



**TRIP ITINERARY**

**Delta, Chobe and Falls (Tailor Made)**

**Botswana**



**Botswana remains an untouched wilderness: the amount of development for tourism has been deliberately limited to preserve the environment and wildlife and the Government has developed a 'low volume-high cost' tourism model. The relatively higher price means that clients experience a privileged safari - probably never seeing another vehicle on a game drive, and benefiting from small camps and guide-to-client ratio.**

**This suggested itinerary uses small charter flights to access the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park in Botswana, and finishes up in Livingstone, Zambia at the amazing Victoria Falls. Activities on offer game drives to spot wildlife, including lion, leopard elephant, cheetah and buffalo, and guided bush walks. We tailor-make itineraries to Botswana to fit with duration, date of travel and individual requirements. Call us on 01342 834700 for a quote..**

We know Botswana well, the camps and lodges we use are situated within prime game viewing locations and the expert rangers and trackers go to great lengths to maximise sightings. In the summer months the vegetation is a sea of green, wild flowers can be seen everywhere and all mammals and birds have their young, so there are lots of cute babies around, whilst in the dry season, wildlife congregates around the waterholes. A typical day would involve an early morning safari activity of your choice (game drives, boat trips, a trip in a dugout canoe, walking safaris are sample activities), followed by brunch, siesta, afternoon tea, another safari activity which usually involves sundowners as dusk falls and return to camp for dinner, after which drinks round a fire are the norm.



**Day 1**

Depart London on your overnight flight to Johannesburg

**Days 2-5:**

Arrive Johannesburg and transfer to your Air Botswana flight to Maun. On arrival in Maun, you will transfer by air to the Okavango Delta. You will fly over the Delta - a maze of lagoons, channels and islands that make up a massive freshwater oasis in the Kalahari Desert which is home to an array of wildlife including buffaloes, elephants, giraffe, antelope, hippos, crocodiles, zebras, wildebeest and birdlife. You arrive at your camps' airstrip and will be transferred to your camp for 3 nights in a twin tent with en suite facilities on a full board basis including local brand drinks and activities. We use different camps according to budget and location for best game viewing.

Delta camps are usually positioned overlooking the water and include private viewing decks and en-suite open air bathrooms. Meals are usually taken with other guests around one table; with pre and post-meal drinks around the fire. Expect to fall asleep to the sounds of hippos moving around; this is a truly exciting wilderness experience!

In the Delta, guests can enjoy a diverse wildlife experience all year-round, but the focus is usually on the water, whether gliding along in the special silence of a mokoro dug out canoe through crystal-clear waters or visiting the famous Godikwe lagoon, where you can stand on a boat literally eye to eye with thousands of herons, storks and other nesting birds. Spinner fishing, walking with a guide on one of the many palm-fringed islands and spectacular night drives in addition to morning and afternoon drives in the company of a guide and tracker are possible.

**Days 5-8**

This morning, you transfer by air to your next camp close to Chobe National Park, where you will be met and transferred to your Camp for 3 nights in a twin tent with en suite facilities on a fully inclusive basis. This area supports a huge concentration of wildlife particularly lions and elephants, but also vast herds of buffaloes, zebras, impalas, wildebeest and antelopes as well as cheetah, wild dogs and hyenas.

Morning and night game drives in this area are conducted by specialist guides and trackers in open safari vehicles. This area is home to huge herds of elephants and buffalo and the big herds attract big predators: the lions here are famous for their elephant, hippo and buffalo kills. Other

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predators are also well represented by hyena, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. Seasonally, large herds of elephant drink almost daily at the river bank in front of the camp, in full view of guests.

Activities include morning and night game drives, boat cruises, fishing and walks with an armed guide. Night drives are a highlight: guests leave the camp late afternoon, stopping for sunset drinks before carrying on into the night using spotlights and returning to camp for dinner.

### Days 8-10

Today you transfer by light aircraft to Kasane Airport (Flying time is approximately 55 minutes), and from there you transfer by road and boat to your accommodation in Livingstone for a 2 night stay. There is a range of accommodation available in Livingstone to suit all budgets: some luxury lodges which operate on a fully inclusive basis positioned on the edge of the Zambezi, which offer a very special and exclusive experience, and some comfortable lodges or hotels which operate 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. At low water in November the flow can be reduced to around 10 million litres/minute, and the river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls. Activities you may wish to consider include canoeing, bungee jumping, white water rafting, scenic helicopter rides and micro-lights, amongst others.

### Day 10

Today you transfer to Livingstone Airport, where you connect with your return flight to London via Johannesburg..

### Day 11

Arrive London

## GENERAL INFORMATION – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FOLLOWING

**Passports:** Please ensure these are valid for travel and that you are in possession of valid visas (if required see below). You are required to take out comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

**Visas:** Not required for South Africa, Namibia or Botswana for UK or Irish nationals for stays of up to 90 days. An onward or return ticket is required, as well as sufficient funds and documents needed for further travel. Please note that visitors to South Africa must have a MINIMUM of two blank/empty VISA pages in their passport and more than 6 months validity on their passport from date of entry in South Africa. Visitors to South Africa with foreign passports who do not comply with these requirements will either be stopped from boarding their aircraft at their point of departure or risk deportation on arrival in South Africa.

British citizens require a valid passport and a visa to visit Zambia. As of November 2008, the cost for a visa for entry to Zambia is US\$50 for single entry; US\$80 for double / multiple entry for British Nationals. Note that a day trip from Zambia to the Zimbabwean side of Victoria Falls will constitute a double entry. You can buy the visa at the port of entry: be sure to have the correct amount with you in US dollars as they are unlikely to give change. 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. **The South African Department of Health has confirmed that as of 01 October, 2011 all travellers entering, or re-entering, South Africa from Zambia must have a yellow fever inoculation unless in possession of a valid waiver certificate.** Travellers transiting airports in countries with risk of yellow fever transmission will be required to show proof of yellow fever vaccination, regardless of the amount of time spent at the airport. Those without a valid vaccination certificate or waiver will be refused entry, quarantined until their certificates are valid, or for a period not more than 6 days.

**Health:** The World Health Organisation ([www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)) recommends that all travellers to Southern Africa are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for Hepatitis B. Inoculation against Hepatitis A and Typhoid is also recommended for travel in South Africa. Depending on the area visited, anti-malarial drugs may also be recommended. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options. Travel insurance is part of the Terms and Conditions of your trip with Native Escapes it is essential that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Your insurance should be inclusive of full medical cover including costs of emergency repatriation, cancellation and travel delay.

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