

# A Walker's World

## THE LEOPARD SAFARI

### BOTSWANA TO VICTORIA FALLS

#### SEMI PARTICIPATION MOBILE CAMPING SAFARI

16 NIGHTS/17 DAYS 2020

This mobile adventure safari is a thorough exploration of diverse experiences and the best of Botswana's features and attractions. You will be introduced to one of the oldest cultures in the world, the San Bushman; vast and amazing wilderness areas of the Kalahari Game Reserve; the unique Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve. Starting in Maun and ending at the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, it offers unbeatable value for money where participants are only required to set up their own tents and help make and break camp. A camp crew is there to cook and do the rest of the chores.

*"We had a lovely multi-national group who all 'mucked in' and that was the key to us getting on so well. Food was amazing especially considering the 'kitchen' and open fire. Highlights were seeing five cheetah in the Kalahari plus a herd of buffalo when out on a walk. I'd never seen so many before. Botswana doesn't have the people that other game rich countries have so there are no 'crowds' hovering around one poor animal. We had elephants, lion and hyena in camp. It's a more natural safari experience.*

*I'd recommend it to anyone!"*

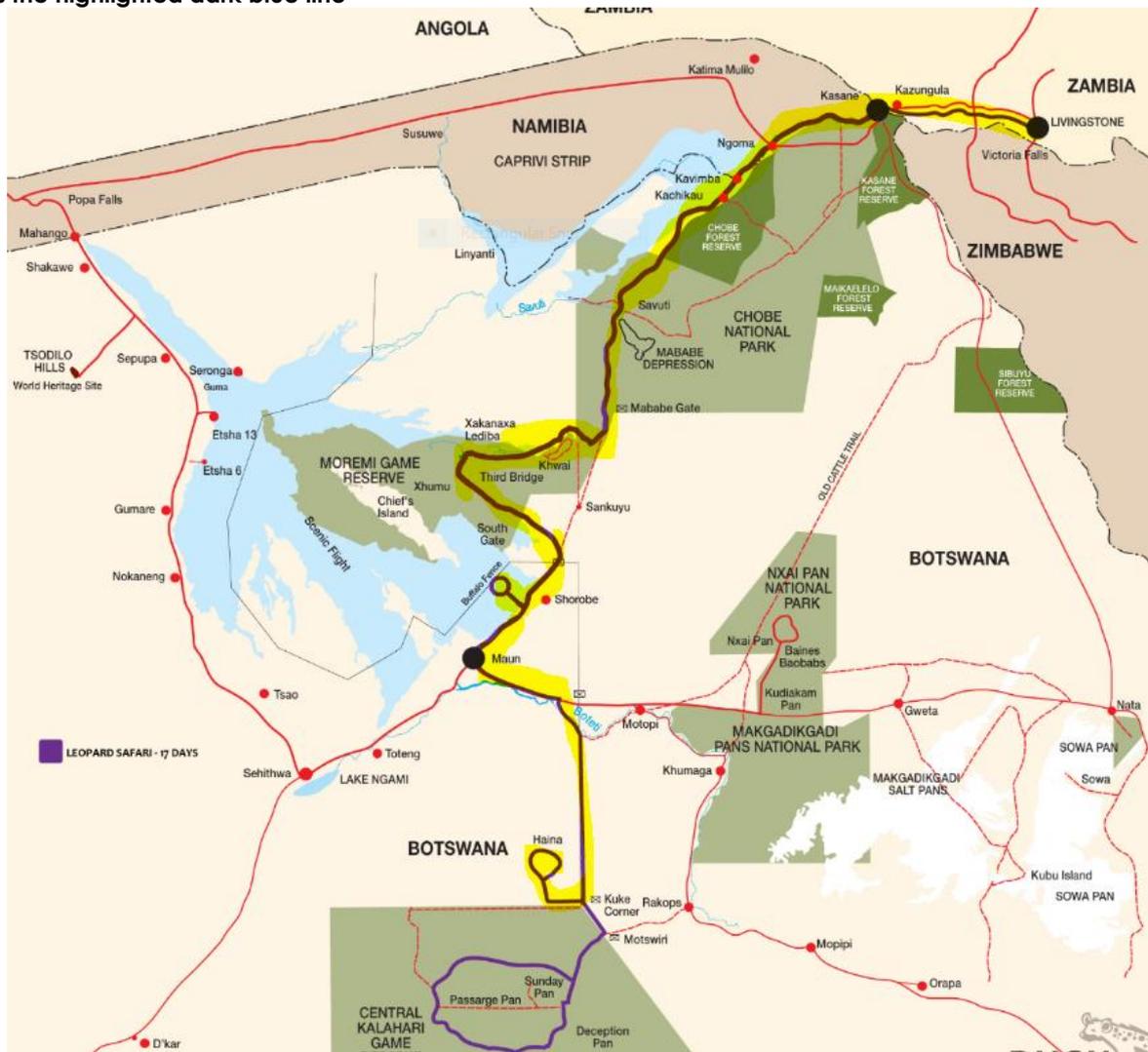
Christine Pullin New Zealand



## HIGHLIGHTS

- San Bushman experience (Hainaveld)
- 4 nights Central Kalahari Game Reserve
- 1 night comfortable lodge in Maun
- Okavango Delta and mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions
- Motorboat in the Delta
- Optional Game/Scenic Delta flight (EUR 145 per person, minimum 3 participants, subject to change)
- 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

Route is the highlighted dark blue line



## CENTRAL KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

Located in the semi-arid Kgalagadi is the Central Kalahari Game Reserve; the ultimate 'remote' safari destination in Botswana. It spans an area of over 50 000km<sup>2</sup>, most of which is inaccessible. Being a land of singular, often hidden splendour, the Kgalagadi is intensely alive with an astonishing diversity of plant and animal life. It has broad variations in vegetation, supporting several savanna types, namely grass, shrub and tree savanna. Known to wildlife such as the cats (lion, cheetah), hyena, oryx, springbok, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, southern giraffe and many more the Kalahari proves to be an area of plenty for the discerning traveller with sites such as Deception valley and Passage valley.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hainaveld area - Bushman Experience, camping

The safari begins in Maun, where your guide will meet you at 7.30 am at a pre-arranged meeting point. You will travel 170km to a game farm on the northern border of the Central Kalahari Game reserve, set up camp and have a safari briefing. In the afternoon you will participate in a nature walk led by local Bushmen trackers. They will share their intricate bush knowledge and give you an insight into their unique and intriguing culture.

**Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner.**

**Driving:** Maun to Game Farm in Hainaveld area: 180km, 4hrs

### Days 2 - 5: Central Kalahari Game Reserve, camping

You will wake up as the sun rises and enter the pristine wilderness of the largest game reserve in Botswana. (45km) The next four days will be exploring the undeveloped wilderness of the northern region of the Kalahari, moving from camp to camp. You will visit Passarge Valley (Day 2 and 3) and Deception Valley (Day 4 & 5) in your exploration of the Kalahari. Savour the vast open spaces, clear night skies and uninterrupted beauty on game drives and at camp. This is adventure camping in its purest form as water and communications are limited and we travel as a self-sufficient group. Camping is in a designated campsite with fixed/bush ablutions.



**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Driving** - Day 2: Game Farm in Hainaveld area to Central Kalahari Game Reserve: 120km, 4-5hrs (including game drive). Days 3-4: Extended game drives

### Day 6: Maun, comfortable lodge

After our final morning game drive in the Kalahari we return to Maun where one night will be enjoyed in the comfort of a lodge. OPTION: You have the opportunity to take a scenic flight from Maun over the Delta to see the islands and twisting water channels from the air (COST: €120 based on minimum 3 passengers participating).

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner is at your own expense at the lodge.**

**Driving** - Deception Valley, Central Kalahari to Maun: 340km, 5-6hrs



### Day 7 - 9: Okavango Delta, camping

Your adventure will take you to the southern part of the Delta exploring this spectacular destination on mokoro excursions and nature walks. After two nights camping on a small island, we will then be camping just outside the Moremi Game Reserve. Once you reach the edge of the Delta, you will transfer your equipment to motorboats and 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.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.**

**Driving** - Maun to Okavango Delta: 320 kms 4 hrs

**NOTE:** the vehicle and main trailer are parked in a private area on the shore of the Delta from day 7 (13h00) until day 9 (09h00). You will leave your main luggage in the trailer and will need to pack in

a smaller bag (like small backpack, hand luggage) just 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 (mekoros).



### Days 10 - 12: Moremi Game Reserve, camping

Game drives in the 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 drive you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta.

Camping will be in private designated campsites with bush ablutions.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Driving** - Day 10: Game drives Moremi Game Reserve



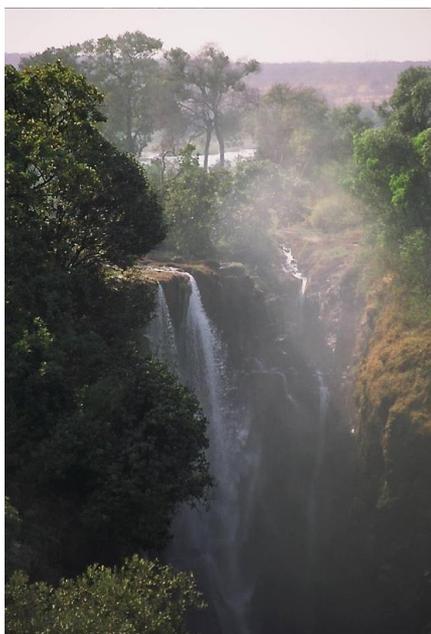
### Days 13 - 15: Chobe National Park, camping

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.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner . Driving** - Day 13:

Eastern Moremi to Savuti: 120km. 5-6hrs. Day 14: Savuti to Chobe River: 170km, 5hrs

## Days 16 - 17: A comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



After a morning game drive you will cross the Zambezi River by ferry and then drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (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, take a sunset cruise or bike tour, and shop for curios.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner is at your own expense at the lodge.**

**Driving** - Day 16: Chobe River to Victoria Falls: 100km, 2-3hrs (including transition of the border)

The safari officially ends at 10.00 am on Day 17. We can arrange post-tour accommodation, activities and transfers to Victoria Falls Airport or lodges, Livingstone (Zambia) or Kasane in Botswana, at additional costs. Activities in Victoria Falls include white- water rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, canoeing on the upper Zambezi, elephant rides, helicopter and microlight (a must do!) flights over the Victoria Falls.

## 2020 DATES & COSTS PER PERSON IN EURO - THE LEOPARD SAFARI (17 days/16 nights)

	Nov – June: €2630 (Low Season) July – Oct: €2825 (High Season)	
CODE	TRAIL DATES	SEASON
BWP 2000	02 Jan – 18 Jan	Low
BWP 2001	23 Jan – 08 Feb	Low
BWP 2002	13 Feb – 29 Feb	Low
BWP 2003	05 Mar – 21 Mar	Low
BWP 2005	09 Apr – 25 Apr	Low
BWP 2007	07 May – 23 May	Low
BWP 2008	28 May – 13 Jun	Low
BWP 2010	21 Jun – 07 Jul	Low
BWP 2011	05 Jul – 21 Jul	High
BWP 2012	19 Jul – 04 Aug	High
BWP 2013	02 Aug – 18 Aug	High
BWP 2015	16 Aug – 01 Sep	High
BWP 2017	30 Aug – 15 Sep	High

BWP 2018	13 Sep – 29 Sep	High
BWP 2019	27 Sep – 13 Oct	High
BWP 2020	11 Oct – 27 Oct	High
BWP 2021	25 Oct – 10 Nov	Low
BWP 2022	08 Nov – 24 Nov	Low
BWP 2023	10 Dec – 26 Dec	Low

## TOURS GUARANTEED DEPARTURE – MIN. 2 PERSONS TRAVELLING

### 2020 COST INCLUDES

- All accommodation (spacious bow tents with mattresses)
- Rooms at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and Maun
- All transfers and activities as per the itinerary
- All meals that are indicated, tea/coffee, and filtered water
- 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, Maun, Botswana)
- 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

**Single Supplement** - €120 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.



Bucket shower enclosure

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



### VEHICLE HIGHLIGHTS

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!



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