

Botswana Safari and Falls



This itinerary provides a high quality yet affordable safari experience whilst also recognising the importance of protecting the environment and its residents. The itinerary can be amended to suit different durations, and there are a selection of small, owner operated lodges to choose from.

Highlights

A unique bushman experience in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, including accompanying bushmen on hunting, gathering, games and ritual activities, game drives both off road and at night, a visit to a predator conservation project, and horse-riding. Game drives and night drives in the Okavango Delta. The game experience is enhanced through off-road operating a key to delivering a quality look at the predators that are widespread in this area.

Bush walks and mokoro excursions into the Okavango Delta. Mokoros used are made from traditional wood, and provide a unique experience into this wilderness area.

Visit the magnificent Victoria Falls: take a sunset cruise, or a scenic flight; go abseiling, white water rafting, canoeing, or visit local markets.

Day 1

Overnight flight to Johannesburg

Days 2-4

Arrive Johannesburg and take connecting flight to Maun, Botswana. From there, you will transfer by light aircraft to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve for 2 nights in an en suite chalet on a fully inclusive basis.

Activities on offer include an intensive Kalahari experience, encompassing San clan activities (hunting, gathering, games and ritual), game drives both off road and at night, a visit to the lodge's predator conservation project, and horse-riding. This lodge offers a unique experience, with Predator interaction including walking with semi-habituated Cape Hunting Dogs. The lodge overlooks a waterhole from where a huge variety of wildlife can be seen.

Days 4-6

This morning you take to the air for your flight to Sankuyo Camp in the Okavango Delta, where you stay for 2 nights in an en suite meru-tent on a fully inclusive basis.

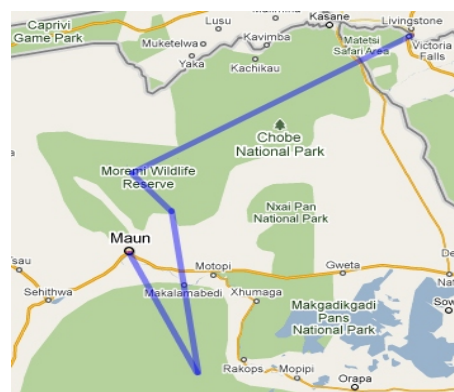
The Okavango Delta - a massive freshwater oasis in the Kalahari Desert - is home to an array of wildlife including buffaloes, elephants, giraffe, antelope, hippos, crocodiles, zebras, wildebeest and birdlife.

Sankuyo is a land based camp, offering walks, game drives and night drives. The game experience is enhanced through off-road operating a key to delivering a quality look at the predators that are widespread in our area.

Days 6-8

Today, you fly over the Delta to your next camp, Delta Camp, situated on the western edge of Chief's Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Your stay here is for 2 nights in a luxury en suite chalet on a fully inclusive basis.

The focus at Delta Camp is on peace and tranquillity (stalking game on foot provides all the excitement one could wish for) and guests are actively



encouraged to visit the local village, home to the guides, and to interact with the people there. This is predominantly a Water Camp with walks on Islands. At Delta Camp guests have an opportunity to experience drifting through the Delta in a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe).

Days 8-10

Today you return to Maun by air and then fly on to Livingstone, where you will be transferred to your hotel right next to the Victoria Falls for a 3 night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.

At the Victoria Falls, the Zambezi River is more than two kilometres wide. When in full flood, (usually February or March) over 500 million litres of water per minute go over the falls, which are 1708m wide, and drop 99m at Rainbow Falls in Zambia. Activities available to consider include canoeing, bungee jumping, white water rafting, scenic helicopter rides and micro-lighting amongst others.

Day 11

Today, you take a road to Livingstone Airport for your flight to Johannesburg, arriving in time to connect for your return flight to London

Day 12

Arrive London

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This is a sample itinerary. We select camps according to particular interests and availability. We can arrange this trip on a flexible basis for longer or shorter durations, to fit your individual requirements. Call us on 01342 834700.

We have travelled extensively in Botswana, and have a good level of knowledge of the camps and activities offered at different time of the year. Our ground handlers provide an excellent service on the ground in the event of emergency. Because we purchase accommodation through ground handlers who sell to agents such as ourselves around the world, we have access to excellent rates which are not available for direct bookings. We are ATOL bonded, and your money is therefore protected when you book with us.

What This Trip Contributes

Botswana's policy of preserving its wildlife and implementing sustainable tourism policies has paid off with its pristine natural environment. Whilst the country is one of Africa's more expensive safari destinations, the money paid on entering national parks contributes towards conservation strategies and the development of local communities. Over 17% of the country's land has been set aside as national parks and game reserves; however, the number of visitors is limited in order that the area can be preserved. In particular, fees from entry to the National Parks are used to develop the country's eco-tourism strategy which invests in tourism initiatives which are owned by local communities. Sample projects include handicraft production, considered important income earners for women in the remote areas of Botswana, and development of community campsites which allow communities to develop a range of services for visitors.

Additional Information

Guests should be aware that lodges in the Okavango Delta have limited means of communication with the outside world. Whilst urgent messages can be passed onto guests by radio, general communication is not encouraged.

General Information

Visas

Visas are not required for UK or Irish nationals. All visitors require a passport valid for at least six months after the period of their intended stay, and documents for return or onward travel. Passports should have at least two unused pages for endorsements by the Namibian Immigration Service.

Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

Health

The World Health Organisation (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B.

Hepatitis A, rabies, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for travel in Botswana and Zambia. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up to date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for all bookings. Guests on group departures must take their policy documents with them on the trip as the guide will ask to see this at the start. The documentation must state in writing that you are the named policyholder and that the cover is valid for the period of travel. The policy document must also indicate that medical expenses and emergency repatriation cover is included and a 24 hour contact telephone number for the insurance company must be shown on the documentation in case of emergency. Guests unable to provide all this information at the start of the trip will be asked to purchase a policy prior to joining the trip.

Electricity supply

220v, 3pin South African plug. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc. Check www.kropla.com.

Money

Currency is the Botswana Pula and Zambian Kwacha. We suggest you take spending money in US dollars. Money can be changed up at Maun airport. ATMs are available in Livingstone.