

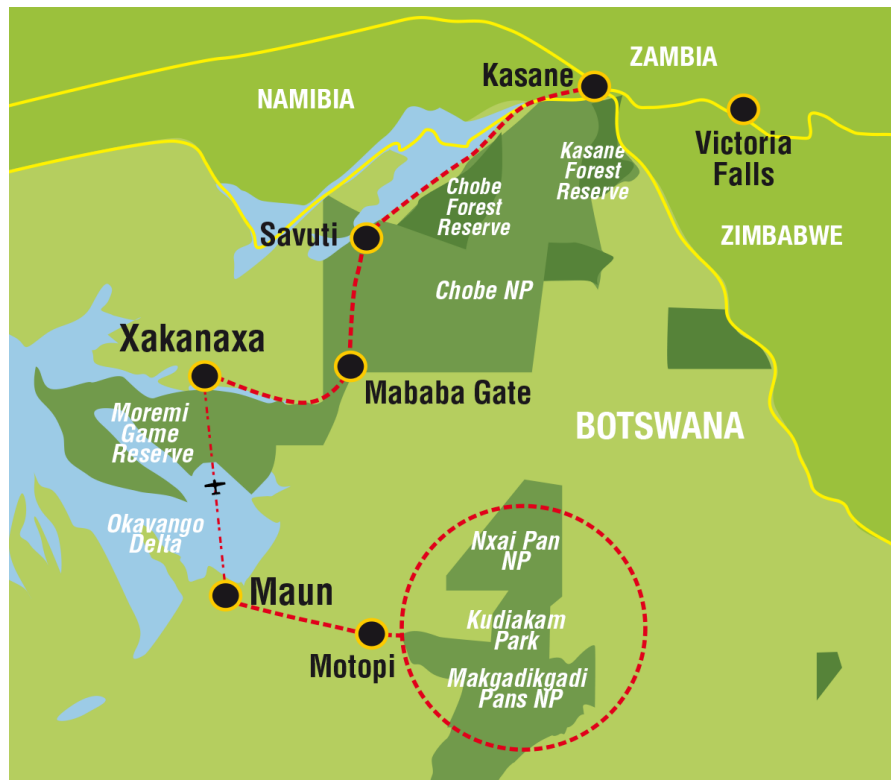
A Walker's World

Don't just see the world. Experience it.

13 & 9 Day Botswana Discovery Safari

5% SAVING WHEN YOU BOOK BY 31 MARCH 2020!!!

Your 13 day safari explores the unique wilderness areas of the Makgadikgadi Pans, Nxai Pan National Park, Moremi Wildlife Reserve, the Savuti Channel, Chobe National Park and Victoria Falls. Listen to the haunting cry of the fish eagle; see herds of elephant and buffalo, tsessebe and zebra as well as all large and small predators. A boating experience on the Chobe River is included. The safari ends with a transfer from Kasane to Victoria Falls or Livingstone.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive access to several Botswana wilderness areas
- Accommodation is in authentic, fully-serviced, luxury tented accommodation that also provides an intimate 'close-to-nature' experience.
- Combines several fascinating Botswana areas for a discovery of a variety of habitats and wildlife.
- Experience a range of game viewing activities: walks, day and night wildlife viewing – both water- and land-based.
- The light aircraft flight offers spectacular aerial views of the Okavango Delta.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Nxai Pan National Park

Drive Maun – Nxai Pan (180 km, 5 hour drive)

Arrive Maun Airport and depart in a south easterly direction by road for Nxai Pan and Makgadigadi National Parks. Weather permitting, we visit Baines Baobabs on Kudiakam Pans (part of Makgadigadi Pans) and then continue into Nxai Pan. If heavy rains occur it may be impossible to reach Baines Baobabs.

Nxai Pan is reachable in wet times. Large amount of game especially zebras congregate here in the rainy season on their yearly migration.



Day 2 Nxai Pan National Park

An early morning game drive takes us along Nxai Pan in search of game. The area has a variety of game that changes according to the grass and availability of water. Zebra, wildebeest, springbok, impala, giraffe and ostrich can easily be seen which attracts predators and in turn birds of prey around the waterhole. In the wet season buffalo and elephant are visitors. Return to camp around midmorning for brunch. Late afternoon there will be another game drive ending at the waterhole. Cap the day off with sundowners from an attractive spot.

Day 3 Nxai Pan National Park

Depart after breakfast on a game drive to the Kgama-kgama Pan which serves as the northern boundary of Nxai Pan National Park. The area is host to large volumes of zebra and other plains game that migrate into the area. Bull elephants also favour the area and can be seen in small herds. The area adjacent to the salt pans may be undulated and not always reachable. In the afternoon we drive to Baines Baobabs some 35 km away on Kudiakam Pan. On our return to Nxai Pan we visit the waterhole in search of predators.



Day 4 Maun

Drive Nxai Pan - Maun **(180 km, 5 hours)**

We depart Nxai Pan after breakfast and game drive en-route to the main road that leads us back to Maun. Your guide will drop you at your Bed & Breakfast in Maun for an afternoon at leisure.

9 DAY CLASSIC SAFARI COMMENCES ex Maun Airport

Day 5 Xakanaxa, Okavango Delta

Scenic flight to Xakanaxa **(30 mins)**

Transfer from your hotel for to Maun Airport, most probably by around lunchtime, to board a light aircraft for a spectacular flight to the Moremi Game Reserve. Upon arrival at the Xakanaxa airstrip you will be met by your guide.



A large variety of game can be found along the rivers and floodplains of the Okavango, herds of red lechwe, buffalo and hippo are commonly seen. During midday we may encounter some breeding herds of elephants coming to drink along the rivers. Moremi is well known for its wild dog population; lions, leopard and cheetah are also frequently seen. We arrive camp in the late afternoon with time to shower before dinner which is served in the dining tent.

Camp near **Xakanaxa** in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 6 Xakanaxa, Moremi Game Reserve

Early morning coffee or tea before setting off on a full morning's game drive in the Moremi Game

Reserve. Return to camp about 11am for a delicious brunch. Time rest and relax in camp. After tea we set off on our afternoon game drive through Moremi with its wilderness of rivers and lagoons. We take a motorboat cruise on the Xaxanaka lagoon or Mboma waterways to visit the famous heronries of the eastern Okavango. Return to camp for sundowners around the campfire. Dinner is served in the dining tent. Camp near **Xakanaxa** in exclusive wilderness area.



Day 7 Khwai, Moremi Game Reserve (drive)

Drive Xakanaxa to Khwai (50 km, 4 hour

After breakfast leave Xakanaxa and continue on an interesting riverine route through Moremi to arrive and set up camp within sight of Khwai River.



Camp near **Khwai River** in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 8 Khwai, Moremi Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives exploring the Khwai River area should reveal a variety of game. Dombu Hippo Pools offer beautiful sunsets and plenty of Hippo. During the heat of the day you will have a chance to read, relax and enjoy the sounds of the wild, followed by afternoon tea before the sunset game drive.

Camp near **Khwai River** in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 9 Savuti

Drive Khwai to Savuti (100 km, 5 hour drive)

An early morning game drive to have one last look at the Khwai, before returning to our camp for breakfast. We leave Moremi and our route takes us on an interesting day's drive northwards to Savuti. Stop en route for lunch. On the way to Savuti we pass over the Mababe depression, once a vast lake. Here in summer months the zebra migrates from Northern Chobe via Savuti and Mababe to Makgadigadi Pans. Approximately 20,000 zebras make this annual migration. The Savuti channel and marsh have been dry since 1980 and finally received water again in 2009. The marsh is now partially covered in water and attracts large concentrations of game and birds. Time will now tell how the water will influence the famous Savuti bull elephant population which it is well known for. Overnight **Savuti** in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 10 Savuti

We depart on an early morning drive in search of the Savuti predators. Savuti has been host to most of the amazing wildlife documentaries filmed in the last 25 years. Many about the merciless competition between the different predators. Savuti also have a few rocky outcrops enabling us to see the Klipspringer antelope. There is also a small collection of Bushmen rock art. Morning and afternoon game drives with leisure time to relax during the heat of the day.



Overnight **Savuti** in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 11 & 12 Chobe National Park

Drive Savuti to Chobe (180 km, 5 hour drive)

After breakfast we leave for Chobe River well known for its breeding herds of elephant and large herds of buffalo for which this park is famous. Chobe riverfront is without a doubt one of the best game viewing spots in Southern Africa. In an afternoon it is possible to see more than a thousand elephants and buffalo. Shy antelope species like the Chobe bushbuck, Roan and Sable antelope can also easily be seen. Along the Chobe floodplains there is also a small population of Puku antelope, common on the floodplains of Zambia.

If you are a keen birdwatcher, Chobe will not disappoint, huge numbers of water birds congregate here especially in the summer months. In the afternoon on the second day, a boating excursion on the Chobe River offers a new dimension to game viewing.

Camp along **Chobe** floodplains in exclusive wilderness area.



Day 13 Depart

Drive Chobe to Kasane (50 km, 2 hour drive)

After a leisurely breakfast, we pack up and slowly make our way out of Chobe National Park towards the town of Kasane. From here you bid farewell to your guide and camp crew. Transfer 90 minutes by road to Livingstone (Zambia) or Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). Your transfer company will drop you at the Airport in time for your international flight or your hotel if you are extending your safari. **(Visa and departure taxes are for own account)**

Your guide: Explorations are led by highly skilled and qualified professional guides with an incredible passion to share their knowledge for the natural areas they work in. Having one guide throughout your safari ensures a sense of continuity together with a consistent and detailed interpretation that is shaped to your specific interest. Many of the guides are skilled photographers making sure that the safari vehicle is situated in the best location for your shots.

MOBILE CAMP SETUP





Standard dome tents (3m X 3m) with 2 single beds, bed linen and towels. Ensuite attached at rear.



Bush bathroom with bucket shower and (usually) a chemical toilet





Dinner setting with the 'boma' (fire) behind

SCHEDULE 2020

10 – 22 Jan, 12 – 24 Feb, 16 – 28 Mar, 9 – 21 Apr, 30 Apr – 12 May, 2 – 14 Jun, 4 – 16 Jul, 18 – 30 Jul, 31 Jul – 12 Aug, 16 – 28 Aug, 29 Aug – 10 Sep, 1 – 13 Oct, 16 – 28 Oct, 7 – 19 Nov, 9 – 21 Dec

***** Minimum 4 participants required for a scheduled tour to operate, maximum 12**

COST 2020: per person share twin in US\$

LOW SEASON: 1 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 31 Dec US\$5,085 Single supplement US\$620

HIGH SEASON: 1 Apr – 31 Oct US\$5,795 Single supplement US\$620

Save 5% off the safari cost and 50% off the single supplement if you book by 31 March, 2020

A **9 Day CLASSIC MOBILE CAMPING SAFARI** also operates with the same itinerary (from Day 5) except for Nxai and Makgadikgadi Pans. It comprises 2 nights Xakanaxa, 2 nights Khwai, 2 nights Savuti, 2 nights Chobe with scheduled departures and costs as follows:

14 – 22 Jan, 16 – 24 Feb, 20 – 28 Mar, 13 – 21 Apr, 4 – 12 May, 6 – 14 Jun, 8 – 16 Jul, 22 – 30 Jul, 4 – 12 Aug, 20 – 28 Aug, 2 – 10 Sep, 5 – 13 Oct, 20 – 28 Oct, 11 – 19 Nov, 13 – 21 Dec

COST 2020: per person share twin in US\$

LOW SEASON: 1 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 31 Dec US\$3,895 Single supplement US\$430

HIGH SEASON: 1 Apr – 31 Oct US\$4,455 Single supplement US\$430

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COST INCLUDES:

- 12 nights accommodation – 11 nights camping in comfortable dome tents with ensuite bathrooms, 1 night lodge
- Mobile tented camp fully serviced (i.e. non participation) with mess tent and supply truck

- Professional guide, safari chef, waiter and safari crew
- Light aircraft flight from Maun to Xakanaxa
- Game activities as described in the itinerary plus national park fees
- All meals and drinks (wine, beers, soft drinks, tea, coffee) while on mobile tented safari (includes soft drinks, tea, coffee, local wine and beer)
- Transportation in customized 4 X 4 game viewing vehicle
- Park fees
- 12% VAT

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Travel insurance
- Medical insurance
- Staff gratuities
- Optional safari extensions
- Meals and drinks at hotels plus items of a personal nature
- Visa fees on entry into Zambia and Zimbabwe
- US\$30 Tourism Levy payable by card or cash when entering Botswana

PRIVATE SAFARIS

Can be booked as a private safari in either standard or luxury tented accommodation. For standard tented accommodation the same cost applies as the scheduled departures for a minimum of 6 people. For a safari with luxury tents the requirement is a minimum 5, maximum 8 participants.

COST – PRIVATE LUXURY TENTED SAFARI – 13 days

LOW SEASON: 1 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 31 Dec

US\$7,120

Single supplement US\$870

HIGH SEASON: 1 Apr – 31 Oct

US\$8,115

Single supplement US\$870



Luxury tent with ensuite

Shorter safaris are available with scheduled departures and as private safaris. Please enquire

LUGGAGE: Strictly limited to 20kgs per person including hand luggage and must be in soft bag.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT POLICY:

- Once a booking has been secured a non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total land arrangement costs is required in order to confirm it.
- Full payment is due 65 days prior to arrival date, after which our cancellation fees escalate in accordance with our cancellation policy.
- Should a cancellation be made between 4 weeks and 9 weeks, the deposit plus 35% of the price is forfeited.

- Should a guest cancel between 4 weeks prior to departure, 70% of the price is forfeited.
- Should a guest cancel between 2 weeks prior to departure, then 100% of the price is forfeited.

PRE-TOUR INFORMATION:

We provide pre-tour information relevant to all countries in which we plan safaris, and this should answer most questions a guest might have regarding travelling on safari. We will send this to you on confirmation with a suggested packing list.

PASSPORT & VISAS:

- Visitors to Africa must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond their intended departure date, together with onward travel documents, proof of accommodation and sufficient funds for the duration of their stay. In addition, each country they may be visiting generally requires at least 2 consecutive/side by side blank pages on entry for both visas and stamps. Should the itinerary include more than one country, excluding the country of departure and return, a sufficient number of blank **visa** pages (not endorsement pages) in their passport is required. Should there be insufficient blank pages in your passport then entry into or exit from a country could be denied.
- Any applicable visas, costs and/or relevant documentation are the responsibility of the guest. They must please verify with the relevant consulate concerning visa entry requirements and, if extending their journey to other countries, the visa entry requirements for those countries need to be established as well.
- **Guests must ensure they have all necessary visas prior to departure from their home country (unless these can be obtained on arrival) as our safari operators cannot be held liable should entry be denied.**
- If a parent/guardian is travelling alone with a minor child/ren (aged 18 years or younger) to South Africa then the parent/guardian must be in possession of a certified letter of consent from the non-accompanying parent or guardian.



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