

BOTSWANA 13-DAY SAFARI

(including day trip to Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe)



Day 1 & 13: TRIP SUMMARY

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| ACCOMMODATION: | Day 1: | Moremi - Tented camp |
| | Day 2: | Moremi - Tented camp |
| | Day 3: | Moremi - Tented camp |
| | Day 4: | Mboma Island camping - Tented camp |
| | Day 5: | Mboma Island camping - Tented camp |
| | Day 6: | Khwai Village - Tented camp |
| | Day 7: | Khwai Village - Tented camp |
| | Day 8: | Khwai Village - Tented camp |
| | Day 9: | Savuti - Tented camp |
| | Day 10: | Savuti - Tented camp |
| | Day 11: | Kasane - Chobe Safari Lodge/or similar |
| | Day 12: | Kasane - Chobe Safari Lodge/ or similar |
| | Day 13: | Fly out from Kasane |



Day 1, 2 & 3, MOREMI

On arrival at Maun Airport, you will board your chartered flight to Moremi Game Reserve, where you will spend the next 3 nights at a Tented Mobile camp. Morning and afternoon gamedrives will be enjoyed.

Moremi Game Reserve falls within the tribal land of the Batswana and is named after the late Chief Moremi III. It was clear to his wife, who reigned after his death that the game in their traditional hunting grounds was fast disappearing. With encouragement from conservationists, Mrs. Moremi proclaimed the Moremi Game Reserve in March 1963 and the tribe agreed to vacate the land.

Chief's Island is the largest landmass within Moremi and was the Batswana tribe's richest hunting grounds with a vast array of animals. The dry sandy interior of this 100,000 hectare (1,000 square kilometer) island is full of Mopane woodland and acacia thorn scrub interspersed with clay pans.

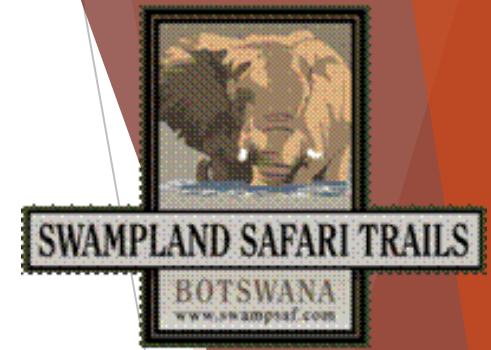
These pans fill with rain and attract large herds of buffalo who seem to prefer drinking from the pans rather than the river. They also like the sparse but sweet grasses found here, as opposed to the long but courser fodder of the floodplains. As the Mopane bush gives way to floodplains and riverine forests, other animals become abundantly visible and the whole spectrum of Africa's game can be seen.

MOREMI SPECIALITIES

- Exceptional game viewing
- Abundant birdlife
- Beautiful scenery
- Amazing nightlife experience



Day 4 & 5, ISLAND CAMPING



Day 4:

This morning after breakfast, you will be transported to Mboma boat station. You'll be boating through the channels of the Okavango Delta to an island where you'll spend the next 2 nights in dome tents.

The Okavango Delta in Botswana is one of the world's largest inland deltas. While most river deltas usually lead to an ocean, the Okavango River empties onto open land, flooding the savanna and creating a unique and ever-changing inland delta.

The delta swells almost three times in size between March and August. It fluctuates between 6,000 square kilometres to approximately 15,000.

The Okavango Delta is deemed one of the world's premier wilderness areas. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes, hippos, antelope, leopards, hyenas, zebras and crocodiles are all examples of animals that you might see. During the dry season, around 260,000 mammals congregate around the delta.



Day 6, 7 & 8- KHWAI VILLAGE

This morning after breakfast, the boat will take you back to Mboma boat station where you'll be met by your Swampland guide to transfer you to Khwai village, where you'll spend the next 3 nights/days. (approx. 5 hour drive) You'll enjoy a picnic on the way.

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 7 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 9 & 10, SAVUTI



Today we move camp to Savuti, where we will spend the next 2 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 11 & 12- Kasane/Vic Falls

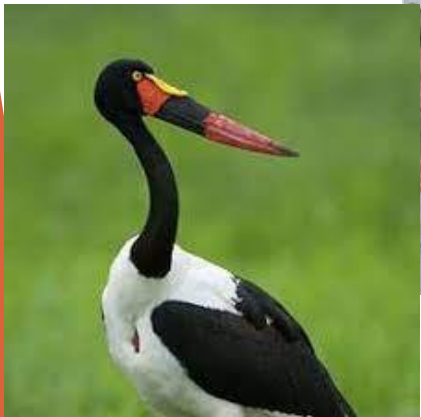


This morning after breakfast we will depart from Savute for Kasane, where you will relax at Chobe Safari Lodge (or similar) for the next 2 nights. After a siesta at the lodge, a spectacular sunset boat cruise will be enjoyed on the Chobe River, before dinner at the lodge.

Day 12: Today you will enjoy a Day trip to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe to visit the magnificent Victoria Falls.

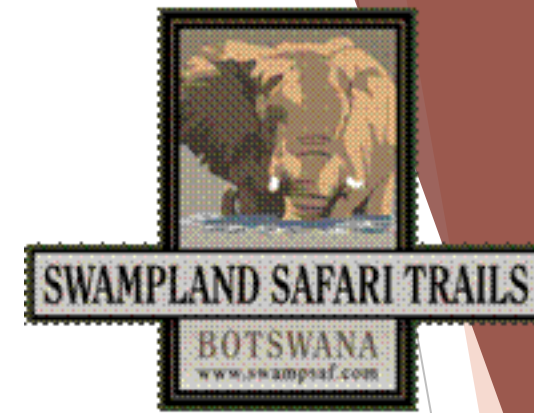


Day 13: This morning you can enjoy a late breakfast, whereafter you will be transferred to Kasane Airport for your departure back home.
FLY OUT



TRIP SUMMARY

- ACCOMMODATION:** 10 nights tented camp in De Lux/Dome tents
2 nights lodge Kasane
- QUOTATION INCLUDES:** All accommodation as per itinerary
Flight from Maun to Xakanaxa Airstrip - Moremi
4 x 4 vehicles/game drives/mokoros/boat trips
All necessary camping and kitchen equipment
Personal extras such as towels
All meals (IN THE BUSH)
Breakfast & Dinner in Kasane
Mineral water, juice with meals, in the bush
Alcoholic drinks (Gin and tonic, Wine) in the bush
Park and entry fees
Sunset Cruise (Kasane)
Day Trip (Vic Falls) Unguided
- QUOTATION EXCLUDES:** Lunch in Kasane and Vic Falls
All drinks in Kasane and Vic Falls
Entrance fee at Victoria Falls
Personal extras such as laundry and telephone calls
Optional extra excursions
International Flights
Holiday/Personal Insurance
Gratuities
Covid test (if applicable)



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