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ITINERARY

Botswana Safari: Okavango, Moremi, Khwai, Savuti, Chobe Experience Set departure dates 2021/2

The Botswana tour start in MAUN (Botswana) and end in Kasane (Botswana) or in Kasane, ending in Maun. Highlights: Okavango, Moremi, Khwai, Savuti, Chobe Accommodation is provided in hotel/lodges (Kasane) and tented camps. The safari is conducted in a 4x4 game drive vehicle.

Tour Routing



Tour Cost

Abbreviations: BB = Bed and Breakfast, DBB = Dinner bed and Breakfast, FB = Full Board, FI = Fully Inclusive SC = Self-catering	
Botswana Camping Safari	
Boro Island Camping (Okavango Delta) FI	
Xini Boga (Moremi Game Reserve) FI	
Kwai Boga (Kwai Community) FI	
Savuti Boga (Savuti) FI	
Chobe Riverfront (Chobe National Park) FI	
2 nights x KASANE OR VICTORIA FALLS LODGES (OPTIONAL FOR OWN ACCOUNT)	
Guided Activities	
As per itinerary	
Optional Activities	
Scenic Okavango flight AND OR Victoria Falls Activity	
Botswana Camping Safari (Per Person COST)	USD
1 Person	540
2 Persons	360
3 Persons	336
4 Persons	312
5 Persons	312
6 Persons	288
7 Persons	288
8 Persons	264
9 Persons	240

Tour Summary

Accommodation	Type	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Boro Island Camping	camp	Okavango Delta	FI	Camping	1 Night
Xini Boga site	camp	Moremi Game Res	FI	Camping	2 Night
Khwai Boga site	camp	Khwai Community	FI	Camping	2 Nights
Savuti Boga site	camp	Savuti – Chobe NP	FI	Camping	2 Nights
Chobe Riverfront Boga Site	camp	Chobe National Park	FI	Camping	2 Nights
Kasane/Victoria Falls	Lodge	Kasane /Kasane Victoria Falls	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	1 or 2 nights

Key: B&B: Bed and Breakfast, FI: Fully Inclusive

Typical Itinerary

Boro Tented Camp, Okavango Delta

After airport pick-up we depart via 4x4 vehicles to the Delta Region. We drive to a mokoro (local dugout canoe) station where we meet our local poolers who will escort us on today's excursion. The Okavango Delta is a huge expanse of water that has travelled from the Kavango River from the Angolan highlands, and fans out onto the

upper Kalahari region to form the largest inland Delta in the World. Studded with exotic islands, the Delta is / for its incredible variety of bird life as well as many other animals unique to Southern Africa. We explore the channels and waterways by traditional means in a mokoro – this is the local form of transport used to traverse the many waterways of the Delta. Here we do different activities for 1 night before returning to Maun en-route to Moremi Game Reserve.

Camping Basis. Fully Inclusive (mokoro ride and bushwalks) Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Optional activities not included: **Scenic Delta flight – 60 minutes**

Moremi Game Reserve

Vacating town of Maun past traditional Shorobe village, we board our safari vehicle and drive before entering the South Gate into what is undoubtedly one of the top wildlife destinations in Africa. Moremi Game Reserve. Moremi forms part of the Okavango delta and consists of seasonal pans, forested areas, grass plains and permanent swamps and rivers that attract a multitude of wildlife and birds. Moremi covers an area of 4870 square kilometers and has excellent game viewing.

We game drive to our private camp site within the reserve in time for lunch. After a safety briefing and quick afternoon nap, we head out in search of game. The area is teeming with bird life and wildlife. It is a prime wildlife area where elephant, hippo, buffalo, lion, and most other game (including eland, kudu, roan antelope, and if you're lucky even leopard) can be seen in abundance. Moremi Game Reserve is one of the most unforgettable wildlife experiences in Africa! Here we embark on morning and afternoon safaris that ends after sunset.

On your return to camp, there is time for a hot bush shower before we gather for our evening meal and then move to the campfire and shares stories of the day's adventures. Retreating to the comfort of your tent you can fall asleep listening to the sounds of the African Bush.

Camping Basis. Fully Inclusive (morning and afternoon game drives), Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Khwai Community Area

This morning we start the day with breakfast and short game drive in Moremi Game Reserve on transit to Magotho (along Khwai river) where we will be camping for 2 nights. During our stay here we will be doing morning and afternoon game drives.

Camping Basis. Fully Inclusive, Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Savuti - Chobe National Park

This morning after breakfast we do a last transit game drive as we continue on into Savuti in Chobe National Park, entering from the southern side and exploring the more remote inner section of the park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. here we camp in tents in National Park. This afternoon we go on afternoon safari to explore the area and only return to camp after the sunset. We spend 2 nights here camping and doing game drive activities.

Camping Basis. Fully Inclusive, Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Chobe national park (Camping, game drives, optional boat cruise)

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Camping Basis. Fully Inclusive, Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Transfer to Kasane Airport for flight home.

Included:

- Safari Vehicle
- Fuel
- Equipment, guide, chef cook, camp assistant
- Park and camping fees
- Food, standard wine and water.

Excluded:

- International airfares
 - Arrival and departure transfers
 - Travel and medical insurance
 - Personal spending money, visas, passports, vaccinations, personal taxes (including departure and border taxes)
- all optional activities, unscheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees, gratuities, restaurant meals and all other items of a personal nature.

Please Note: This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations, and Guide and/or Management decisions. All prices are subject to change without prior notice. Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit. This itinerary may also run-in reverse.

Travel Information: Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

Banking and Currency

Currency: Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound, and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

Banking: Seven main commercial banks, as well as several foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana.

Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around: Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to experts in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana: your home driving licence will be accepted (with an official English translation if necessary; driving is on the left side of the road; and the national speed limit is on tarred roads is 120km/h and 60km/h in towns and villages.

Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice: Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

A discretionary 5 to 10% tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

Climate and Weather: Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20's. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.

As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green.

Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into November and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris - although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations: In summer, lightweight, light-coloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, long-sleeved shirts / blouses, and jerseys. From May - August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees Celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

Electricity and Plug Standards: Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the "Type M " South African SABS1661 ("Large" 15-amp BS-546) sockets. This is an old British standard. The "Type M " South African plug and socket is

not to be confused with the "Type D " Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220- and 240-volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220–240-volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220–240-volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.