

Highlights of Botswana

This 12 day small group safari has it all... beginning at the magnificent Victoria Falls you will then travel to game rich areas such as Chobe, Linyati and the world renowned Okavango Delta. Enjoy a boat cruise along the Chobe River and travel through the Delta in a Mokoro. Take walks on remote islands where you may see Pels' Fishing Owl or Sitatunga then view this unique region from the air as you fly to Maun.

Day 1: London Heathrow - Livingstone

Depart London Heathrow for Johannesburg where you will connect to the flight to Livingstone.

Day 2: Chundukwa River Lodge, Zambia

On arrival in Livingstone you will be met and taken for a guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1708 metres wide, it is the largest curtain of water in the world and drops 103 metres into the basalt depths of the sheer Zambezi Gorge.



Chundukwa River Lodge is found on the banks of the Zambezi River - 25km upstream from the mighty Victoria Falls. The Lodge has elevated open-fronted chalets which blend seamlessly with the surroundings. Stunning views of the Zambezi River, Chundu Island and the Zambezi National Park on the opposite bank is enjoyed here. With a maximum of 10 guests in camp at any time Chundukwa ensures a personal and private experience.

The area is game-rich and sightings of hippo, crocodile, among other animals are common. There is also abundant birdlife to be found around the lodge and on the river.

Days 3 - 5: Chobe River Boat Cruise and Linyanti Adventurer Camp, Chobe/Linyanti

After breakfast, we leave Zambia and enter Chobe National Park in Botswana by way of the Kazungula border, a point where the four countries of Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe meet.



Enjoy a leisurely shaded boat cruise along the Chobe River, with a light lunch. This boat cruise offers a unique opportunity to observe puku, large herds of elephant, numerous pods of hippo and large crocodiles, as well as enjoying fantastic views of other general game and diverse birdlife.

We then depart by road for the Linyanti region. This interesting drive highlights the rural way of life along the northernmost tip of Botswana and also affords views across the Chobe and Linyanti Rivers into Namibia's Caprivi Strip. The last part of the

road journey is a game drive as we approach the Linyanti, where our pre-erected Linyanti Adventurer Camp is situated. This part of the Linyanti is famed for its myriad of changing landscapes, from riverine to savannah and from forest to plains.

The Linyanti region's life-giving perennial waters attract herds of wildlife that walk well-worn game paths to slake their thirst in the dry season. Predators follow in their footsteps and, coupled with the area's diversity of habitat, make for exciting game viewing.

Days 6 - 8: Khwai Adventurer Camp, Okavango Delta

After breakfast, we drive to the airstrip for light aircraft transfer to Khwai Adventurer Camp.

Khwai Adventurer Camp is located in a private concession just north of the Khwai River above the Moremi Game Reserve. The Khwai Concession is one of the most diverse areas in northern Botswana which seldom disappoints when it comes to producing extraordinary wildlife experiences. The life source for this area is the Khwai River - the northernmost "finger" of the Okavango Delta alluvial fan, which provides vital sustenance to numerous animals.

Over time, the Khwai area has metamorphosed into a wide range of exciting wildlife habitats - some of the most varied to be found in the entire Okavango Delta: a blend of forests, floodplain, wetland and grasslands. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to large mammals such as hippo and crocodile with buffalo and red lechwe often seen grazing along the fringe. The beautiful gallery riverine woodland found along the river provides further sanctuary to birds, primates and leopard. Elusive roan antelope often come to the river to drink. Activities focus around day and night game drives, nature walks and seasonal mokoro excursions.



Away from the river there is a wonderful mix of acacia and leadwood trees of varying sizes that abuts into mopane woodland. The latter, together with the permanent presence of water, attracts large numbers of elephant to the area. Larger predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyaena, while birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the colourful palette of habitats.

Days 9 - 10: Xigera Mokoro Trails, Okavango Delta

We fly by light aircraft to the water-filled paradise of the remote Xigera area, within the Moremi Game Reserve. Xigera is the ultimate Okavango Delta experience, with serene waters flowing through innumerable channels around remote islands and a profusion of plant and animal birdlife.



There is no better way to experience the Okavango than to travel through it by mokoro, walking and camping out on a vegetated island - all essential elements of the Xigera Mokoro Trails. The experience is aimed at highlighting the permanently flooded inner Delta, in the serene waterways and on the islands of trees and bush.

Activities include mokoro and walking safaris on remote islands, which enable up-close encounters with an excellent diversity of birdlife

(including Pel's Fishing-Owl), frogs and some game species, some specially adapted to water, such as the familiar red lechwe.

Walking activities vary in length and duration depending on the season, especially in the months when the Okavango is at peak flood (June, July and August) where walks become shorter as more islands are flooded.

Day 11: Transfer to Maun Airport

Bid farewell to the adventure as we transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport. On arrival in Maun you will check in for the flight to Johannesburg and onwards connection to London Heathrow, arriving the following morning.

Our suggestions:

As this trip has just half a day at Victoria Falls, we recommend arriving a day or two earlier if you wish to spend more time in this area. There is certainly plenty to do!

At the end of the safari you may like to consider a stay in a region such as the Kalahari or Makgadikgadi in order to experience a completely different Botswana environment. Please ask for our advice and recommendations.

The cost of this itinerary is from £3795 per person, based on twin share.

Includes :

1. International flights with British Airways in economy class
2. Flight from Maun to Johannesburg with Air Botswana
3. Accommodation on a twin share basis, all meals, a reasonable amount of soft drinks, wine, beer, teas & coffees and bottled water while on safari within Botswana,
4. National Park fees
5. Activities, guided tour of Victoria Falls
6. All internal charters
7. Airline taxes

Excludes :

1. Visas
2. Insurance
3. Entry and departure government taxes
4. All drinks in Zambia
5. Items of a personal nature (curios, spirit liquors, telephone calls etc.)
6. Gratuities
7. Laundry
8. Optional extra activities
9. All other travel arrangements before or after the safari

