



## TRIP ITINERARY

## The Best of Botswana

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This set departure mobile safari gives you the chance to see the wilderness and follow in the footsteps of the explorers as you go with your own guide and back up team on an adventure into the bush. Exploration has evolved a little since the days of Livingstone with ox carts replaced by Toyota Landcruisers and satellite phones becoming our preferred means of transport and communication. However, the sounds of the African night, the campfire stories and the desire to get out into the bush remain unchanged from all those years ago. Botswana is a premier wildlife destination and a mobile safari is one of the best ways to immerse oneself in the flora and fauna of Botswana. As we camp in the bush the animals are regularly, and often quite literally, on our doorstep. For guests who really want to absorb the wilderness without large permanent structures and detailed timetables this provides the opportunity to really "get away from it all"..



### Highlights

2 nights Chobe

3 nights Savuti

3 nights Moremi

Activities: Game Drives, Private Chobe Boat Cruise, 2.5 hour mokoro

Transport: open 4x4

Accommodation: camping

Start Kasane End Maun - this trip can run in both directions.

### Day 1 – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May

#### Kasane to Chobe

In the morning you will be met by the team in Kasane to begin your mobile safari. After meeting your guide you will enjoy a 3 hour private boat cruise on the Chobe River with a packed lunch and cold drinks before driving into Chobe National Park in your 4x4 game drive vehicle. You will arrive in camp in the afternoon where you can either relax and enjoy your new surroundings or proceed on a short game drive and have a sundowner near the Chobe river..

### Days 2 – Thu 4<sup>th</sup> May

#### Chobe

There will be an early wakeup call followed by a light continental breakfast before you leave on a morning game drive to track animals large and small. You will return to camp at approximately 11am, depending on what you find, for a light lunch/brunch. After this you can relax in camp and enjoy a siesta before heading off again in the afternoon around 3pm for a game drive and then back to camp for a hot bush shower and dinner under the stars. Along the Chobe riverfront the terrain is that of a typical riverine ecosystem. Away from the river we have mixed miombo and broadleaved woodland that harbours rich avifauna. Northern Chobe is famous for its huge elephant & buffalo herds, puku, kudu, Chobe bushbuck and hippo as well as diverse bird life. One could also hope to see: lion, leopard, wild dog, giraffe, waterbuck, zebra, impala

### Day 3 – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May

#### Chobe to Savuti

An early start to break camp and drive to Savute in the south/west region of Chobe. As the back up team break camp for moving day you can enjoy a short game drive in Chobe before meeting up again and driving towards Savute. The back up team will then go ahead to set up camp while you stop for a pack lunch on the way. The drive is approximately 5 hours through community areas and then through the national park. After freshening up at your new camp you can go on a short game drive to explore your new surroundings.

### Days 4 & 5 – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May

#### Savuti

You have the whole day to explore Savute. An early start in the morning with a break in camp during the heat of the day for lunch and a rest, then back out in the afternoon ensures the best chances of seeing plentiful game. The Marsh in Savuti is typical grassland surrounded by Acacia bush and stony outcrops. Savute is famous for its lone elephant bulls, its lions and hyaenas as well as the zebra and wildebeest migrations. Other game one can hope to see include: giraffe, tsessebe, warthog, black-backed jackal, leopard, cheetah, bat-eared fox, impala, wild dog, kudu



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### Days 6 – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May Savuti to Moremi

An early start to break camp and drive to Moremi Game Reserve. As the back up team break camp for moving day you can enjoy a short game drive before meeting up again and driving towards Moremi in convoy. The drive is approximately 4 hours through the national park and community areas. After freshening up at your new camp you can go on a short game drive to explore your new surroundings.

### Day 7 & 8 – Tue 9<sup>th</sup> & Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May Moremi

You have the whole day to explore Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai region. Moremi is the protected extension of the Okavango Delta and offers a typical wetland system with grassy plains and pans surrounded by well-developed mopane forests and riverine woodland. Huge breeding herds of elephant are common as are lechwe, waterbuck, impala, hippos. One can also hope to see buffalo, giraffe, bushbuck, lion, wild dog, leopard, cheetah, black-backed and side-striped jackal, zebra, wildebeest, tsessebe, bush babies, fruit bats, sable, kudu, roan, steenbok, duiker, honey badger. The birdlife includes water birds as well as dry land birds

### Day 9 – Thu 11<sup>th</sup> May

Depart early morning for Maun for your onward travel arrangements. Approximately a 4 hour drive from your camping area in Moremi.

#### Included:

Private guide and vehicle, Walk-in tents (4 x 3 m) with built-in floors, mosquito gauze on two door and four windows. Small shaded front verandah with door mats and chairs. Iron beds with double density mattresses. Full linen & toiletries provided. Bedside tables, lamps, floor mat & shelving units in tents. Laundry. En suite shower (private portable shower, filled on request with hot water by camp staff. En suite bush toilet (toilet seat over a pre-dug pit with sand to fill in as you go). Wash stand. Full cold bar (bottled water, selection of soft drinks, beer, red or white wine at dinner. All meals including 3 course dinner. Open game drive vehicles with shade roof, game viewing seats & long range fuel tanks. Seat 6-9 pax (3 per row) plus driver/guide. A second vehicle can be provided upon request. Luggage space is restricted to approx 15 kg per person. Park entry and camping fees. Government taxes & levies. • Medical kit. Limited reference library. Invertor to charge camera batteries when in camp and plug point in game drive vehicles

#### Excluded:

International flights, Any lodge accommodation, meals, transfers or excursions not specified. Travel, cancellation & medical insurance. Visas. Airport departure taxes. Tips & gratuities for guides and camp staff

Costs from: £2,865 pp based on minimum of 4 clients travelling, excluding International flights

#### Notes:

If starting in Maun clients must be available for pick up before 1pm.

All itineraries can be adjusted to your specifications.

Minimum 4 pax (we can price for 2 pax, but this will need 4 to guarantee departure, so we would waitlist the first enquirers if less than 4 pax)

Campsites will be dependent on availability

Transfers and accommodation in Victoria Falls/Livingstone can be added at the start or end of the itinerary at additional cost

Single Supplements Apply

We are ATOL bonded. Our ATOL number is 9709.



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### 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 each time entry is sought. 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 nationals can obtain a visa on arrival in Zambia for USD50.

**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 and yellow fever for Zambia. 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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