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BOTSWANA EXPLORER

This inspiring journey takes a privileged look at the prolific wildlife as well as the diverse and dramatic landscapes of Botswana, including the Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park and the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.

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Journey Overview

This inspiring journey takes a privileged look at the prolific wildlife as well as the diverse and dramatic landscapes of Botswana. Explore the wildliferich Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park, renowned for its vast herds of elephant and an array of other wildlife, as well as the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, a complete contrast to the verdant landscapes of the Okavango. Game viewing is offered by 4WD vehicle, boat and sometimes on foot. The companionship of outstanding safari guides combined with the sublime comforts of our hand-picked camps and lodge delivers an unforgettable safari experience.

Journey Highlights

- View Botswana's unmatched wildlife in three ways: on game drives, guided bush walks and a scenic river safari on the Chobe River
- Discover the diverse wildlife of Botswana alongside handpicked safari guides whose indepth tracking skills lead to exceptional wildlife encounters
- Glide through the Okavango Delta on a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe), observing aquatic life (water levels permitting)
- Search for rare nocturnal wildlife on a night safari
- Explore the Makgadikgadi, a relic of one of the world's largest super-lakes
- Stay in exclusive and intimate camps in idyllic locations



Itinerary

Day 1: Johannesburg

Arrive in Johannesburg, where you are met and transferred to your hotel, a short walk from the terminal building.

City Lodge O.R. Tambo International Airport

Day 2: Johannesburg - Chobe National Park

This morning make your own way back to the terminal and check-in for your flight to Kasane, Botswana. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your safari lodge, the only one located inside Botswana's world-renowned Chobe National Park, famous for its massive herds of elephant and buffalo. Settle into your spacious, river-facing accommodations. This afternoon, set out on a Chobe River safari, watching as elephants line the water's edge, hippos congregate in lagoons and predators come down to quench their thirst. Return to the lodge for dinner.

Chobe Game Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Chobe National Park

Today, embark on morning and afternoon game drives, starting with an early morning safari, arriving ahead of most visitors, thanks to your lodge's ideal location, to see predators at their most active. Explore along the Chobe River as your experienced guide interprets the bush signs and tracks in search of the resident wildlife. Watch for elephants, huge herds of buffalo and plenty of predators such as lions, wild dogs and even leopards.

This afternoon head out on another boat cruise or visit the park again on an afternoon drive.

Chobe Game Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Chobe National Park - Okavango Delta

Following a morning game viewing activity (time permitting), transfer to Kasane Airport for your onward flight into the heart of the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. Settle in before your afternoon safari adventure. Observe how this region, known as one of the best game viewing areas in Botswana due to its varied ecosystems, draws remarkable birds and wildlife, including the Africa's iconic species such as elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo.

Camp Moremi | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Okavango Delta

Spend two full days exploring the Okavango Delta. Each morning and afternoon, set out on game drives in open 4x4 vehicles and explore forests, wetlands, and savannahs in search of elephant, leopard, lion, and cheetah as well as wild dog and antelope. You may also have the opportunity to cruise on the Xaxanaka Lagoon and surrounding Okavango channels by motorboat looking for pods of hippos and some of the prolific bird and aquatic life.

Camp Moremi | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Okavango Delta

Following a morning game viewing activity (time permitting), you will be transferred to the airstrip for your onward flight to the enchanting Camp Okavango located on remote Nxaragha Island, offering a year-round water wilderness experience.

Camp Okavango | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Okavango Delta

Enjoy a full day at Camp Okavango with morning and afternoon game viewing activities. Roam the vast expanses of water from the comfort of a modern motorboat or explore the intricacies of the Delta the old fashioned way, in the traditional contours of the Mokoro. For those looking to get a little closer to nature, guided bush walks are conducted on a number of the nearby islands, offering an opportunity to track some of the larger land-based species that inhabit this water wilderness.

Camp Okavango | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Okavango Delta - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Following a morning game viewing activity (time permitting), you will be met by your representative and transferred to the airstrip for your onward flight to the remote Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, one of the largest areas of saltpans in the world. Your accommodation, Leroo La Tau is situated high on the western bank of the Boteti River offering exceptional views and the opportunity to witness large concentrations of wildlife from the lodge.

After settling in enjoy a late afternoon enjoy a game viewing activity around the lodge.

Leroo La Tau | Meals: BLD

Days 9-10: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

The Makgadikgadi is a relic of one of the world's largest super-lakes, which dried up thousands of years ago as a result of the continued shifting of the earth's crust. Navigating the vast plains by day, you may encounter an array of plains game and predators, including herds of springbok, gemsbok, leopard and red hartebeest, while night drives brush by packs of the edgy brown hyena, bat eared foxes and the elusive black-maned Kalahari lion. You may also be lucky to sight the three white rhinos that frequent the area.

Spend two days exploring this remarkable national park, enjoying morning and afternoon game viewing activities including game drives, night drives, unique nature walks with a local Zu/'hoasi Bushman and the possibility of an excursion to the local village, Khumaga. Depending on water levels, boat activities may also be possible.

Leroo La Tau | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park - Depart Johannesburg

Following a morning game viewing activity, transfer to the airstrip for your onward flight to Maun, and then onto Johannesburg where your journey ends.

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Accommodation

Chobe Game Lodge



Situated in a remote and unspoiled region of Botswana's Chobe National Park, Chobe Game Lodge enjoys a fantastic location overlooking the Chobe River and the Caprivi floodplains. The lodge's tasteful interior features handcrafted Rhodesian teak furniture and walls decorated with traditional African carvings and paintings. Each of the rooms is river-facing and features a private terrace granting access to incredible views.

Delectable cuisine is served in the lodge's restaurant, which is set within the tranquil garden. From the lodge, you'll embark on thrilling safari drives in open-sided, electric 4x4 safari vehicles. You can also head out to view wildlife from the Chobe River on one of the lodge's highly manoeuvrable boats. The friendly, expert guides will take you on stargazing expeditions, as well as walking safaris along the river or in the nearby Kasane forests. If you'd prefer to stay closer to your luxurious home from home, you can view wildlife from the elevated boardwalk that surrounds the lodge. It offers outstanding views over the nearby rivers, islands and floodplains.

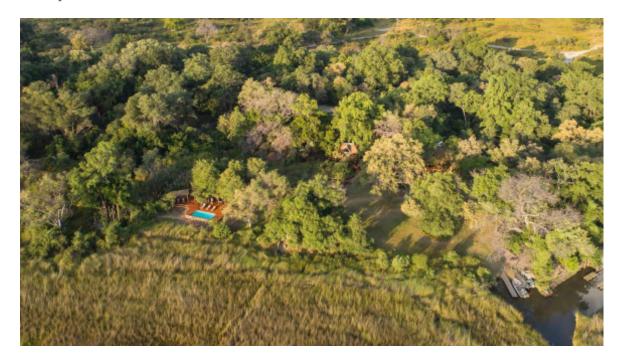
- The lodge enjoys a great location in the heart of Chobe, only 90 minutes by road from the beautiful Victoria Falls
- This is one of the original safari lodges in Botswana and it still offers an exceptional

safari experience

- You'll have opportunities to view elephants by the Chobe River
- It's one of the few lodges to have a team of female guides

• Stay in beautifully appointed accommodation – the lodge's luxurious suites have their own private plunge pools

Camp Moremi



Camp Moremi is situated on the Xakanaxa Lagoon in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Shaded by giant ebony trees, the lodge is housed in an elegant thatch-and-timber structure. It features a comfortable lounge, a wildlife reference library, a dining room and a stylish cocktail bar. Each of the 12 East African-inspired safari tents is beautifully furnished and offers private facilities.

The camp's large sun deck offers guests excellent views over the lagoon and the wildlife that visits it. A swimming pool, covered boma and elevated observation platform helps position Camp Moremi as one of Botswana's finest safari lodges.

Guests can embark on morning and afternoon safari drives, enjoy excellent bird-watching walks and explore the lagoon by power boat.

- The camp's elevated viewing deck offers panoramic views over the lagoon
- Stay in custom-designed safari tents on raised teak platforms
- It's all about the wildlife here you'll have plenty of opportunities to search for lion, leopard and cheetah, along with many other species
- There's a secluded swimming pool and deck area a perfect place to relax and cool off after a safari drive

Camp Okavango



Camp Okavango offers a unique African safari experience. Surrounded by water, the traditional 4x4 safari vehicle is replaced with motor boats and mokoros (dug-out canoes), allowing guests to see the local wildlife from a completely different perspective. The main lodge features a cocktail bar, sitting area and wildlife library. The comfortable dining room leads out to a spacious outdoor patio — a perfect place for evenings around the campfire.

Guests here stay in wonderfully appointed safari tents raised on teak platforms. En-suite facilities ensure that each stay is a comfortable one, and private viewing decks offer stunning views over the Okavango Delta. You'll be hard-pressed to find a better spot for a relaxed breakfast or post-safari sundowner.

You'll be able to explore the vast Okavango Delta by mokoro or motor boat (water activities are dependent on seasonal water levels). Or follow an expert guide to track larger game species on nature walks across the surrounding islands.

This is a perfect safari camp for couples and families alike — a very special place to stay in the incredible African wilderness.

- Located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, on the remote Nxaragha Island
- Experience a water-based safari and thrilling bush walks to get up close and personal with the local wildlife
- Raised wooden decks link the main area of the camp with the beautifully appointed safari suites
- The pool deck is a great place to relax and enjoy the views over this wildlife-rich region

of the delta

Leroo La Tau



Leroo La Tau is a stunning safari camp set on natural cliffs beside the mighty Boteti River. Time spent relaxing in the comfortable outdoor spaces is often enriched by sightings of crocodile and tropical birds. Elephant and other grazers become regular visitors throughout the dry season.

The main social space of the camp includes a fantastic fireplace and overlooks the seasonal waterhole. High-quality meals are served at an ambient outdoor dining area with views of the river. Relax in glass-fronted accommodations with en-suite bathrooms, comfortable furnishings and private outdoor decks. There is also a large swimming pool and a wildlife-viewing hide set beside the river.

Explore the amazing scenery with boat trips, guided walks and game drives. You may capture some incredible photographs of Botswana's spectacular fauna. The Makgadikgadi Pans are the setting of the zebra migration, the second-largest movement of grazing animals in the world and one of Botswana's most memorable sights.

- Spectacular setting on the banks of the Boteti River
- Glass-fronted thatched cottages with private decks
- Experience game drives, nature walks, boat trips and village visits
- You may witness the zebra migration between December and March

Dates & Pricing

From \$10,925 per person twin share (low season) and from \$16,915 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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