

# BOTSWANA PARKS & VIC FALLS 11 DAY SAFARI



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**Day 1** – On arrival at Maun Airport, we depart to Khwai River, where we will spend the next 3 nights/days. (approx 4 hour drive)  
The Khwai River is situated on the Northern side of Botswana, near a village called the Khwai Village. This village started as a small San settlement and has developed and expanded over the past few years, proving to be an interesting cultural enclave in its own right. It is also the place where non-hunting Botswana safaris originated. The Khwai River can be viewed at the North Gate of the Moremi Game Reserve and has recently earned a strong reputation as being one of the best game areas in Botswana, offering spectacular wildlife viewing and photographic opportunities.

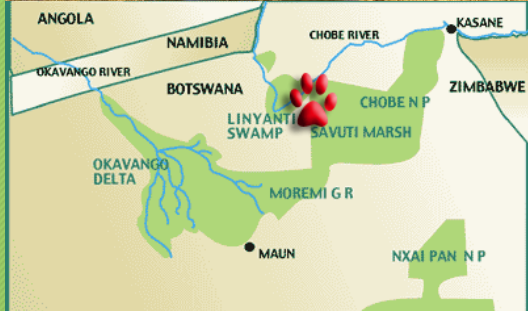
## ANIMALS & BIRDS

The lure of Khwai River and its extraordinary range of habitats provide the perfect environment for African animals to thrive and people to watch them. Great herd of antelopes, zebra, buffalo and elephants roam the pastures, and lions, leopards, cheetahs and all the other carnivores prosper. As Khwai River contains large areas of constant water, game viewing during the dry season is particularly good as animals are drawn to the permanent water sources. There are no fences between Khwai and the Okavango so the entire Okavango merges into a unified animal kingdom of grand proportions. Each area has its own particular habitat, resident herds and familiar predators. Often revealed are secretive animals like porcupine, pangolin, aardwolf and genet.

**Day 3** will be spent in the Khwai River Area, where a mokoro trip will be enjoyed. Traditional dug-out canoe or mokoro trips have over the years become a very popular way for travelers to experience the tranquility of the Okavango Delta. It is not surprising that regardless of their budget, visitors wanting a real insight into the lives of the people of the Okavango, choose to do these trips. They are a good way to slip quietly into, and become part of, everyday life in this watery wonderland.



# Day 4, 5 & 6 - SAVUTI



Today we move camp to Savuti, where we will spend the next 3 nights. The Savuti Marsh is situated near the Magwikhwe Sand Ridge, which forms part of the ancient shoreline of an enormous Inland Sea, which was formed in the area an estimated 2-5 million years ago. Situated close to this ridge/shoreline are the Savuti Hills (“kopjes”) where we can find Bushman paintings on the vertical rock faces.

## ANIMALS & BIRDS

The area promises sightings of endangered wild dog, which is said to be the most efficient hunter in Africa. Large concentrations of lion follow the annual zebra migration intently, and leopard and cheetah are to be seen. Many hyenas live here and researchers have found that lions lose 20% of their kills to them. Hyenas are formidable hunters in their own right but are opportunistic feeders who will pester and threaten anything from lion to wild dogs and in many cases, they manage to push these other predators away from their meal. Savuti is also famous for its elephants that roam great distances for the best fodder. Large secretary birds and kori bustards are often seen strutting around the Savuti marsh and small red billed francolins provide as a welcome morning wake up call. Interesting summer migrants and water birds include Abdim's storks, carmine bee eaters and even fish eagles. Little Quelea finches are quite a spectacle as they gather in the thousands. They reach a frenzy of numbers in about April when a single flock could contain tens of thousands of these small twittering birds.

## SAVUTI SPECIALITIES

- Rare and endangered wild dog are a pleasure to observe
- Thousands of zebras moving slowly across the plains in their twice-yearly migration, is a sight to behold
- Hyenas have the most complex social system of all African animals and are fascinating to watch at their den when youngsters are around
- Sit for hours watching elephants at waterholes

# Day 7 & 8 - Chobe Safari Lodge- Kasane



**The Chobe River** has its origins in the highlands of Angola and once it enters Botswana, it goes through several name changes. It enters as the Kwando River and immediately becomes the Linyanti, then the Itenge and is finally called the Chobe River.

The Chobe River area contains an interesting variety of habitats and is rich in plant life, with mopane woodland, mixed combretum, sandveld, floodplain, grasslands and riverine woodlands. Many trees have suffered considerable damage from the high numbers of elephants, who push them over and rip off the bark - and some woods have been totally denuded.

The most popular area in and just outside Chobe National Park is the 80km stretch of Chobe River from Kasane town to the Ngoma border. Few people come to Chobe without taking a trip on this river to see hundreds of hippopotamuses and crocodiles. Both hippos and elephants epitomize this park more than any other animals and are often featured on the cover of brochures to the area. The only subject more photographed in Chobe are the exquisite sanguine sunsets sinking slowly over the water.

## ANIMALS & BIRDS

Notwithstanding the elephants, Chobe has some of the finest game viewing in Africa. It is notable for huge herds of buffalo and zebras, lechwe, Chobe bushbuck and being the southernmost point where puku antelope can be seen. Where there are buffalo, lions are never far away and there is a good chance of seeing large prides who laze around in the shade all day and only yawn themselves awake at dusk.

## CHOBES RIVER SPECIALITIES

- Elephants by the hundreds especially by the Chobe River during the dry season
- Sundowner river cruises culminating in spectacular Chobe sunsets

## ACTIVITIES

- Game drive
- Chobe sunset cruise





## Day 9 & 10 - Kingdom Hotel - Victoria Falls

**DAY 9** – After breakfast you will be transferred from Chobe Safari Lodge to the Zimbabwean border where a quantum bus will transfer you to the Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls for the next 2 nights.

**DAY 10** - This day is dedicated to exploring the vast natural spectacle of the Victoria Falls, which plunges more than 100 meters over a length of 1.7 km. A beautiful walkway leads to several vantage points on the various sections: Devils Cataract, Main Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Rainbow Falls, Danger Point. The everlasting fine spray has created a small tropical rainforest next to the footpath. Optionally, you can take a helicopter ride over the falls to get a bird's eye view of the true size of the giant waterfalls.

**DAY 11** – Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for departure.

**Optional other activities:** Zambezi River Cruise, White Water Rafting, Elephant Encounter, Gorge Swing, Zim Line, Boma Dinner and Drum Evening.  
Activities in Vic Falls are not included in this proposal/quotation.





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# TRIP SUMMARY

## ACCOMMODATION:

6 nights tented camp in Dome tents  
4 nights lodging (Kasane & Vic Falls)

## QUOTATION INCLUDES:

Minimum number of participants  
4 x 4 vehicles/mokoros/quantum bus  
All accommodation as stated in above itinerary  
All necessary camping and kitchen equipment (when camping)  
Camping in dome tents with mattresses/bedding (in Khwai)  
Personal extras such as towels (in Khwai)  
All meals (in Khwai & Savuti)  
Breakfast in Kasane & Victoria Falls  
Mineral water, juice with meals (in Khwai)  
Sunset cruise (Kasane)  
Gamedrives  
Park and entry fees

## QUOTATION EXCLUDES:

Activities in Victoria Falls  
Lunches and Dinners (Victoria Falls & Kasane)  
All alcoholic beverages  
Personal extras such as laundry and telephone calls  
Optional extra excursions  
International Flights / Scenic flight  
Holiday/Personal Insurance  
Gratuities

PLEASE NOTE: Swampland Safari Trails reserves the right to confirm alternative accommodation in the event of being unable to confirm accommodation specified in the itinerary.

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