

Adventure Camping Safari thru Botswana's National Parks

Botswana Adventurer 2012

US\$ 995

Per person sharing



Okavango Expeditions



- For the best value in Botswana The Botswana Explorer is designed for the budget conscious traveller at only US\$995 for 7 days.
- **This safari visits Botswana's prime National Parks, Game Reserves & community managed concessions namely Chobe National Park, Savuti, Moremi Game Reserve, Okavango Delta and Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.**
- Budget Camping Safari including professional guide, cook, camping and National Park fees, game drives in custom built safari vehicle, equipment, meals as indicated & Services of local polers in the Okavango Delta.
- Equipment includes 2.4m bow tents, camp stretchers & sleeping bag.
- Drinks & drinking water are excluded and can be purchased in Kasane before departure.
- Guests assist in all camp duties, full participation required.
- Minimum 2 pax for trip to depart.
- Optional fixed wing or helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta
- Departs Kasane every Thursday.
- The tour starts and finishes in Kasane a mere stone throw away from the mighty Victoria Falls. Scheduled airlines fly to Kasane, Victoria Falls or budget airlines to Livingstone from Johannesburg.
- Road Transfers to Victoria Falls or Livingstone can be arranged for additional charge.
- Minimum ages 12 years old.
- Single supplement +30%. Number of singles are limited per departure.
- Subject to National Park Fee increase by Botswana Government without prior notice.

Day 1, Kasane, Chobe National Park / Thursday / Camping / L & D

Safari starts in Kasane around 11am. Spend the afternoon game driving in Chobe National which is world renowned for large herds of elephant. The Chobe River Front boasts an impressive bio-diversity of species including Lion, Hippo, Buffalo and Puku, Wild Dog and Sable.

DAY 2, Savuti, Chobe National Park / Friday / Camping / B, L & D

Chobe to Savuti is approximately a 4-6 hour drive via the village of Kachikau. From here we drive on 4x4 tracks through the Chobe Forest Reserve via Gcoha Gate. We arrive in Savuti around midday for lunch. A dominant feature of Savuti is the Hills one of which has a few perfectly preserved bushmen paintings which are easily accessible. Savuti has a very healthy population of leopard who live on the hills and the best time to see them is either first or last light. The Savuti Channel now flows into the marsh for the first time in over 30 years turning the Savuti Marsh into a veritable paradise for birds and animals.

DAY 3, Moremi Game Reserve / Saturday / Camping / B, L & D

Departing Savute early morning, the drive takes 3-4 hours but is hugely dependant on local conditions. The guide will game drive areas that have higher game densities and transfer in other areas. Moremi area is one of the most beautiful and varied reserves found on the African continent with huge concentrations of wildlife and incredibly beautiful scenery. We camp for the night in either the Khwai, Xakanaxa, Third bridge or South Gate area. The campsite for the night will be in the Moremi Game Reserve or the surrounding community managed wildlife management area.

DAY 4, Maun / Sunday / Camping / B, L & D

Moremi Game Reserve to Maun is approximately a 4 hour drive. The safari packs and leaves camp following an early morning Game Drive and will enjoy a picnic lunch en-route to Maun. Arrive late afternoon. Optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta time permitting with either fixed wing or helicopter. A scenic flight is highly recommended as it gives you a birds eye view of the Okavango Delta.

DAY 5, Okavango Delta / Monday / Camping / B, L & D

Maun is the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Today we venture out into the 'Delta' in mokoros (dug out canoes) experiencing the myriads of waterways and secret lagoons. The mekoros are poled by polers from the local villagers. The 'Delta' is a huge inland water system dotted with thousands of islands that are a haven for a diverse array of wildlife. This is a unique environment where dry land and water collides. Time spent in the Delta approximately 6-7 hours.

DAY 6, Makgadikgadi Pans / Tuesday / Camping / B, L & D

From Maun we travel to the Makgadikgadi Pans approximately a 4-6 hour drive – vast shimmering salt flats on the edge of the Kalahari basin. We stop for lunch at Chapmans Baobabs also known as the seven sisters and reputed to be one of the largest trees in the world. The last night is spent sleeping out under the night sky under a blanket of stars on the pans near Nata (seasonally dependant).

DAY 7, Kasane / Wednesday / B & L

The drive from the pans to Kasane is approx 350km which takes roughly 4-6 hrs. This is a transfer to reach the border at approximately 1 pm.

