

Botswana Focus



Visiting the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve, Chobe and Victoria Falls over the course of 9 days, this comprehensive safari itinerary takes in northern Botswana's most spectacular wilderness areas. On what is one of our best-value private safaris, you will stay in mid to high-range safari camps and lodges, and can expect excellent service and fabulous game-viewing throughout.

Days 1 & 2: Moremi Crossing, Okavango Delta

Arrive Maun and connect with the internal flight to Moremi Crossing, where you stay two nights.

Moremi Crossing

Moremi Crossing is located on the isle of Ntswi, at the southernmost corner of Chief's Island. As you fly over the Delta you can see the intricate twisting and turning of the waterways and the ever-changing colours where dry land meets Delta. The channels around Moremi Crossing offer far-reaching vistas of the Moremi floodplain, grasslands and marginal woodlands interspersed with Mokolwane palm islands.



Moremi Crossing provides luxury accommodation in 16 vintage en-suite safari tents, each with its own private wooden deck and magical views over the Boro River and Chief's Island. The safari tents are large and airy with en-suite bathrooms.

Moremi Crossing's main public area consists of a large open-plan deck with a spectacular view across the river to Chief's Island, the largest island in the Delta. The half-moon shaped guest area is open-air and built on multiple levels, providing a spacious, airy retreat. The dining room, bar and lounge are covered by a large thatched roof that hugs the tree line and accentuates its most beautiful assets.

Adjoining the lounge and bar is a sun deck with swimming pool, shaded by magnificent Ilala palms, giant ebony, mangosteen, sausage and fig trees.

Access to Moremi Crossing is by either mokoro or boat. The camp offers a mix of game-viewing activities in the form of half or full day mokoro trips, guided walks, sunset motorboat cruises and island camping. There's an emphasis on water activities, giving you a chance to experience the Okavango Delta and its wildlife at a slower pace and from a closer perspective.

Game-viewing in the heart of the Delta is, as you might expect, fantastic. On Chief's Island and in the surrounding region you can hope to encounter lion, leopard, wild dog, elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, red lechwe, and much more.



Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is one of the world's largest inland deltas, situated in the middle of the largest stretch of continuous sand in the world – the Kalahari basin. This oasis in the middle of the desert is a rich yet fragile ecosystem, providing a life source for an incredible diversity of wildlife. Many species have adapted to the contrasting conditions provided by the harsh Kalahari desert on the one hand, and the delta floodplains on the other, the waters of which have transformed this corner of the desert into a wetland paradise.

The Okavango wetlands encompass Moremi, the public reserve at the heart of the Delta, as well as several private concessions. These concessions are carefully administered to balance the local community's needs with those of conservation and with tourism. Many of the most exclusive lodges in Botswana are situated within these concessions in the Delta, providing an unparalleled wildlife experience –exclusive, remote, and far removed from mass tourism.



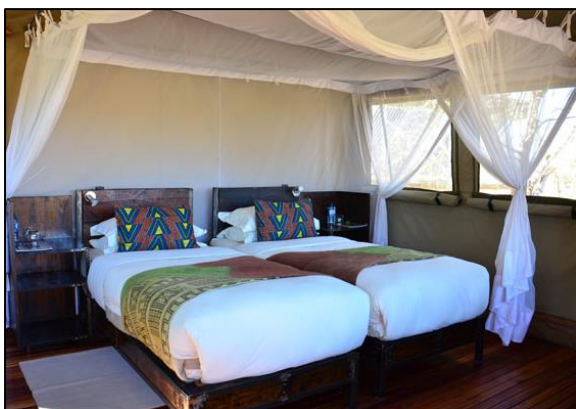
Flood levels fluctuate dramatically throughout the year, with high water levels peaking in the central Okavango during the dry winter months and water levels at their lowest during the later summer months. The landscape, activities and game viewing vary considerably throughout the delta depending on your location, the season and flood levels. Some areas have larger tracts of permanent dry land which generally means there is more focus on land-based activities (game drives) and big

game viewing. Lodges situated on islands deep in the delta (like Moremi Crossing) concentrate more on water activities such as mokoro excursions, walking, boating, fishing and bird watching. Those lodges situated on the outer fringes of the delta, referred to as the 'seasonal' delta, offer varied experiences at different times of the year – with activities being water-based during high flood levels and more land-centred as the flood recedes.

Game is most concentrated around the permanent waters during the dry season (Apr - Oct). The heronries become active from September through November as the migrant birds return to Botswana, and birding in general is excellent throughout the summer months. The wet season (Nov - Apr) invigorates the lush scenery with wild flowers, dramatic thundershowers, and spectacular sunsets, while the birthing season (Nov - Jan) brings fascinating predator and prey interaction.

Days 3 & 4: Sango Safari Camp, Khwai Community Area, bordering Moremi Game Reserve

After an early morning activity followed by breakfast at camp, you will be transferred from Moremi Crossing to Khwai by light aircraft. From Khwai, it is a short road transfer to Sango Safari Camp, your home for the next two nights.



Sango Safari Camp

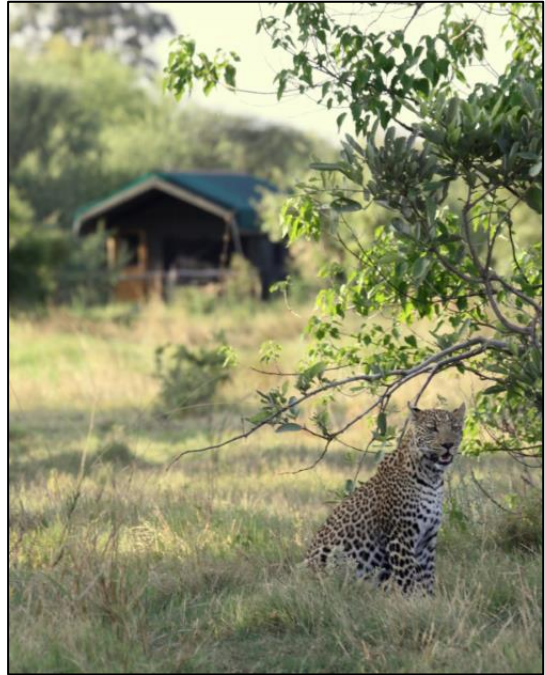
Sango Safari Camp nestles amid the treeline on the banks of the Khwai River. Situated on the outskirts of the village of Khwai and on the border of Moremi Game Reserve, the camp offers its guests a comfortable base from which to explore this unique habitat.

Sango Camp is part-owned by residents of the local Khwai community, and while staying here you'll have a chance, not just to explore the surrounding

wilderness, but also to learn first-hand about the unique experiences that come with living and growing up in one of the wildest regions of Botswana!

Accommodating 12 guests in 6 en-suite Meru tents, Sango Safari Camp is designed in the style of the classic tented safari camps of days gone by. With its open-air bucket showers, hand crafted furnishings and classic styling, Sango Safari Camp aims to rekindle the atmosphere of the luxury mobile safari camp, successfully blending the rustic with the luxurious.

With the Khwai River forming a natural border between the Moremi Game Reserve and the Khwai Concession, animals can travel freely through this vast, unfenced wilderness. Situated on the river overlooking Moremi and with access to both these magnificent wildlife areas, Sango Safari Camp offers fabulous game-viewing opportunities. The camp's location allows for a range of activities, including open-vehicle game drives (both in Moremi and in the Khwai concession area), guided bush walks, night drives and mokoro trips. With permanent water, seasonal floodplains, savannah grasslands and riverine forests, this rich habitat supports an abundance of mammals and birds matched by few other areas in northern Botswana.



Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai Community Area

Moremi Game Reserve, the public reserve at the heart of the Delta, is surrounded by several private wildlife management areas. With no boundaries between the concessions and the reserve, wildlife is able to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season when water is plentiful and back to permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season.

Moremi forms the very heart of the Delta region, where all the major habitats and eco-zones of the Okavango are conserved. The terrain ranges from mopane woodland to dry savannah, grassland, floodplains, marshes, permanent waterways, lagoons and lake islands. The game-viewing, it goes without saying, is exceptional.





The Khwai Community Area is one of only a small number of community-run concessions in the Okavango (meaning all proceeds from tourism to the area are channelled back to the local community). Situated east of Moremi along the river Khwai, it is a region dominated by great stands of mopane and leadwood forest interspersed by open grasslands, and offers rich game-viewing and a real escape from the crowds.

Days 5 & 6: Kubu Lodge, Kasane

After the morning game activity, transfer by road to Khwai Airstrip for the internal flight to Kasane Airport, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to Kubu Lodge for two nights.

Kubu Lodge

Kubu is a small, privately-owned lodge situated amidst 30 hectares of riverine forest on the banks of the Chobe River, placing it right on the doorstep of the world-famous Chobe National Park and only an hour from the magnificent Victoria Falls.

Shaded beneath giant ebony and fig trees in a private garden setting just outside the centre of Kasane, Kubu Lodge is a peaceful retreat, offering cosy accommodation in eleven thatched, en-suite chalets, each raised on stilts and positioned overlooking the river.

The facilities at Kubu Lodge include a bar, restaurant and a secluded swimming pool. The lodge co-ordinates game viewing excursions, including game drives into Chobe National Park and boat cruises on the Chobe River.



Kasane and Chobe

Situated on the banks of the Chobe River, Kasane is the administrative centre of the Chobe District. The town supplies the tourist industry in the surrounding region, including Chobe National Park

and the Chobe Forestry Reserve. There are a number of hotels, guest houses and campsites located along the river. Chobe National Park is only a 10-minute drive from town.

Wildlife such as warthog, elephant and buffalo are often seen on the roads outside of town. Activities in the area include drives into Chobe NP and boat cruises on the Chobe River. Fishing excursions and day trips to Victoria Falls across the river in Zimbabwe or Zambia can also be arranged.

Chobe is Botswana's original big game safari park. Famous for its wild bush terrain, its big cats and, most of all, its staggering elephant herds, the park offers a traditional game-viewing experience to rival even the best parks of East Africa. You'll have the chance to explore the park's northernmost regions on guided game drives from Kubu Lodge over the course of the next two days.



Day 7: Nkosi Lodge, Victoria Falls

After breakfast at Kubu, transfer by road across the Zimbabwe border and to Victoria Falls (approx. 2 hours). On arrival, check-in at Nkosi Lodge for two nights.

Nkosi Lodge

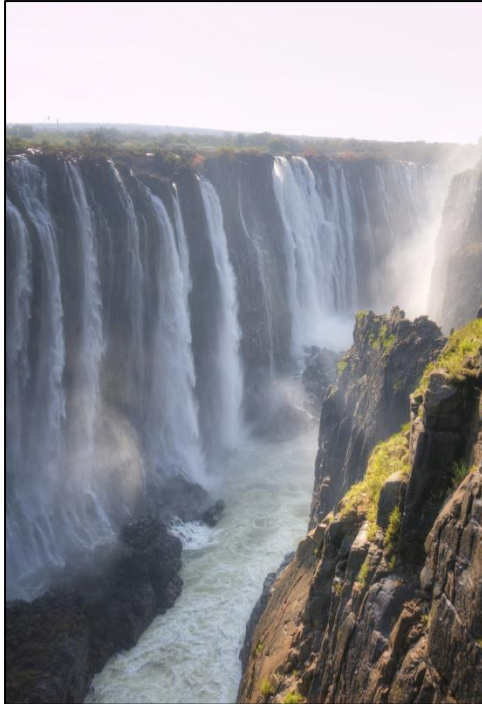
Opened in 2022, Nkosi Lodge is an African-style garden lodge situated in a quiet residential suburb of Victoria Falls. With just 24 rooms, Nkosi is small and intimate, and features attractive gardens, a large pool, and well-appointed bar and dining area.

Each of Nkosi Lodge's 24 rooms is equipped with a large bathroom featuring shower and bathtub. The restaurant and bar overlook the swimming pool and gardens.



Day 7: Nkosi Lodge, Victoria Falls

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the Victoria Falls.



Victoria Falls

The largest sheet of falling water on earth, the Victoria Falls are a natural wonder. The sheer mass of water cascading down the 100m drop, across nearly 2km, makes a thunderous roar and creates a magnificent spectacle that can be seen for miles – hence the local name 'mosi oa tunya', or 'the smoke that thunders'!

Water flow over the falls varies throughout the year. The river's annual flood season is February to May when the spray can reach a height of over 400m; this is a stunning spectacle from above, though it makes it difficult to see the falls at ground level, as everything is obscured by a heavy mist. Water levels start dropping in August and are at their lowest between October and December, when much of the rock face becomes dry. At times of low water, the falls are best viewed from the Zimbabwe side or from Livingstone Island.

Day 9: International departure

Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport after breakfast for your onward travel arrangements.

Price Guide:

*The cost of this safari itinerary is from **£3,195 per person**, based on twin/double share and travel in the low season months of January, February and March. High season (July – October) costs start from **£3,475pp**. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

Inter camp flights
Accommodation as described
All meals and activities while on safari
All transfers as described
Park fees
Airline Taxes

Excludes:

International flights – please ask for a quote
Visas
Airport taxes
Personal expenses