

Royal Sable Small Group Safari

This low-cost accommodated safari departs from either Maun or Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and visits the core game-viewing territories of northern Botswana, including the Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park and Makgadikgadi.



Day 1: Victoria Falls – Phezulu Lodge (-)

You will be met on arrival at Victoria Falls Airport and transferred to Phezulu Lodge, or similar, for one night.

Phezulu Lodge

Opened in Aug 2018, Phezulu Lodge is located in a quiet residential area of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The lodge has 21 air-conditioned and en suite guest rooms, a comfortable lounge area in which to relax, and an enclosed garden with refreshing swimming pool.

Dinner this evening is to own account.

NB. Please note that this itinerary runs in reverse on alternate dates, starting Maun and ending at Victoria Falls. This itinerary gives the southbound routing, beginning Victoria Falls and ending Maun.

Day 2: At leisure at Victoria Falls (B)

Today is at leisure for you to visit the Victoria Falls, enjoy any other local activities of interest, and to relax at the lodge. Please note that the entrance fee to Victoria Falls is payable locally.

In addition to visits to the Victoria Falls, there is a great array of activities available in the region, from white water rafting and canoeing in the Zambezi Gorge, to microlight flights over the Falls. Activities can be arranged locally or in advance.

Day 3: Chobe National Park – Chobe Elephant Camp (B, D)

Your safari begins in Victoria Falls this morning. You will be met by your guide after breakfast and, following a short briefing on the journey ahead, you begin your adventure!

Your itinerary takes you west from Victoria Falls and into Botswana via the Kazungula border. After clearing the border, continue west to Chobe Elephant Camp in Chobe National Park, your home for the next two nights.



Chobe Elephant Camp

Chobe Elephant Camp is remotely situated in the Chobe Forest Reserve on the less-frequented western perimeter of Chobe National Park, where it perches on a rocky ridge overlooking the Chobe River. From this isolated position, Chobe Elephant Camp offers guided game drives and river boat safaris in the National Park (access is via the western Ngoma Gate, approx. 10 minutes' drive from the camp).

Chobe Elephant Camp offers twelve individual chalets, scattered along the edge of the escarpment and with a view to the river below. Each has a private verandah with canvas chairs, from where you can sit and enjoy views of the game crossing the floodplains.

Day 4: Chobe National Park (B, L, D)

Today will be spent exploring Chobe from your base in the north of the park. You'll have the opportunity to explore the region both by 4x4 and by boat on the Chobe River, before returning to Chobe Elephant Camp for dinner and overnight.



Day 5: Moremi/Khwai – Khwai Guesthouse (B, L, D)

This morning will see you travel south through Chobe National Park and into the region of the Okavango Delta. Here you stay at Khwai Guesthouse, which will be your base for the next three days as you explore the north-eastern regions of the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve, starting with a game drive this afternoon.



Khwai Guesthouse

Khwai Guesthouse is a simple property situated on the edge of Khwai Village. The design is a blend of African and modern. Furniture is locally-crafted and the décor makes the most of vibrant fabrics and colours. All rooms have en suite bathrooms with open-air showers.

Days 6 & 7: Okavango Delta and Moremi (B, L, D)

The next two days will be spent exploring the eastern Okavango, enjoying morning and afternoon game drives. You'll also have a chance to enjoy a mokoro (a form of traditional canoe) excursion in the Delta in the company of experienced local guides & polers.

At the end of each day you'll return to Khwai Guesthouse for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Makgadikgadi – Boteti River Camp (B, D)

Continue your journey south to Maun, arriving in good time for lunch in a local restaurant (to own account).

After lunch, travel south-west to the Makgadikgadi National Park entrance gate at Khumaga, arriving at your lodge, Boteti River Camp in time for lunch.



Boteti River Camp

Opened in late 2018, Boteti River Camp is a new addition to the region that serves as a convenient gateway to Makgadikgadi and Nxai Pans. It is a small and cosy lodge with seven guest chalets centered on a central hub area including bar, restaurant and small pool. Painted in light pastel hues, Boteti's pretty chalets and dining terrace are almost Mediterranean in style, while the lounge viewing deck is a lovely spot at which to relax, furnished with comfy sofas and with views onto the Boteti River.

The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the lodge facilities. If of interest to the group, a guided tour of nearby Khumaga village can also be organised this afternoon – do discuss this with your guide if of interest.

Days 9 & 10: Deception Valley Reserve, Central Kalahari – Camping (B, L, D)

This morning, enjoy a game drive in Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, following the course of the Boteti River. Then, continue your journey south and into the Central Kalahari Game Reserve.

Here you'll set up camp in Deception Valley, a private reserve on the northern border of the Central Kalahari, and your base for the next two days as you explore the region on guided game drives. During your stay in the Kalahari, you'll also have a chance to enjoy a guided bush walk in the company of San Bushmen game trackers. They will share their formidable knowledge of the arid Kalahari and its wildlife with you, as you explore the reserve at a gentle pace.

Day 11: Return Maun (B)

Depart the Central Kalahari this morning and return to Maun, arriving approx. noon.

Your safari ends at Maun Airport. We can help with your onward transfer arrangements or post-tour accommodation if required.



Please see price guide and booking information on next page.

Booking Information (2025):

*This itinerary departs at fixed dates throughout the year. The cost to join is **£3,040 per person** for departures in low season (Nov-Jun), and **£3,350 per person** for departures in high season (Jul-Oct). Please see the price guide on our [Royal Sable overview page](#) for a list of upcoming departure dates and rates. For further information, including availability, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

- All accommodation (rooms in comfortable lodges or permanent camps) on twin/double basis
- All transfers and activities as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- Professional English-speaking guide
- All Botswana park fees for activities included on itinerary, with transport in specialised safari vehicles

Excludes:

- Additional meals, drinks, optional activities
- International and regional flights
- Visas
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Insurance
- Single supplement (please enquire).

Notes:

- This is a small group safari, during which you will be travelling with others (max group size 12). The itinerary will depart with a minimum of 4 passengers.
- Children 12 years and older are accepted, but to be under the care of parents/guardians at all times.
- All activities are at the discretion of the guides and camp managers; water-based activities are dependent on the water level.
- Costs are subject to change due to currency fluctuations or any other statutory increases beyond our control.