

Botswana Green Season Special

For travel between mid-Nov and end of March



Visit the most exclusive wildlife areas of Botswana - Linyanti and the Okavango Delta - on this one-week Green Season safari. You'll experience superb game viewing with knowledgeable guides, and will be accommodated in fully-inclusive luxury safari camps while in the Okavango Delta and Linyanti regions.

Days 1 & 2: Livingstone – Stanley Safari Lodge

Your safari begins in Livingstone, Zambia, where you will be met on arrival at the airport and transferred to Stanley Safari Lodge for two nights, B&B basis.

Stanley Safari Lodge

Perched on a high hill overlooking the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, 3kms from the Victoria Falls, Stanley Safari Lodge enjoys perhaps the best location of any lodge in Livingstone. It's a small, intimate lodge, with 10 private cottages decorated in traditional African style. The rooms are open-sided so as to make the most of the marvellous views of the Zambezi Valley, and to allow in the sights and sounds of the surrounding bush. The interiors are furnished in lavish colonial style but with all the modern conveniences and comforts you'd expect from a lodge of this category.

A guided tour of the Victoria Falls is included in your stay at Stanley Safari Lodge, as is an evening cruise on the Zambezi.



Days 3 & 4: Livingstone to Kasane – Lebala Camp

Depart Livingstone this morning by private vehicle to Kasane, Botswana, from where you take a light aircraft transfer to Lebala Camp, in the Linyanti region, where you stay two nights on fully-inclusive basis incl. activities.

Lebala Camp

Kwando Lebala Camp is set in the extensive grasslands and seasonal floodplains of the Linyanti marshes. It is one of only two camps – the other being its sister camp, Kwando Lagoon – within the Kwando Game Reserve, Botswana's largest private concession.

Situated between Chobe and the Okavango Delta, this is a region famous for its superb game-viewing. Lebala, which roughly translated means "wide open plains" in Setswana, overlooks a vast wilderness teeming with game. The region is particularly noted for its huge elephant and buffalo populations, which appear in their greatest numbers during the dry season (June to Oct), as well as its wild dog, which den in the area during June and July.

You sleep in one of nine spacious tents, each of which has been elegantly furnished in teak. The en-suite bathrooms have his & her basins, clawfoot bathtubs, and outdoor showers. Each tent has a large deck, with a superb view over the expansive tracts of African plains and wetland that form the Kwando-Linyanti flood plain system.



Guest facilities at Lebala include lounge, bar, swimming pool, and game viewing hide. Activities available include day and night game drives and seasonal bush walks.

Linyanti Reserve

The Linyanti River forms a natural border between Namibia and Botswana. The river's course is smooth and gentle until it hits a volcanic faultline which causes a dramatic 90-degree change of course from south-east to north-east. Inside this juncture a swamp has formed, similar in appearance to the Okavango Delta, with papyrus lined waterways leading to towering riverine forests of giant ebony and marula trees.

On the southern banks of the Linyanti River is the private Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Here the marsh subsides into lagoons and steadily flowing rivers with riverine forests of jackalberry and sausage trees. Adjoining the marshlands are vast open grasslands, and dry wooded areas.



The Linyanti Reserve is haven for a wealth of wildlife, particularly during the dry winter months when the herds congregate at the rivers and waterholes. Thousands of zebra spend the winter in the Linyanti before heading south to the Savuti in November in expectation of summer rains and good grazing. The graceful sable and roan antelopes are also found here, while red lechwe and the aquatic sitatunga antelope inhabit the wetland regions. The largest elephant herds number in the hundreds.

The main predators are lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and hyena. With luck, you may also see the rare serval, a smaller carnivore which hunts rodents and birds. Bat-eared foxes are perhaps the most charming of the smaller carnivores, and prey on insects, scorpions, and mice – sightings are not uncommon. Birdlife is equally abundant in the Linyanti – and vocal, too, ensuring a magnificent dawn chorus every morning! Beside the bird song, daytime noises include the incessant grunting of hippos and trumpeting elephants, while the night brings roaring lions and laughing hyenas!





Days 5-7: Lebala to Kwara Camp

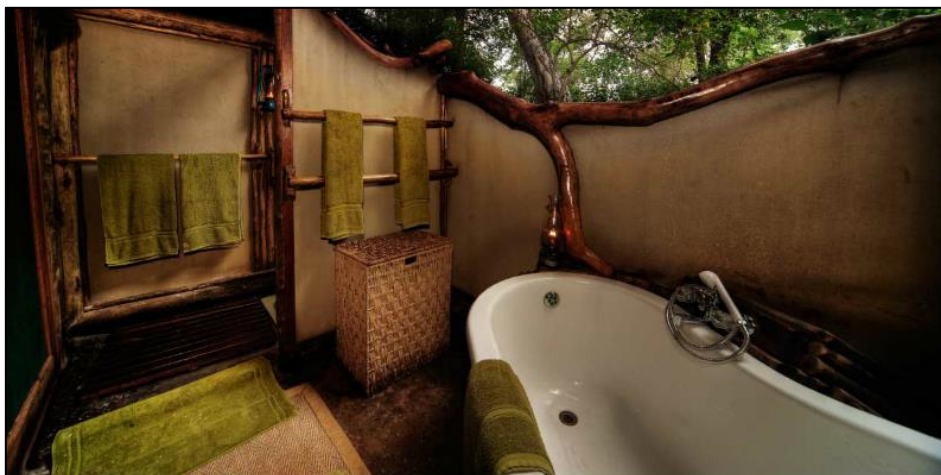
After breakfast, transfer by light aircraft to Kwara Camp in the Okavango Delta, where you stay two nights on fully-inclusive basis incl. activities.

Kwara Camp

Kwara is situated on the edge of a secluded lagoon in the northern Okavango Delta, a privileged position from where it enjoys access to the permanent waterways of the Delta as well as the surrounding floodplains.

Kwara accommodates a maximum of 18 guests in nine traditionally styled tents positioned on raised decks, each with a superb view of the lagoon. Towering African ebony and mangosteen trees provide shade and ensure that the camp is always cool, while attracting plentiful birdlife – adding to the feeling of serenity in what is one of the Okavango's best kept secrets!

Kwara is located in a private concession, and offers activities including day and night game drives, game walks, mokoro safaris and fishing (spinning equipment is provided).



Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta, and houses a diverse range of wildlife in its many ecosystems. The Okavango River no longer has an outlet to the sea and so it empties onto the sands of the Kalahari Desert, irrigating some 15,000km² of land and forming the delta. This

water entering the delta is unusually pure and spreads over the sand forming a maze of lagoons, channels, floodplains and small pockets of land.

The wildlife in the Okavango Delta is incredibly diverse. Crocodiles and hippos populate the waters, while elephant, leopard, giraffe, cheetah, lion, baboon and a variety of antelope are all regularly seen. The birdlife, too, is prolific.



The Okavango Delta can be explored in a number of ways. The region is of course most famous for its water-based safaris. Exploring the Delta's complex network of waterways in a dugout canoe is a one-of-a-kind safari experience that few will ever forget. That said, the Delta also offers great opportunities for land-based safaris. Large pockets of land in Moremi and in the many private reserves surrounding the Delta proper offer good terrain for 4x4 and walking safaris.

Day 8: Okavango – Maun; international departure

After breakfast at camp transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Maun, where you connect with your international flight home.

NB. We can quote for your international flights to/from Botswana & Zambia. If flying from the UK, we recommend flying via Johannesburg, South Africa, from where there are regular regional flights to Livingstone and Maun.



Please see price guide overleaf.

Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is **£3,980 per person***, based on twin/double share. 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](#).

**Departing Nov-Mar. There is an additional supplement of £120 per night for travel between 20 Dec and 4 Jan.*

Includes:

- Meet and greet at Livingstone Airport
- All inter-camp flights and transfers
- Full board accommodation at Kwando Lebala and Kwara Camp, incl. local drinks (premium drinks additional)
- All game viewing activities as outlined
- Daily laundry

Excludes:

- International air fares – please ask us to quote
- Travel insurance
- Premium drinks
- Kwando Conservation Levy charged locally at US\$20 per night
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips

