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ITINERARY

Botswana Green Desert / Kalahari Safari 2021

The Botswana tour start in Kasane (Botswana) and end in MAUN (Botswana). Highlights: Victoria Falls, Okavango, Moremi, Khwai, Nxai Pan and Chobe. Accommodation is provided in hotel/lodges (Kasane) and Okavango tented camps. The safari is conducted via inter-camp flights and safari game drive vehicles.

Tour Cost valid until 31 March 2022

Botswana Green Desert/ Kalahari Safari (USD)					
Option	Botswana Green Desert/ Kalahari Safari 2021 INCLUSIVE OF CHARTER FLIGHTS Valid from 01April 2021 – 31March 2022		HIGH SEASON 1 July 31October 2021	MID SEASON 01April -30June 2021 & 01-14November 2021	LOW SEASON 15Nov '21- 31March '22
A	4NTS – OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI 2nts Dinare Camps + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunns Camp Start Maun/Finish Maun	PPS	3780	3060	2322
		SGL	4668	3480	2322
		Children	2184	1824	1458
B	4NTS – CHOBE + OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI 2nts Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge + 2nts Dinare Camps - Start Kasane/Finish Maun ADD Extra night in Chobe incl. Victoria Falls day Trip	PPS	3444	2910	2430
		SGL	4104	3534	2430
		Children	2070	1800	1560
C	4NTS – CHOBE + OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI 2nts Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunn's Camp Start Kasane/Finish Maun ADD Extra night in Chobe incl. Victoria Falls day Trip	PPS	2664	2484	2226
		SGL	3300	2688	2226
		Children	1668	1578	1446
D	6NTS– CHOBE + OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI 2nts Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge +2nts Dinare Camp + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunns Camp Start Kasane/Finish Maun	PPS	4824	4104	3366
		SGL	5916	4728	3366
		Children	2838	2478	2112
E	7NTS– CHOBE/VIC FALLS + OKAVANGO DELTA 3nts Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge with Vic Falls day trip + 2nts Dinare Camp + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunns Camp Start Kasane/Finish Maun	PPS	5268	4548	3804
		SGL	6462	5274	3804
		Children	3060	2700	2334
F	8NTS - CHOBE + OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI + KALAHARI 2nts Chobe Safari/ Bush Lodge + 2nts Dinare Camp + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunns Camp + 2nts Tau Pan Start Kasane/Finish Maun ADD Extra night in Chobe incl. Victoria Falls day Trip	PPS	6282	5730	5046
		SGL	7818	6846	5046
		Children	3888	3582	3234
G	8NTS - CHOBE + OKAVANGO DELTA/ MOREMI + NXAI PAN 2nts Chobe Safari/ Bush Lodge + 2nts Dinare Camp + 2nts Moremi Crossing/Gunns Camp + 2nts Nxai Pan Start Kasane/Finish Maun ADD Extra night in Chobe incl. Victoria Falls day Trip	PPS	6108	5556	4872
		SGL	7644	6672	4872
		Children	3714	3438	3060
EXTRA NIGHTS (Per Night)					
	Rra Dinare, Mma Dinare Fully inclusive rate of all Accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees	PPS	821	597	398
		SGL	1011	782	398
		Children	411	299	199
	Moremi Crossing, Gunn's Camp Fully inclusive rate of all Accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees	PPS	506	430	323
		SGL	686	430	323
		Children	253	215	162
	Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge Fully inclusive rate of all Accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees	PPS	370	370	370
		SGL	455	455	455
		Children	185	185	185

Included and Excluded

Included:

- All Intercamp flights start Maun/finish Maun or start Maun/finish Kasane (or vice versa) as per package description.
- Fully inclusive rate of all Accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees.
- 3nts Chobe Safari/Bush Lodge incl. all Accommodation, Bed Levy, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Local Beverages, 2Game Drives, 2Boat Cruises, 3days park fee, Vic Falls
- All aircraft landing and navigation fees; VAT @ 12% where applicable.
- Passenger departure taxes in Botswana.
- Flights booked on Seat Rate basis (between 10:00am-3:30pm with up to 3 stops en-route). Camp meals fitting in accordingly. Please enquire for additional T&C

Excluded:

Private vehicle hire at Rra Dinare, Mma Dinare, Nxai Pan & Tau Pan which is compulsory for families with children 6-11yrs.

Sample Itinerary 10 Days / 9 Nights

Day 1 ,2 and 3: Chobe Safari Lodge

Chobe Safari Lodge is situated in Kasane on the banks of Chobe River and borders Chobe National Park. Right on our doorstep four African countries meet (Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia), Chobe Safari Lodge therefore offers an excellent gateway location to Chobe, Victoria Falls or Caprivi. Near Victoria Falls International Airport, Livingstone International Airport and Kasane International

Airport makes us easily accessible, with daily road transfers or charter flights connecting all these airports with Chobe Safari Lodge. The lodge has been recently renovated to offer a magical lodge experience to add to the spectacular game viewing.

The Victoria Falls constitutes one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The Local people call it "Mosi-oa-Tunya", the smoke that thunders and is a waterfall in southern Africa on the Zambezi River at the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. There is a magic about them manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk.

The Victoria falls is 1 708 meters wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute.

Included: All Accommodation, Bed Levy, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Local Beverages, Vic Falls Day trip

Day 4 and 5: Rra-Dinare Lodge

Rra Dinare is situated in the Okavango Delta, within a private reserve alongside the Gomoti River and its flood plains. The camps are in a concession of 67,000 acres and have been designed to embrace the natural surroundings of the riverine forest. Each of the eight spacious tents overlooking the the Gomoti River floodplains allow for game viewing from your private deck or lounge area. One family tent can accommodate two adults and two children in two bedrooms sharing one bath. Each standard tent is identical in footprint with en-suite bathroom and shower, suitable for twin beds or one double bed. The central area has been built with open, thatched space allowing guests to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings, whilst watching wildlife and birds from the comfort of an armchair or the bar. The swimming pool and curio shop complete the luxurious, relaxed feel of Rra Dinare.

Included: Fully inclusive rate of all accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees

Day 6 and 7: Moremi Crossing

Located near the most southern part of Chief's Island, Moremi Crossing is situated on a small palm fringed and treed island called Ntsiwi, which is surrounded by the Moremi's game-rich seasonal floodplains. On arrival, as you fly over the Delta, you can see the intricate twisting and turning of the waterways and the ever-changing colours where dry land meets Delta. In contrast to the northern Okavango Delta where the waters are fast-flowing and the channels and view is enclosed by high reeds and papyrus, the channels around Moremi Crossing offer far-reaching vistas of the Moremi's floodplains, grasslands, and marginal woodlands interspersed with Mokolwane palm islands. The central dining area houses a large open plan deck that has spectacular views over the Boro River onto Chief's Island. This half-moon shaped area is built on different levels to give a spacious feel. The dining room, bar and lounge is covered

by a large thatched roof that hugs the ancient riverine tree line. The whole camp is shaded by magnificent Llala Palms, Giant Ebony, Mangosteen, Sausage and Giant Fig trees.

Overlooking the legendary Chief's Island and bordering the Moremi Game Reserve, **Gunn's Camp** is one of the last few remaining luxury, vintage safari camps. Set under leafy palms and African Ebony to blend naturally with its unique surroundings, Gunn's Camp achieves a fine balance of comfort whilst embracing the sights and sounds of the wilderness. Your African experience starts with a flight transfer to the airstrip, over the southwestern Delta, taking in the magnificence of the winding, papyrus, fringed channels that make up one of the world's greatest wetland wonders. The accommodation offered at Gunn's Camp consists of 6 fully furnished, deluxe meru style tents with en-suite bathrooms featuring standalone baths and outside private showers. Set on raised platforms overlooking the delta plains, Gunn's Camp is ideal for honeymooners or guests looking for a more intimate and personalized safari experience. All 6 tents are discretely set within the densely treed island ensuring privacy and tranquility. Each has been traditionally furnished with an eclectic mixture of solid wood and African furniture and offers a lounge area as well as a private veranda.

The accommodation is connected to the main camp via raised wooden walkway crossing wetlands and magically lit by a series of fairylike lanterns. Guests have access to the elevated bar, lounge, dining room, campfire boma, and swimming pool.

Included: Fully inclusive rate of all accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees

Day 8 and 9: Nxai Pan Camp

Nxai Pan Camp is the only permanent camp situated within the Nxai Pan National Park. The camp was opened in 2009 and is proving a popular desert destination along with Tau Pan Camp. There are nine rooms which are linked to the main area by means of a slightly raised walkway, at night these are lit with lanterns to show you the way. The rooms are built from a light, especially selected material which keeps them warm in winter and cool in summer, a fan also helps circulate the breeze in those hotter months. The rooms are light and spacious. The main area of each room features double or twin beds, a seating area, and a small writing desk. The bathroom area has shelving and hanging space, a double sink and inside and outside showers, there is a separate flush toilet. Décor is simple but homely. Each room has a low wooden veranda offering perfect views of the permanent waterhole where elephants are often a feature, along with the jackals and guinea fowl who always come to drink – the perfect spot to relax during the day. One of the rooms, close to the main area, is a family room. This is laid out the same as the other units but with an extra separate bedroom containing twin beds.

Included: Fully inclusive rate of all accommodation, Bed Levy, Activities, Meals, Beverages, Laundry, Park fees

Day 10: Return flight from MAUN (Botswana)

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 September 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.