

# A Walker's World

## **BOTSWANA – THE ELEPHANT SAFARI**

14 NIGHTS/15 DAYS EXPLORING 3 COUNTRIES

BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA & ZIMBABWE

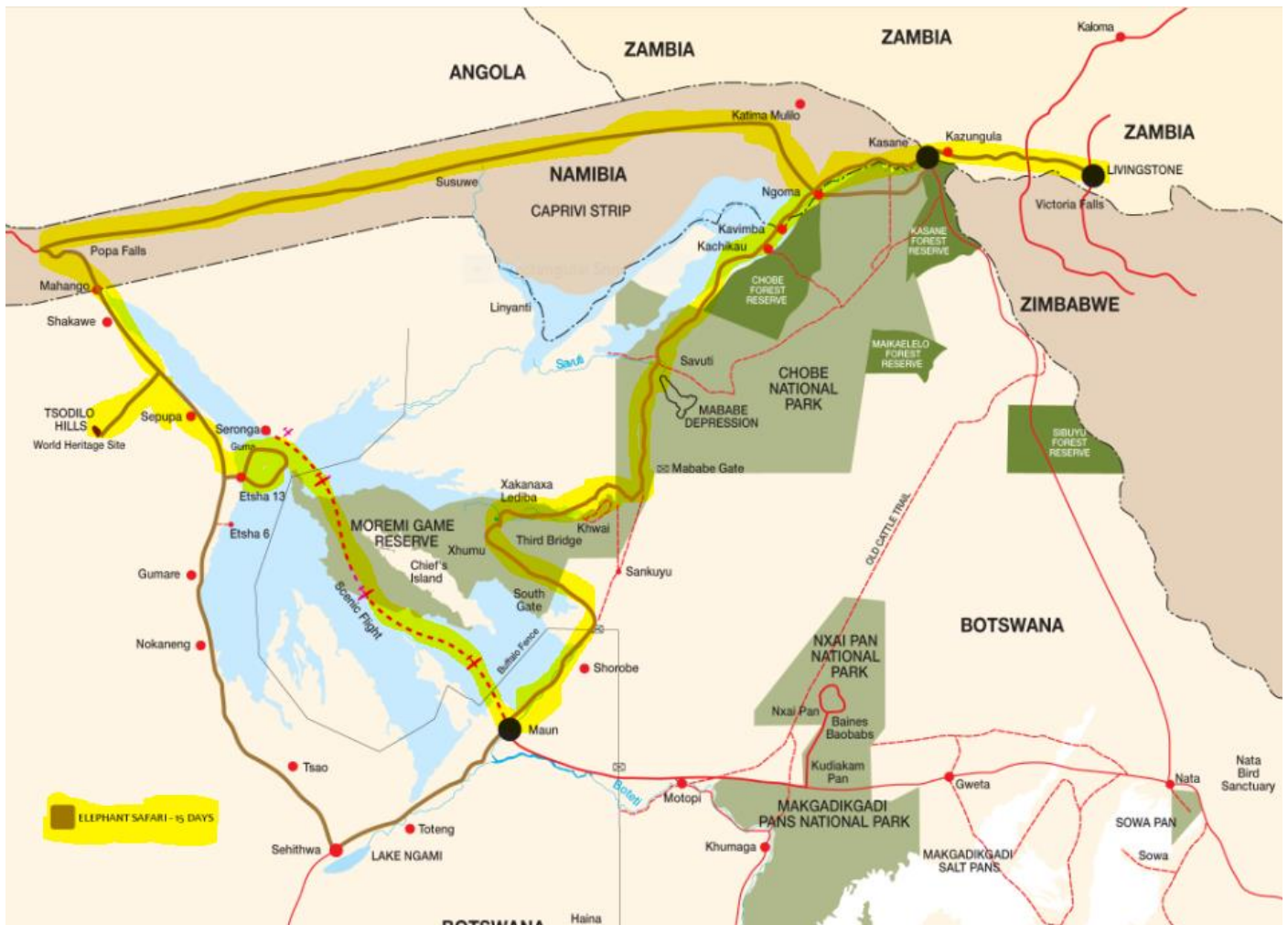
SEMI PARTICIPATION CAMPING SAFARI – GUIDED 2020

This adventure safari forms a circular route around the Okavango Delta, starting in Kasane and ending in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The Elephant Safari offers a great value camping adventure through three countries - Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe.



### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River
- 2 nights in North Eastern Namibian National Parks - Caprivi area
- 1 night Tsodilo Hills – World Heritage Site
- Okavango Delta & mokoro excursions
- Motorboat in the Delta
- Optional Game/Scenic Delta flight on Day 7 Nguma to Maun (1 hour) (COST: €150 based on minimum 3 passengers participating).
- 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 3 nights Chobe National Park
- Optional visit to the Victoria Falls, (US\$ 20, subject to change)
- 1 night at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



### Day 1: Chobe Area, camping

The safari officially begins in Kasane, Botswana, at 1.00 pm. A Walker's World is happy to assist with pre-tour arrangements such as accommodation and transfers from Livingstone, Zambia or Kasane, Botswana, if required. On arrival in Kasane your guide will give you a full safari briefing and take you shopping for your safari drinks. The first highlight of your safari will be a sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River.

Camping will be in Kasane at a campsite with permanent ablutions. (L, D)

### Day 2: Susuwe/West Caprivi National Park, camping

You will depart Kasane early to cross the Namibian border and then drive to Susuwe National Park. After setting up camp you will explore the area on an afternoon game drive. Camping is in a designated campsite with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 2: Kasane – Susuwe: driving 270km, 3-4hrs

### Day 3: Popa Falls, camping

You will rise with the sun and head west towards the Okavango River. You will camp on the banks of the Okavango River overlooking Popa Falls and have the opportunity to visit these rapids in the afternoon. Camping is in a designated campsite with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Susuwe – Popa Falls: driving 220km, 4hrs





#### Day 4: Tsodilo Hills, camping

After a very early start we visit the jewel that is Mahango National Park before crossing the border to re-enter Botswana. You will journey through to the World Heritage Site of Tsodilo Hills and set up camp. This afternoon you will visit the museum and explore the walking trails around the ancient hills, home to thousands of traditional Bushmen paintings dating back to 800 AD. Camping is in a designated site with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Popa Falls - Tsodilo Hills: driving 120km, 4hrs

#### Days 5-6: Okavango Delta, camping



Rising with the sun, you will drive to the edge of the Okavango Delta, a special corner of paradise. You will transfer your equipment to motorboats, cruise along the narrow papyrus-lined channels enjoying the exquisite birdlife of the region as well as the stunning landscape. Deeper in the Delta you will meet the local polers with their mokoro (a traditional dugout canoe) and enjoy a tranquil transfer to an island. You will spend two days exploring this beautiful area on mokoro excursions and taking guided walks on the islands and floodplains of the Okavango. You will camp

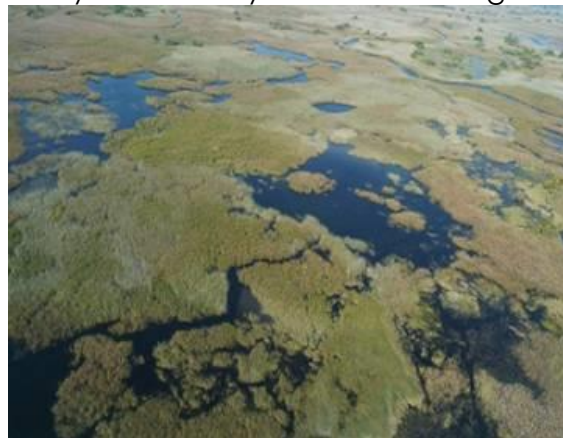
wild with bush ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tsodilo Hills – Okavango Delta: driving 120km, 2hrs

**NOTE:** the vehicle and main trailer are parked in a private area on the shore of the Delta from day 5 (13h00) until day 7 (09h00). You will leave your main luggage in the trailer and will need to pack in a smaller luggage (like small backpack, hand luggage) what you need for 2 days as transfers from the mainland to the island where you will stay is done on motorboat and traditional dugout canoes (mokoros).

#### Day 7: Maun, camping

Inspired by the beauty of the Okavango, you will retrace your route to Maun. You will have the option of taking a scenic flight (1 hour – cost €150 based on minimum 3 passengers – must be pre-booked) over the Delta to return to Maun. This magical experience provides another perspective of the Okavango Delta's unique water system. Sometimes you will see animals making their way to the water. If you choose to take the flight, you will enjoy a leisurely afternoon in the Delta campsite writing postcards or reading a book while you wait for your afternoon flight.



Your guide will travel back to Maun with the vehicle to resupply for the next stage of your adventure. After collecting you at the airport, you will shop for drinks and then spend the night at a campsite just outside Maun with permanent ablution facilities. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Okavango Delta – Maun: driving 320km, 4h

### **Days 8-9-10: Moremi Game Reserve, Camping**

From Maun you will drive through to Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana which covers swamp and dry areas. The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets will be the norm. After your morning game drives, you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta. On Day 10 you will move campsites to explore a different area of this diverse park. Camping will be in private designated campsites with bush ablutions (2 nights in Western Moremi and 1 night in Eastern Moremi). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Maun – Moremi Game Reserve: driving 150km, 6h (including game drive)



### **Days 11-12-13: Chobe National Park, camping**

Chobe National Park, with its diverse and striking landscapes, will be your next destination. As you continue your search for wildlife, you will traverse the drier region of Savuti where bull elephants dot the plains. You will then head northwards to the Chobe River where your game drives will meander along the banks of the river, followed by the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle. Camping will be in private designated areas with bush ablutions, first in the Savuti area (Savute Main or Zwei Zwei Pan) (Day 11), then in the northern part of the park closer to the riverfront (Days 12 & 13). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Eastern Moremi – Savuti: driving 120km, 7-8h (transfer / game drive)

Day 12: Savuti - Chobe River: driving 170km, 5-6h (transfer / game drive)

### **Days 14-15: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, comfortable lodge**



After a morning game drive, you will cross the Zambezi River by ferry and then drive to Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side (visa required), where you will spend the night at a comfortable lodge. In the afternoon there will be time to visit the thunderous Victoria Falls and shop for curios. Dinner will be at your own expense at the lodge. The safari officially ends at 10.00 am on Day 15.

(Day 14 – B, L & Day 15 - B)

Day 14: Chobe River – Livingstone: driving 100km, 2-3h (including border crossing)

**A Walker's World is happy to arrange post-tour accommodation, activities and transfers to Livingstone or Victoria Falls airports or lodges, or Kasane, Botswana, at an additional cost. Activities in Livingstone include white water rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, canoeing on the upper Zambezi, elephant rides, microlight (a must do!) and helicopter flights over the Victoria Falls, please enquire for further details.**



**DATES & PRICES IN EUROS 2020 - THE ELEPHANT SAFARI (14 nights / 15 days)**

	Nov – June: €2265 (Low Season) July – Oct: € 2470 (High Season) Single supplement €150	
CODE	SAFARI DATES	SEASON
BWE 2000	11 Jan-25 Jan	Low
BWE 2001	01-15 Feb	Low
BWE 2002	22 Feb – 07 Mar	Low
BWE 2003	14-28 Mar	Low
BWE 2004	28 Mar- 11 Apr	Low
BWE 2005	11-25 Apr	Low
BWE 2006	25 Apr-09 May	Low
BWE 2007	09-23 May	Low
BWE 2008	23 May-06 Jun	Low
BWE 2009	13-27 Jun	Low
BWE 2010	27 Jun-11 Jul	High
BWE 2011	11-25 Jul	High
BWE 2012	25 Jul-08 Aug	High
BWE 2013	08-22 Aug	High
BWE 2014	22 Aug-05 Sep	High
BWE 2015	05-19 Sep	High
BWE 2016	19 Sep-03 Oct	High
BWE 2017	03-17 Oct	High
BWE 2018	31 Oct-14 Nov	Low

**Safari guaranteed to operate with minimum 1 participant****2020 COST INCLUDES:**

- All accommodation (spacious bow tents with mattresses)
- Rooms at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- All transfers and activities as per the itinerary
- All meals that are indicated and tea/coffees
- Services of a Professional Guide and Camp Assistant
- All Botswana park fees for activities included on itinerary
- Transport in specialised safari vehicles

**2020 COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Restaurant meals (Victoria Falls)
- Entrance to the Falls
- Visas
- Airport transfers
- Tips
- Curios, optional excursions (scenic flight over the Delta and activities in Livingstone/Victoria Falls,)
- Beverages (alcohol, soft drinks and bottled mineral water)
- Insurance to cover for cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation
- Sleeping bag (and small pillow) on all camping sectors
- Any increase in National Park fees

- **BOTSWANA TOURISM LEVY:** Any traveller arriving at a Botswana port of entry from 1st June 2017 onwards will be required to pay the Tourism Development Levy recently implemented by Botswana Tourism and the Botswana Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Conservation and Tourism.  
Aim: To support Botswana's efforts towards protection of wildlife, wilderness areas and national tourism development.  
Eligibility: All visitors to Botswana, in exception of residents and citizens of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states  
Collection: The Levy is payable at all ports of entry including airports and border posts.  
Modes of payment: Payments are done at the ports of entry through electronic payment machines, through cash (US Dollars), debit and credit card. After the payment, a unique receipt corresponding to the passport will be automatically generated. The receipt should then be presented to Immigration Officials. The passport and the receipt will be stamped and handed back to the traveller. The receipt will be valid for a 30 day period and can be used for multiple entry.

**Amount: USD 30 in CASH**

**Single Supplement** - €150 for all semi participation safaris if the guest wishes to guarantee a tent / room by themselves. If a single guest is willing to share with another guest of the same gender there is no supplement charged.

**Extra Mattress Hire** – €10 subject to availability

**SLEEPING BAG HIRE** - Sleeping bags including a small pillow are available for hire at €20 per safari – please advise us at the time of booking.

## **VEHICLES**

All our safari vehicles are specially designed to maximize viewing and photographic opportunities for our guests. These 4X4 safari vehicles are custom built as well as the trailers that transport the camping equipment.

- Designed to seat 16 guests but we have a maximum of 12 guests to allow for plenty of space on each row for day packs, camera equipment and space between guests. Each vehicle has 4 rows with a maximum of 3 guests per row for increased comfort and space. Our seats are bench seats to allow for great flexibility for guests and are not bucket seats which can be restricting.
- 2 meters in width which is wider than standard vehicles and is also designed for people 195cm in height, so again plenty of room for legs and knees, camping equipment etc.
- Folding windscreen so guests can enjoy unobstructed views/photographs on game drives
- Removable canvas roof, which enables guests to stand up on seats and enjoy the sights and smells of the African bush from a higher perspective.
- Removable perspex windows to protect against the cold and rain.
- Fridge for cold beverages for that perfect sundowner ;-)
- Each vehicle has coil springs with double shocks – this reduces the bouncing felt by guests on very bumpy bush roads.
- Folding side door for ease of entry and exit for each row of seats.
- There is no cab between the guide and the guest which allows for better communication and interaction between the guests and guide
- There is an inverter (220VAC with two pin europlug adapter) that guests are welcome to use to charge camera batteries.

The detachable trailer is specially designed for easy access to tables, chairs, and all kitchen equipment ensuring picnic lunches are not only hassle free but also greatly reduces set-up and packing times - leaving more time for game drives!



**TENTS & ABLUTIONS (BUSH SHOWER & LOO) FOR SEMI-PARTICIPATION SAFARIS**





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