari from the Kalahari Desert to the Chobe River

The vast Game Reserves of Botswana provide a comprehensive and broad travelling and camping experience. Observe the diverse contrast between the Kalahari Desert and the lush water-ways of Moremi and Chobe. A helping hand with the camp duties is required.

### Day 1: Maun – Game Ranch Ghanzi

The safari starts from Maun from which we travel 300km to a game farm on the western side of the Central Kalahari Game reserve. We settle into camp and have a safari briefing. In the afternoon we participate in a nature walk led by local Bushmen trackers. They share their intricate bush knowledge and give us an insight into their unique and intriguing culture. Lunch and dinner are included.

### Day 2 - 4: Central Kalahari Game Reserve

We enter the pristine wilderness of the largest game reserve in Botswana. We spend 3 nights exploring the undeveloped wilderness of the northern region of the Kalahari, moving from camp to camp. We will visit Pipers Pan, Tau Pan and Deception Valley in our exploration of the Kalahari. Savour the vast open spaces, clear night skies and uninterrupted beauty of the Kalahari on game drives and at the camp. This is adventurous camping in its purest form, water and communications are limited and we travel as a self-sufficient group. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

### Day 5: Central Kalahari Game Reserve - Maun

After our final morning game drive, we break up camp and return to Maun, where one night will be enjoyed in the comfort of a lodge. Dinner is at your own expense at a local restaurant.

### Day 6: Maun - Okavango Delta

The day starts early from your lodge. Bush Ways will arrange for your pick-up and road transfer to the western side of the Okavango Delta, a little piece of paradise. We camp on the edge of the Okavango Delta, serenaded by the sound of hippos and bell frogs interrupting the quiet of night. Breaking the night's silence. The campsite has permanent ablution facilities. B, L, D included.

### Days 7 + 8: Okavango Delta

After transferring our equipment to motorboats, we cruise along the narrow papyrus-lined channels of the Delta. Enjoy the exquisite birdlife of the region as well as the stunning landscape of this area. The dug-out canoes, called mokoros 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, colorful Butterflies and even the tracks of game, all not visible from a vehicle, merge into a never to be forgotten memory. Whilst walking, a strong possibility exists to view Buffalo, Lechwe and Giraffe. We camp in the wilderness with bush ablutions. B, L, D are included.

### **Day 9: Maun**

Inspired by the beauty of the Okavango, we retrace our route to Maun. You have the option of taking a one-hour scenic game flight (about USD 130) across the Delta to return to Maun, providing another perspective of this unique water system. Tonight will be spent at a private camp outside Maun with permanent ablution facilities.

B, L, D are included

### **Days 10 - 12: Moremi Game Reserve**

The big game aspect of our tour commences today as we enter Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana. The park covers swamp areas as well as dry land. Due to the ever changing water levels, roads often disappear and your driver has to find new routes. The next three nights are spent in this park searching for the wide variety of animals and birds in the reserve, while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives, as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets, are the norm. 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 includes the Wattled Crane, African Jacana, Malachite Kingfisher, Giant Eagle Owl and the famous Fish Eagle.

Camping will be in private designated areas with bush ablutions.

B, L, D are included.

### **Days 13 + 14: Moremi – Savute in Chobe National Park**

Chobe National Park, with its diverse and striking landscapes, is our next destination. As we continue our search for wildlife, we will traverse the drier region of Savute where bull elephants dot the plains. Rock engravings tell countless stories of early human existence. The game drives take us past dry riverbeds of the Savute Channel and through almost desert-like landscapes with dead trees; evidence of the erratic flow of the Savute Channel over the years. However, Blue Wildebeest, Tsessebe, Zebra and Elephants line up to quench their thirst at 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.

Camping will be in private designated areas with bush ablutions.

B, L, D are included.

### **Days 15 + 16: Chobe River**

We head northwards to the Chobe River. Huge anthills are visible between the Mopane woods. During the afternoon we reach our camp at the lush Chobe River, a permanent water supply for the game. During the dry season game sightings are extremely abundant with Impala, Water Buck, Reedbuck and Warthog frequenting the river. Large herds of Elephants cross the deep river and at times only the trunks are visible, enabling breathing. Watch the baby Elephants rolling around in mud and water, stumbling over each other and taking the important dust bath afterwards.

Sable Antelope, Giraffe, Buffalo and also the shy Greater Kudu feed on the banks.

A photographer's dream are the fiery sunset displays, with silhouettes of the Acacia trees. Back in the Camp, Mongoose and Hornbills will pay an inquisitive visit. Monkeys and Baboons will try and raid whatever they can get hold off.

During a boat cruise on the river you might hear the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle.

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### **Day 17: Chobe – Victoria Falls**

We cross the border into Zimbabwe (single entry visa USD 30). We spend the night at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, 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. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Optional = a sundowner cruise on the majestic Zambezi.

### **Day 18: Departure day**

The morning is at leisure. Transfer to Victoria Falls airport around noon. Breakfast is included.