



BOTSWANA SAFARI IN STYLE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Africa, South Africa, Zambia,
Zimbabwe, Botswana



10 days from AU\$19,855 pp



16 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- View Southern Africa's unmatched wildlife in three ways: on game drives, guided bushwalks and scenic river safaris
- Discover the diverse wildlife of Botswana beside handpicked safari guides whose in-depth tracking skills lead to exceptional wildlife encounters
- Get tips on capturing the best images of the Big Five during a private lecture with a professional photographer
- Glide through the remarkably biodiverse Okavango Delta in a traditional dugout canoe
- Take a privately guided tour of thundering Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and float along the Zambezi River on a relaxing sunset cruise
- Stay two nights at luxurious Sanctuary Chief's Camp — one of the region's finest — located in the Okavango Delta's Moremi Game Reserve



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

Arrive in Johannesburg, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a gourmet welcome dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients. A professional photographer joins you to offer tips for the days ahead.

Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa | Meals: D

Day 2: Livingstone, Zambia | Sundowner River Cruise

Fly to Livingstone, Zambia. On arrival, continue overland to Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, where you stay in a luxury tree house built into the riverside canopy. At twilight, cruise the Zambezi River, sipping cocktails, gazing out across a verdant vista and gliding past pods of hippo, on a memorable Scenic Sundowner.

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Livingstone | Design Your Day

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Visit Nakatindi Village to See a Bike Shop**, school and clinic supported by A&K Philanthropy.
- **Walk Close to Rhinos**, pausing on a game drive in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to draw near the giants on foot.
- **On a Walking Safari**, experience and understand African wildlife, the bush and ecosystem as a whole on foot.

Return to camp for lunch and the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail and a Chef's Table tasting of traditional Zambian fare, followed by dinner.

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | The Smoke That Thunders

This morning, drive to Zimbabwe to join your private guide on an awe-inspiring exploration of Victoria Falls, which plummet 108 metres to cast up the mist that inspired their original name, *Mosi-oa-Tunya* (The Smoke That Thunders). Enjoy lunch in the town of Victoria Falls before continuing to Chobe National Park in Botswana to settle into your lodge for unparalleled panoramic views across the islands and floodplains of the Chobe River. This afternoon, set out on a river cruise or game drive that includes the opportunity to see elephant — a staggering 120,000 live in the park — along with impala, buffalo and possibly lion. Return to the lodge to relax in the comforts of your luxury accommodations and enjoy a freshly prepared meal. Later, drift to sleep, serenaded by the sounds of Africa, beneath a blanket of stars.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Chobe National Park, Botswana | Chobe River Safari

Set out on a game drive at sunrise to catch the animals at the start of their day, when they are most active. You may even glimpse a leopard returning from the hunt. Later, embark on a Chobe River safari cruise and watch for crocodile and hippo, as well as elephant that come down to drink and play in the water. The park's beautiful wetlands also lure a wealth of birdlife to the region, and you may glimpse many of the 460 species that either live here or migrate through, including raptor, vulture and waterfowl. When you return to the lodge this evening, revel in the comforts of your luxury accommodations, gather for dinner and share stories of your day.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Okavango Delta | Wonders of a Private Reserve

Fly to a vast private concession in the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure with a choice of activities, such as a Ride Like a Local by seasonal *mokoro* (dugout canoe) on the delta or a night-time game-viewing drive, made possible on this private reserve.

Sanctuary Stanley's Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Okavango Delta | Safari by Vehicle or on Foot

Continue exploring the delta on your choice of activities, such as a thrilling, guided game drive in a customised 4x4 vehicle or a bush walk in the company of an armed, expert guide, on the lookout for Africa's smaller denizens among the unique flora.

Sanctuary Stanley's Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Okavango Delta | Predator Capital

Fly across the Okavango Delta to your next amazing safari camp. Widely acknowledged as the “Predator Capital of the World,” this area offers some of the most exciting game viewing in Africa and is one of the best places in Botswana to see the Big Five — lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and Cape buffalo — drawn here from surrounding regions by the lush delta. Predators include cheetah, spotted hyena and, at the very top of the food chain, large resident prides of lion. This afternoon, take advantage of game-viewing activities led by experienced guides or enjoy the vistas from your own private viewing deck.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Okavango Delta | Remarkable Game Drives

Depart on another spectacular early morning game drive. Beyond predators, the Okavango Delta draws large concentrations of elephant, buffalo, red lechwe, giraffe and impala. Enjoy a seasonal *mokoro* ride for a rare safari opportunity across deceptively quiet marshlands alive with crocodile, bathing hippo, birds and tiny red reed frog. If you opt for an afternoon game drive, listen for roaring lion on the hunt or spy nocturnal animals as they start out for the night. After a full day of game viewing, return to your camp to relax and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Depart Johannesburg, South Africa

Fly to Johannesburg for your flight home. Relax in the Premier Lounge, compliments of A&K, before your departure.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal air included: Johannesburg/Livingstone; Kasane/Camp to Camp/Maun/Johannesburg

Minimum age is 10 years.

Each guest on this journey will receive an A&K Safari Duffle.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: airport arrival at 4:10 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Please note: Days 6-7 and 8-9 accommodations vary by departure date. Please contact A&K for details.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg



The interior of the hotel is an elegant fusion of contemporary design with traditional African flare. Aside from relaxing by the pool, working out in the gym or enjoying one of the many spa treatments, guests can explore the best of Johannesburg. Saxon has witnessed history within its walls as it became home to Nelson Mandela after he was released from prison. It was during this time that South Africa's former President used the serene setting of Saxon to edit his autobiography 'Long walk to Freedom.

Saxon boasts three Villas each with their own terrace, plunge pool and spa area and comprises of several individual interconnecting suites. The Villas offer guests an informal, personalized, home-from-home atmosphere and are nestled in lush indigenous gardens with water features for complete privacy. All suites and villas are accompanied by a 24 hour butler service. The world's finest linen, a complex pillow menu and opulent bath robe and slippers are provided to ensure the comfort of every guest.

Why we like it

- Nestled on ten acres of beautiful landscaped gardens, in the exclusive Sandhurst suburb of Sandton
- A haven of tranquillity and a complete escape from city life
- Exquisite personalized attention to detail

- Gourmet dining experiences to delight the seasoned foodie from fine dining to a sumptuous traditional Afternoon tea
- Enjoy the sublime facilities of the Saxon Spa and Studio

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, Victoria Falls



Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma lodge is named after David Livingstone's faithful friends, Sussi and Chuma who carried his body all way back to England from where he died in Zambia. The lodge consists of 12 beautiful tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses, both of which take full advantage of their stunning river-bank setting.

Each of the 12 suites have a private viewing deck and boasts en suite facilities with air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets and all the little luxuries you would expect from a lodge of this calibre. The two bedroom Chuma houses are perfect for private use, ideal for families or small groups they are privately staffed and each with a private swimming pool.

The main lodge building features a spectacular raised bar/lounge deck, open air dining area, curio shop, swimming pool and lawns sweeping down to the water's edge. Resident wildlife, such as hippopotamus and elephant, are likely to wander through the grounds at any time. Guests may enjoy a wide variety of activities - early morning river cruises, afternoon game drives, a tour of the Victoria Falls or perhaps a visit to a local village are certain to enthrall.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is located on the banks of the Zambezi River a short from the magnificent Victoria Falls
- Activities included are game drives in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a local village tour, sundowner cruise on the rive and a tour of the Victoria Falls
- A treatment room is available to experience spa treatments using products from the Africology line with a range of body therapies, body rituals and facial skin care

- The lodge has 12 tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses
- Children six years and older are welcome in the Sussi Tree houses. Children of all ages are welcome at the Chuma Houses.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park



Luxury and elegance combine at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero. Set on an escarpment overlooking the Chobe River and flood plain it is at the northern tip of one of Botswana's most famous National Parks, home to perhaps Africa's greatest concentration of elephant. Chobe Chilwero - meaning high view - is the perfect base to start or end your Botswana holiday. The lodge also benefits from being within easy reach of the world-famous Victoria Falls.

The spa is the first on the Botswana safari circuit. Features include an indoor spa bath, Vichy showers, hydrotherapy, plunge pool, relaxation area and private treatment rooms - one of which is elevated in the treetops. Cuisine is taken seriously here and a large variety of superior wines, specially selected by experts, are stored in the lodge's own temperature-controlled wine cellar. Game drives with professional guides take place twice daily in open sided 4-wheel drive vehicles. Sunset cruises on the Chobe River are particularly spectacular. Birding safaris, fishing expeditions and exploring the endless tributaries of this mighty river are all highlights.

All 14 guest cottages have been individually designed to fit in with their topography and vegetation. Each is finished with mosaic floors, traditional fabrics and fitted with air-conditioning as well as ceiling fans. There is one honeymoon suite complete with private plunge pool and a private vehicle for all game viewing activities. Outside there is a shower, seating area and hammock set within a private secluded garden. The bathrooms are luxurious with a separate shower and beautiful Victorian style baths - the perfect place to relax after a busy day game viewing in the Chobe National Park. Children 5 years and under are not allowed on activities unless sole vehicle use is requested and is still subject to management discretion.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero is a luxurious riverside retreat in the heart of the bush
- Activities included are morning and afternoon game drives and sundowner cruises
- The spa offers a range of spa and hydrotherapy treatments from both the Thalgo and Africology ranges
- Relax in the split level swimming pool after a morning game drive
- Enjoy cruises on the Chobe River in the double deck photographic safari boat with 360 degree swivel seats complete with a bar on the lower deck

Sanctuary Stanley's Camp, Okavango Delta



Set in an amphitheatre of ebony and sausage trees near the southern tip of Chief's Island, Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is situated on a 260,000 acre private concession, bordering the southern section of the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is one of Botswana's smaller and more intimate camps, with a maximum capacity of sixteen guests experiencing the best of Africa's wildlife and the highest standards of service and accommodation.

The bush adjacent to Stanley's Camp is rich with excitement: game walks, day and night-time game drives and silent, gliding mokoro excursions (subject to water levels). You can track a wide variety of big-game species: giraffe, buffalo, lion and leopard are often encountered. A particular highlight here is the resident herd of elephant: wild, but habituated over the last fifteen years to share their natural world with you. There is the chance to join these graceful giants on walking safaris through the bush, sharing in their daily activities of bathing, foraging, feeding and play.

Accommodation consists of eight classic-styled safari tents, each with en suite facilities and a private balcony where you can relax from the comfort of your hammock in the African sunshine. The main building is raised on decking and offers extensive views over the surrounding floodplains. Dinner is served overlooking the game-filled plains, seasonally glazed with their life-giving flood of water. The finest cuisine is complemented by a carefully selected choice of South African wines.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is traditional and colonial in style taking you back to when the pioneers were travelling
- Opportunity to walk with the elephants with the "Living with Elephants" project. This

activity is at an extra cost

- Eight classic styles safari tents each en suite with a private deck
- The area around the camp changes with the seasons - from lush green when the rain flows down from the Angolan highlands to dry savannah when the Kalahari Desert tightens its grip
- Children of all ages are welcome

Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve



Sanctuary Chief's Camp sits silent among the glassy waters of the seasonal flood waters. Sited in the exclusive Mombo concession of the Moremi Game Reserve, this camp has been seamlessly integrated into the environment of winding waterways, reedbeds, mopane woodlands and seasonal lagoons. The area's game is outstanding: lions are frequently seen and the area is one of the few places in Botswana offering a 'Big Five' experience. Access to Sanctuary Chief's Camp is by light aircraft, using the private landing strip just 15 minutes' drive away. The swimming pool is perfect to escape from the heat of the day. Sanctuary Chief's Camp also has a small library. Through the day expeditions with expert guides allow an up-close and personal bush experience, and when the floodwaters arrive from the north, mokoros come into their own, gliding silently along labyrinthine waterways (subject to water levels). More conventional, game-drives provide a succession of outstanding photographic opportunities, getting quietly close to unexpected sights of nature's drama in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

The twelve luxury bush pavilions, all set on wooden platforms are spacious offering 141sq metres of living indoor and outdoor space. The features of the pavilions include a private dining area, Nespresso machine, outside seating area, plunge pool, air conditioning and fan and Wi-Fi. The luxury bathrooms feature a spacious outdoor shower, a large bath tub and floor to ceiling windows that look out to the wilderness of the Okavango Delta.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Chief's Camp is located in the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve known as the "predator capital of Africa"

- Twelve luxury bush pavilions all on raised wooden platforms are the ultimate in privacy and comfort complete with plunge pool
- Activities included are morning and afternoon game drives and seasonal mokoro (dug out canoe) excursions
- Dining is always a pleasure here, blending Western and African influences
- Children over six years old are welcome

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

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