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### 9N Vintage Botswana

Linyanti Concession - Okavango Delta - Central Kalahari Game Reserve  
10 Days / 9 Nights  
2 Persons



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### Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	<a href="#">Lagoon</a>	Linyanti Concession	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>
Day 4	<a href="#">Splash</a>	Okavango Delta	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>
Day 7	<a href="#">Tau Pan</a>	Central Kalahari Game Reserve	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>

**Key**  
FI: Fully Inclusive

## Transport

### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport
Day 1	Shared Charter	Maun International Airport [MUB] - Kwando Lagoon Airstrip
Day 4	Shared Charter	Kwando Lagoon Airstrip - Kwara Camp Airstrip
Day 7	Shared Charter	Kwara Camp Airstrip - Tau Pan Airstrip
Day 10	Shared Charter	Tau Pan Airstrip - Maun International Airport [MUB]

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PACKAGE SEASON	PP SHARING	SINGLE SUPP
15 November – December 2023	USD 5,840	USD 0
January - March 2024	USD 5,850	USD 0
April - June & 1 - 14 November 2024	USD 10,630	USD 2,300
July - October 2024	USD 12,440	USD 2,940
15 November - December 2024	USD 7,640	USD 0

### Special notes

- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Oct & Nov, neither rate is applicable – please request a special quote
- **A festive season surcharge applies for travel between 20 December and 04 January**, please contact us for a quote specific to your travel dates
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees
- Single supplement\* is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo – rate available on request
- Subject to availability at the time of booking



#### **Travel for Impact – Responsible Travel**

By booking this itinerary, you donate USD\$2 for every night of travel per person on the booking. Your donation goes to **Travel for Impact (TFI)** and ensures that your safari has a meaningful impact on the people who live locally. For more information on giving back to your chosen destination of travel, visit [www.travelforimpact.com](http://www.travelforimpact.com)



### Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include a fee into all our packages for a local medivac in case of an emergency. Please discuss further details with your consultant and for more information, visit <http://www.okavangorescue.com/>

## Day 1-4 Lagoon, Linyanti Concession

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### Day Itinerary

Upon arrival into Maun Airport proceed to Customs and Immigration and collect your luggage.

You will be met in the arrival's hall by a representative from Safari Specialists and shown to the Charter Company to assist with check in for your light aircraft transfer flight to the Linyanti area for Lagoon Camp. You will spend three nights here on a fully inclusive basis.

Please note that the flight is booked on a 'seat rate' basis and therefore flight times are not scheduled until the day prior to flying, lodge managers will arrange your activities and transfers accordingly. Please note that there is a strict luggage restriction on all light aircraft flights of 15kg per person in soft bags, plus hand luggage.



The Linyanti is a safari addict's bush nirvana. One of the most remote and exclusive pockets of Botswana, this pristine wilderness is what great game viewing and wildlife documentaries are made of.

Only private concessions are on offer here, where the rules are flexible and the crowds can't go. The Linyanti is not just for ticking off the big game; it also has a knack for delivering lesser-spotted bucket list items, whether it's a rare bush pig or that long-searched-for wild dog.

Very few camps operate in the Linyanti. Each offers different habitats and landscapes with one common theme: a strong track record for game viewing during Botswana's drier winter months. Together with the Chobe Riverfront, the Linyanti homes the highest density of African elephants in the world. Many camps also offer seasonally dependent water-based experiences, be it on a spillway, river, lagoon or channel to break up the game drive routine.

Just one of the Linyanti's concessions alone is twenty times the size of Manhattan, yet only forty people can stay during any night of the year. If Botswana puts a heavy emphasis on preserving the wild and taking only a handful of people into the bush, then the Linyanti is where this concept is taken to the extreme.

Here, you can follow the big game off-road, whether in a white-knuckled pursuit of a lioness chasing buffaloes, or during a quiet crawl off-track to see wild dog puppies emerging from their den for the first time.

Possibilities exist for exploring the bush on foot for adrenaline-pumping game approaches, and many camps offer game viewing hides for a more relaxed approach to wildlife sightings, or even overnight sleep outs.

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## Overnight: Lagoon View iBrochure

**Includes:** meals, local drinks, activities & laundry

**Excludes:** premium drinks

**Activities:** day & night drives and seasonal walking at the guides discretion. Boating & fishing (seasonal and water level dependent)

Lagoon Camp is situated in the Kwando Reserve, a huge private reserve covering 2,300km<sup>2</sup>. Most of its western side is dense mopane forest but along the Kwando River is a band of lush riverine forest, interspersed with open plains. The area attracts superb big game, especially during Botswana's dry season when elephants seem to be everywhere.

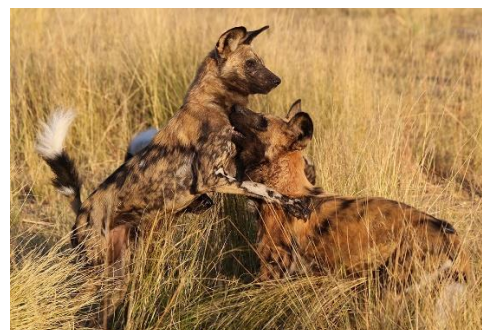
Lagoon Camp has 8 comfortably appointed safari style tents overlooking the lagoon. One of the tents serves as a family room. The tents have en-suite facilities, his and hers basins, flush toilet and a spacious inside bath tub and inside & outside showers.

The camp has a plunge pool, lounge, bar, gift shop and dining room with a shady area overlooking both the lagoon and is a favoured spot where elephants come to drink and also have a raised library that overlooks the lagoon.

At Lagoon Camp the activities concentrate around open vehicle game drives. Game walks are on offer but are at the guides' discretion due to the concentrations of elephant. Lagoon Camp offers off road night game drives, offering guests to see the fascinating nocturnal wildlife in the area.

Activities are focused on game drives. During periods of high-water levels, water activities may be possible but not guaranteed.

**Airstrip Transfer Time:** 15 minutes




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## Day 4-7

### Splash, Okavango Delta

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#### Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer in a light aircraft to the north eastern Okavango Delta where you spend three nights at Splash Camp on a fully inclusive basis.



The Okavango Delta is where the wild things are: an immense, waterlogged oasis alive with elephants and birdlife, adrift in the middle of Kalahari sands. The real magic of the Delta lies in its water, trickling through from far away highlands, and spreading across the channels and floodplains.

During winter in the Kalahari, when the sun has baked the earth bare and turned the desert its driest, water fills the Okavango; transforming the floodplains into a Noah's Ark of African wildlife.

As the water brings life to the delta, its local residents shape and recreate it. Termites slowly build mounds into islands, germinated with palm trees by passing elephants. Waterways open and close on the whim of wide-bottomed hippos, carving out channels where they crash through reeds, and leaving room behind them for exploration by mokoro.

The Okavango has many faces, which change throughout the year, prompted by that most unpredictable diva of all: the weather. Water levels rise and drop, expanding and shrinking islands, while animals move where the life is easiest and the grass greenest. In a few days, a sandy road driven by vehicle can become a waterway of unknowable depth, prompting a safari by boat instead.

Where and when you stay in the Okavango Delta will hugely influence what you do in the bush each day, the animals you're most likely to see and finally, the safari experience you'll have.

The delta's watery heart is best discovered by mokoro through shallow channels and floodplains, as well as crossing the islands on foot. For less water and more of the big game, visit a camp on its drier edges (including Moremi Game Reserve and the Khwai Community Area), jump on a vehicle and seek out the animals hiding in the woodlands.

### **Overnight: Splash** [View iBrochure](#)

**Includes:** meals, local drinks, activities & laundry

**Excludes:** premium drinks

**Activities:** day & night game drives, guided walks and seasonal boat cruises, mokoro excursions and basic fishing (seasonal & depending on water levels)

Splash Camp is located in the vast Kwara private concession within the heart of the Okavango Delta, alongside the Moremi Game Reserve. This exclusive setting amidst shady trees boasts permanent water and seasonal floodplains together with classic bush wilderness.

Twelve tents, two of which are family rooms, are set upon individual decks with spectacular views over a pan which attracts a variety of wildlife. All rooms are en-suite with double basins and indoor-outdoor showers. Simple yet graceful contemporary furnishings enhance the ambience of the camp. Splash Camp's main area has a lounge, bar, curio shop and plunge pool. Meals are served al fresco in the boma area in front of the camp looking towards the lagoon.

Within the camp is the intimate Splash Enclave, offering exclusive use for six to ten guests. The Splash Enclave has a private main area with lounge, bar, dining area and plunge pool. With no age restrictions, the Enclave is ideal for families or small groups.

Both day and night game drives and bush walks are conducted by experienced guides and trackers. Seasonal, water level dependent activities offered are boat cruises, mokoro excursions and basic, leisure fishing. Game viewing in the area is considered phenomenal and it is a true birder's paradise. Seasonal visits to the local heronries (bird numbers permitting) are a must for keen birders.

**Airstrip transfer time:** 40 minutes



## Day 7-10

### Tau Pan, Central Kalahari Game Reserve

#### Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer in a light aircraft to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve for Tau Pan Camp, where you spend three nights on a fully inclusive basis.



If the middle of nowhere had a name, it would be the Central Kalahari Game Reserve. Out here, you'll learn the true meaning of remote, wild, vast and open nothingness. This is one of the biggest wildlife reserves on the planet, anchored atop the largest sand basin in the world: the Kalahari Desert.

Here, the skies are huge and tall yellow grasses stretch on forever. Standing under the stars at night, you could easily believe yourself to be alone with the universe, until the distant call of a Kalahari lion tells you otherwise.

Come here during the later green season months (January – April) and the open plains turn a brilliant green against blinding blue skies. Huge herds of white-faced springboks and long-horned gemsbok spill into the open landscape, giving birth to their young while hungry cheetahs and lions follow close by. During the winter (May – October) the landscape fades yellow and brown as antelope herds thin out in search of food.

Sunsets here sink slowly through the sky, growing pink and red the closer they drop to earth. Here, you can watch the sun hit the ground from almost anywhere, with only an acacia tree or two lying between you and the horizon.

The grasslands of the Kalahari are an open stage, changing from hour to hour and, even more dramatically, from one month to the next. A plain lying empty during the morning might be watched over by birds of prey by the afternoon. As the light sets on the day, you might find bat-eared foxes and scavenging jackals trotting across your field of vision instead. Or, if you're really lucky, you just might catch one of the Kalahari's big cats strolling past as antelopes freeze into statues waiting for whatever comes next.

### **Overnight: Tau Pan View iBrochure**

**Includes:** meals, local drinks, activities & laundry

**Excludes:** premium drinks

**Activities:** game drives, Bushman experience and full day visit deeper into the Central Kalahari on request.

Tau Pan is situated inside the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), famous for its breath-taking night skies and amazing scenery and cloud formations. Tau Pan Camp is situated on the edge of the beautiful Tau Pan and commands stunning views of the permanent Tau Pan water hole and the endless Kalahari horizon.

Situated on an established sand ridge overlooking Tau Pan, there are 8 custom-built desert rooms under thatch (including 1 family room). All rooms are en-suite and are adapted to the surrounding environment. The main area consists of dining room, lounge area and a viewing deck. The camp also offers a swimming pool, and curio shop. Tau Pan Camp is adapted to the surrounding environment and runs on solar power.

After the summer rains, CKGR completely transforms as the blue-sky fills with huge clouds, and the plains and pans burst with sweet grasses. This is one of the best game viewing areas in Botswana at this time of year and not many people seem to be aware of this so the visitors are few. CKGR is home to animals such as springbok, gemsbok and wildebeest in their thousands and is quite a sight to behold. Predators abound with plentiful lions – especially the famous Kalahari black-maned lion, cheetah, leopard and jackals

Activities include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, stargazing and guided walks with a San bushman who will explain and entertain you by answering all your questions from birth to marriage to bush survival. Tau Pan is a national park, a very ecologically sensitive area, and for this reason no night drives or off-road driving is permitted. Subject to a minimum of 3 nights' stay (weather permitting), a raised sleep out deck provides guests with the pleasure of spending an unforgettable night beneath the Kalahari's glittering skies. Advance booking is required.

**Airstrip Transfer Time:** 15 minutes



## **Day 10**

### **End of Itinerary**



## **Day Itinerary**

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport in time for own onwards travel arrangements.

You will be met by a representative from Safari Specialists upon arrival into Maun to assist with check in for your outbound flight.

## Travel Information

- Please take note of our Booking Terms & Conditions. It will be understood that these have been read and accepted by you on receipt of confirmation of the booking.
- For your safety and peace of mind, on confirmation of your booking, we strongly recommend that Travel Insurance is arranged to cover cancellation, curtailment, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods.
- Road and air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (shared) unless otherwise requested or specified. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times. Private charters can be requested at an additional cost.
- Passengers weighing over 100kg should please advise us at the time of booking, as we may need to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for your safety and comfort.
- The costs are subject to change at any time due to fluctuations in fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers that are beyond our control.
- Please advise us of the ages of children (under 18) travelling, together with their date of birth, at the time of booking as not all lodges accept children and there may be restrictions or conditions which can affect pricing.
- We recommend that optional activities be booked in advance at time of confirmation to guarantee availability e.g. Helicopter Flight of the Angels in Victoria Falls
- Please allow a minimum 2-3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. It is important that you check that your flight tickets have been issued in your full names as per your passport.
- We require full payment for international and domestic scheduled flights at the time of confirmation e.g., Air Botswana Johannesburg to Maun, Proflight Livingstone - Lusaka and so on. We are not able to guarantee any flights before receipt of payment as seats are often held for a limited period before ticketing is required so this is a time sensitive issue. Air tickets are considered non-refundable unless otherwise specified. Please confirm the details with your consultant at the time of booking.

### **Passports, Visas and Travel Documentation**

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity before the expiry date and 6 empty pages (not including the endorsement pages). The onus is upon guests to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Please note that certain visas can take up to 3 months to be processed so please consider this when booking.

If you are travelling with children through Southern Africa, please be aware that you will be required to have certified copies of their unabridged birth certificates, and passports on hand. If you are not their legal parents, or if only one of you is travelling – you will need to have consent in the form of an affidavit giving you permission to travel with the child.

### **Inter-camp transfers**

Due to the vast distances involved in travelling in the remote areas of Southern Africa - your itinerary may include road, boat and air transfers in small aircraft.

On shared air transfers, all the flight times between lodges are arranged a few days before the flights take place to avoid endless schedule changes. The lodge or camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time. Although every effort will be made to ensure that guests are transferred together in one vehicle / aircraft, this cannot be guaranteed, especially with larger groups. The aircraft used for inter-camp transfers vary in size from 3-, 5-, 7- and 12-seater aircraft. We recommend that guests susceptible to motion sickness take appropriate precautions due to flying conditions.

### **Weight & Luggage Restrictions**

There are strict luggage restrictions in place on any itinerary, which includes light aircraft transfers for safety

reasons. Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg per person travelling on seat rates. Only soft bags will be accepted - no hard suitcases or bags with wheels can be transported, as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm/10 inches wide x 30cm/11 inches high and 62cm/24 inches long. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning, your baggage could be delayed, as we may have to fly the baggage into camp at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. However, should you notify us in advance that your baggage will exceed the limit; we may be able to assist you with alternative arrangements e.g. storage or purchase of additional luggage allowance.

For bookings including flights within Zambia & Mozambique, please note luggage weight exceptions under destination information.

### **Lost Luggage**

Lost luggage on international flights is a common problem facing travellers today. We suggest that you pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with you as hand luggage. If travelling as a couple or family we suggest that you split your clothing between bags so that if one bag gets lost, you will have basic items on hand to see you through the first couple of days while we try and recover your lost baggage.

Please note that whilst we try our utmost to locate and re-unite you with your bags, that there may be charges involved in getting your bags to remote areas, which would be for your cost. Please remember to report the lost luggage to the airline as soon as you make the discovery - the airline will issue you with a Baggage Claim Form, which you will need in order for us to trace the bag.

### **Health and Dietary**

Please note that you are travelling to a Malaria-risk area. Please consult your doctor for medical advice prior to travel.

Although usually safe to drink, we do not recommend that you drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at the camps and lodges.

The camps are isolated and generally have limited power supply and access to supplies. Please notify us in advance of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions and medical equipment you may need with you. Please carry critical medication in your hand luggage.

Yellow Fever Certificates - are only required if you have travelled to a Yellow Fever area as designated by the World Health Organisation. Please check with your Travel Clinic or doctor well in advance of your departure date.

### **General Travel Information**

- There is no or limited electricity and cell phone coverage in the camps and lodges excluding major towns and cities. All camps do make provision for charging cameras and electronic devices.
- Please ensure that you do not pack any valuables, cameras, cash, laptops in your checked in luggage – these should be kept on your person at all times.
- Please notify us immediately of any changes to flight arrival and departure details as this affects onward transfer arrangements.
- Please note that most camps & lodges in Botswana do not have double beds. Twin beds are pushed together to make up a double room.
- Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules the company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions or

unforeseen circumstances.

- By confirmation of the booking, you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept that the tour carries inherent risks, and that you voluntarily assume all risks which are associated with the tour. You will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps, lodges and service providers, and abide by their operators code of conduct in order to ensure your safety.
- If you have any cause for complaint while travelling, you should immediately bring it to the attention of the camp manager and / or our Maun office that will attempt to resolve the situation immediately.
- Do not remove any animal artefacts, flora or fauna from any of the areas you visit, as there are strict international regulations on the export of such items.

Please refer to the **Safari Information** for further details on preparing for your safari.



### **Visa**

Some visitors need to apply for visas before arrival please check with your Embassy.

For more information on visas please visit the following address:

Botswana Government - Visa Requirements

### **BORDER CROSSINGS**

#### **Currency**

The currency of Botswana is the Pula (BWP). US\$ Dollar notes (2007 Series onwards), and Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

#### **Internal Flights and Transfers**

Due to the remote areas the camps and lodges are based in, transfers between camps may take place by boat, mokoro, game drive vehicle or light aircraft.

#### *Flight times around Botswana | Approximate flying times*

Flight duration times (as listed below), are to be used as an average guideline. They are based on actual flying time, and passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination affecting the total travel time. Your pilot will brief you of your flight route and duration during the safety briefing.

Maun - Delta: 15 to 30 minutes

Delta – Delta: 10 to 20 minutes

Delta - Linyanti: 30 to 40 minutes

Maun – Linyanti: 50 to 60 minutes

Linyanti - Kasane: 40 to 60 minutes

Maun/Delta - Kasane: 60 to 80 minutes

Maun - Makgadikgadi/Desert: 40 to 60 minutes

#### *Departure Taxes*

Departure taxes are included in ticket prices.

#### **Weight & Luggage Restrictions**

See Booking Information

