



# SAFARI SPECIALISTS



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## 10 Nights Authentic Lodge & Mobile (Northbound) 2023

Okavango Delta - Khwai Community Area - Savuti (Chobe National Park) - Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

11 Days / 10 Nights

Starts Maun / Ends Victoria Falls



### Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	<a href="#">Setari Camp</a>	Okavango Delta	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 3	Bush Ways Fully Serviced Camping Khwai	Khwai Community Area	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 5	Bush Ways Fully Serviced Camping Savute	Savuti - Chobe National Park	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 7	Bush Ways Fully Serviced Camping Chobe	Chobe National Park	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 9	<a href="#">Ilala Lodge</a>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast. FI: Fully Inclusive

### Transport

## Flight Information

Date	Flight	Details
Day 01	Mack Air	Maun Airport - Jedibe Airstrip
Day 03	Mack Air	Jedibe Airstrip - Khwai Airstrip

## Transfers

Date	Company	Details
Day 05	Bush Ways Safaris	Khwai – Savute (game drive transfer approx. 5-6 hours)
Day 07	Bush Ways Safaris	Savute – Chobe (game drive transfer approx. 5-6 hours)
Day 09	Wild Horizons	Kalahari Tours Office - Ilala Lodge
Day 11	Wild Horizons	Ilala Lodge - Victoria Falls International Airport

## Cost of the safari 2023/2024

Season	Cost Per Person	Single Supplement	Northbound Dates	Southbound Dates
November – December 2023	US \$ 4750	US \$ 820	05 – 15 November; 03 – 13 December;	11 – 21 November; 09 – 19 December;
10 January - March 2024	US \$ 4,560	US \$ 890	<u>25 February – 06 March</u> ; 17 – 27 March; 31 March – 10 April	N/A
April - June & November - December 2024	US \$ 5,010	US \$ 1,300	<u>21 April – 1 May</u> ; <b>12 – 22 May</b> ; 26 May – 05 June; 09 – 19 June; 3 – 13 November; 1 – 11 December	<b>06 – 16 April</b> ; 27 April – 07 May; 18 – 28 May; 01 – 11 June; <b>15 – 25 June</b> ; 09 – 19 November; 07 – 17 December
July - September 2024	US \$ 5,600	US \$ 1,700	<u>30 June – 10 July</u> ; <b>14 – 24 July</b> ; <b>28 July – 7 August</b> ; <u>11 – 21 August</u> ; <u>25 August – 04 September</u> ; <b>08 – 18 September</b> ; <b>22 September – 02 October</b>	06 – 16 July; 22 – 30 July; <u>3 – 13 August</u> ; 17 – 27 August; 31 August – 10 September; <u>14 – 24 September</u> ; 28 September – 08 October
October 2024	US \$ 5,150	US \$ 1,300	6 – 16 October; <b>20 – 30 October</b>	12 – 22 October; <u>26 October – 05 November</u>

## Special notes

- \*Please note departures during July – September 2024 visit Kala Camp instead of Setari Camp – contact your consultant for details
- The departures that have specific dates under the Season heading have 'cross season' pricing, hence differ slightly from the other departures around the same time.
- The mobile safari sector (6 nights) is the only fixed date sector on the itinerary and there are North and Southbound departures. Please note we have a separate itinerary for the Southbound departures

(please request). It is possible to change the Okavango Delta lodge and the Victoria Falls accommodation to suit your preferences and availability - please discuss with your consultant.

- Selected departures have a translator on the mobile safari sector (6 nights only) if there are French or German guests booked (if only English speaking then they will not include a translator) indicated by: **bold dates (G) for German speaking** and underlined *italics (F)* for French speaking. Please note that the guide speaks English.
- The single surcharge applies to those requiring single accommodation throughout the safari, any SOLO travelers may incur additional transfer costs, depending on the group logistics, please discuss with your consultant.
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges
- Rates subject to National Park Fee increase

## Family Friendly

This safari is only available for children 12 years and above. However, please contact us should you want to travel with a child under 12 years old, as they could be accepted under special conditions.

## Park Fees and Departure Taxes and Tourism Levy

Please be aware that Park Fees, Conservation Levies, VAT, Airport Taxes and Government Levies may increase in 2023. Regrettably such increases are beyond our control and are excluded from any bookings, provisional or confirmed. We will inform you should any increase be advised.



### 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)



### Feed a Child Botswana

Safari Specialists contribute USD\$5 per person per booking to Feed A Child Botswana. This contribution goes directly towards the purchase of Nutri-meal, a fortified cereal provided to undernourished children in our local community in Maun.



### Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include Okavango Air Rescue patronage. They provide paramedic or Doctor assisted helicopter medical evacuation as required, in conjunction with your travel insurance. Please discuss further details with your consultant and visit [www.okavangorescue.com](http://www.okavangorescue.com)

## Day 1-3: Setari Camp, Okavango Delta

On arrival at Maun Airport you are met by a representative from Safaris Specialists and shown to Mack Air to assist with check-in formalities for your light aircraft transfer flight to the Okavango Delta.

The following two nights you spend at Setari Camp 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 5kg hand luggage and there may be up to 3 stops en-route.*



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.

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### **Overnight: Setari Camp** [View iBrochure](#)

**Includes:** meals, local drinks, activities laundry & Intermittent Wi-Fi

**Excludes:** premium drinks

**Activities:** boat safaris, mokoro excursions, walking safaris on neighbouring islands and a cultural visit to the Jao Island Village. Scenic helicopter trips may be arranged at an additional cost.

Setari Camp enjoys an idyllic island setting on a 50,000-hectare private concession in the Okavango Delta's Panhandle region. The island is dotted with palm trees and offers an exclusive, water-based safari experience. Activities are available all year. The camp sits atop wooden walkways and platforms to maximise views of the surrounding waterways.

All of Setari Camp's nine large tented rooms, one being a family unit, feature en suite bathrooms with separate loo, outdoor shower and bathtub.

The central camp facilities under thatch include the dining area and a comfy indoor lounge. Outdoors, Setari Camp has a well shaded relaxation area and swimming pool. Electricity supply is available with certain limitations.

The permanent waters of the Okavango Delta's region are renowned for their exceptional birding, and aquatic wildlife is plentiful. Larger water dependent animals such as hippo and crocodile are frequently seen.




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## Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari 6 nights

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### What to expect on a mobile safari

A full day in camp usually starts at sunrise around the campfire for that first 'essential' cup of tea or coffee and a light breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and rusks. You then head out as early as is permitted to be the first on the roads to track fresh spoor left from the animal's overnight activities – you may spot fresh lion tracks walking straight past the camp or evidence of a passing herd of buffalo not far away.

Generally on the morning game drive you stop for tea and head back to camp by late morning. In camp you may enjoy a lunch or brunch, depending on the time, and then there is plenty of time for showers and that great safari tradition 'siesta time'. You meet together for afternoon tea and then head out on the afternoon activity, perhaps seeking a new area or returning to a great morning sighting.

Moving days follow a different pattern. Your guide combines his knowledge of the wildlife, safety and road and weather conditions when planning transfers. Departure times are always communicated in advance.

### Includes:

Camping equipment (spacious bow tents with camp bed and full bedding with en-suite bush ablutions), all transfers and activities as per the itinerary, all meals that are indicated, tea/coffees, soft drinks, local alcohols, mineral water, services of a Professional Guide, Camp Chef and an Assistant, all Botswana park fees for activities included on itinerary and transport in specialised safari vehicles.

### Excludes:

Visas, airport transfers, tips, curios, optional excursions (activities in Livingstone/Victoria Falls), Insurance to cover for cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation, any increase in National Park fees.

### Participation:

The Fully Serviced Safari is a non-participation safari, where the Bush Ways team will carry out all the necessary camp chores to keep the safari running smoothly. There is one guide with the guests at all times and a backup team (chef + camp assistants) in a backup vehicle setting up and breaking camps, cooking meals, etc.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation is in spacious 3.0m x 3.0m dome tents with camp beds and bedding provided. Where applicable comfortable lodge accommodation will be utilised.

**Ablutions:**

Ablutions are en-suite. There is an attached shower and toilet cubicle with bush toilet (long drop\*). Both are enclosed by canvas for privacy and protection from wildlife.

**Transportation:**

Transport is in a custom made 4x4 safari vehicle. Each guest has a window seat. Please note that mobile safaris that have road transfers between camps - the vehicle is open and windy with some transfers taking 4-6 hours depending on the routing.

**Group Size:**

Maximum 9

## Day 3-5: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Khwai, Khwai Community Area

After breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting) you transfer to Jedibe airstrip for your flight across the Okavango Delta and Khwai airstrip where you are collected by the Bush Ways guide and group to join the 6 night group camping safari.



Looking at a map of Botswana, you'd miss Khwai completely if you didn't know it was there. Wedged between the big-ticket attractions of Chobe National Park to the east and Moremi Game Reserve to the south, Khwai exists as a significant big game destination of its own.

Lying on the eastern fringes of the Okavango Delta with a rich wildlife population and no borders drawn around it on the map, Khwai is often overlooked in favour of its more famous neighbours, though in the winter months it can hold its own for the quality of big game viewing.

During your time here, you'll spend most days exploring the narrow Khwai River, which forms the natural boundary to the Moremi Game Reserve on the south. The Khwai River is a beacon for wildlife and plays host to leopards stalking lechwe in the long grass, lions swimming from the banks to save their cubs' during territorial disputes and crocodiles competing with wild dogs for a midday meal of impala.

As Khwai lies outside the parks, it offers the freedom and flexibility normally only possible with the heavier price tag of a private concession. Go off-road for a closer look at sightings, night drive in search of nocturnal species, and, with a little advance planning, head out on game walks to track wildlife on foot.

Khwai is also home to a village community where people live side by side with the resident wildlife. Some camps will offer village visits for a dose of cultural insight to go with your safari. For those not visiting the water camps of the delta, many camps in Khwai offer the chance to get out on a mokoro (traditional canoe), although excursions are less traditional in nature, skirting the riverbanks, rather than open delta floodplains.

## Overnight: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Khwai

### Day 3: Moremi / Khwai

Khwai is one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana which covers swamp and dry areas. The next two 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. Camping will be in private designated campsites with ensuite bush ablutions on every tent.

### Day 4: Moremi / Khwai

Game drives to explore the region surrounding the Khwai River (North-east Moremi / Khwai Concession). A mokoro excursion will take you along a tributary of the Khwai River to view game from another perspective and to experience this tranquil mode of transport.



## Day 5-7: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Savute, Savuti - Chobe National Park

Today you leave the Moremi Game Reserve behind you and head northeast towards Savuti area at Chobe National Park. The journey will take approximately 5 – 6 hours with game viewing along the way.

Camp is set up on arrival and you spend the next two days in Savuti on game drives, continuing your search for wildlife, in this ever-changing landscape.



**SAVUTI - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**



When it comes to Botswana, Savute breaks all the rules: both for animal behaviour and for habitats. Here, lions hunt elephants, leopards take to fishing, the grasslands are vast and open and rocky hills punctuate the flat terrain.

Savute has proved itself somewhat of an enigma over the decades. During years of abundance its marsh fills with water, fed by the Savute Channel. The water weaves its way here from Angola via a chain of rivers and lagoons, spilling out into the marsh and drawing huge herds of elephants, wildebeest, zebras and buffalos.

In drier years, the channel shrinks into small pools and can evaporate completely, leaving the marsh dry and sending wildlife to the waterholes for water, where the tension between plains game and predators heats up over a parched and dusty landscape.

Wherever the plains game goes in Savute, the predators follow close-by, learning tricks of survival to adapt to the marsh's ever changing nature. Whether the water flows here or not is anyone's guess. The channel and marsh have a life of their own, independent both of the seasons and the annual rainfall.

Savute doesn't just offer a safari; it's also a feast for the eyes. Whitewashed skeletal trees set against green grass and huge blue skies, blinding red sunsets that spill purple and orange across the bush, and endless horizons that fade into a hazy mirage with the heat.

As Savute is part of Chobe National Park, a safari here is limited to game drives only. With the diversity of habitats, wildlife and landscapes that the marsh has to offer however, you'll still find yourself wishing you had more time to see it all.

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## **Overnight: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Savute**

### **Day 5: Savuti/Zwei Zwei - Chobe National Park**

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. Savuti is very well known for its predators such as lion, leopard, cheetah and even African wild dog. The Savuti Channel has started flowing again after being dry for the last 30 years. The arrival of water is changing the landscape as well as accommodating different species which historically have not been able to survive in the rather arid plains of Savuti. This exciting event has allowed large breeding herds of elephant as well as buffalo to visit the area. Camping will be in private designated campsites with en-suite bush ablutions on every tent.

### **Day 6: Savuti/Zwei Zwei - Chobe National Park**

Game drives to explore Southern Chobe National Park (Savute / Zwei Zwei).



## Day 7-9: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Chobe, Chobe National Park

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Today we embark on a longer journey, departing the Savuti and heading north into the Chobe National Park, a drive of up to 5 hours taken at a leisurely pace whilst the camp crew packs up and moves camp.

Your game drives will meander along the banks of the river, followed by the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle. The Chobe River Floodplain is an amazing game viewing area where water attracts large herds of buffalo, elephant, zebra and other herbivores. Due to the proliferation of prey, predators are likely to be close at hand. Sun sets in this region as always spectacular and allows amazing photographic opportunities.

While in Northern Chobe, you will participate in a cruise on the Chobe River. This experience allows you to get a closer look at the aquatic animals and birds not easily approached on safari.



The Chobe River Front is a remarkable wildlife area due to the permanent water source of the Chobe River. However its accessibility from Kasane and neighbouring towns of Victoria Falls and Livingstone has created quite a busy tourist area with larger hotels and lodges than you find in the more remote Okavango Delta. The spectacle of all the animals coming to drink and frolic at the water's edge is one to behold, particularly in the dry season (May - Oct) where water is scarce away from the river. It is an area famous for its abundance of elephants, a variety of predators and, in addition, you are likely to see herds of buffalo and possibly even roan and sable antelope. In the rainy season (Nov - Apr) the game is much less concentrated at the river as the wildlife spread throughout the greater area of Chobe National Park due to availability of surface water from nearby pans. This assists the vegetation on the river banks in recovering from the massive herds that are attracted to the area in the dry months. The summer rains bring beautiful wild flowers, exquisite scenery, impressive bird life and an abundance of young animals usually born around November/December. The spectacular Chobe sunsets alone are worth a visit to the area. Please note that activities are restricted within the national park in accordance with government rules and regulations: these include no driving off-road, no walking and no driving after dark.

Chobe Game Lodge is the only lodge situated within the National Park. The remainder of the lodges, hotels and guesthouses in the Chobe area are located along the river in the town of Kasane, adjacent to the park. In addition there are some lodges situated further out of Kasane and in the Chobe Forestry Reserve, namely Muchenje Safari Lodge and Elephant Valley Lodge for those looking for something in more of a bush setting.

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### Overnight: Bush Ways Fully Serviced Mobile Safari North Bound Chobe

#### Day 7: Chobe floodplain - Chobe National Park

Today you head northwards onto the Chobe River where your game drives will meander along the banks of the river. The Chobe River Floodplain is an amazing game viewing area where water attracts large herds of buffalo, elephant, zebra and other herbivores. Due to the proliferation of prey, predators are likely to be close at hand. Sun sets in this region as always spectacular and allow amazing photographic opportunities.

Camping will be in private designated campsites with ensuite bush ablutions on every tent.

## Day 8: Chobe floodplain - Chobe National Park

Game drives to explore Northern Chobe and floodplain.



## Day 9-11: Ilala Lodge Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

The safari officially ends at 12h00 on Day 7 at Kalahari Tours, Kasane after a cruise on the Chobe River. This experience allows you to get a closer look at the aquatic animals and birds not easily approached on safari. Lunch is not included.

After the cruise, you are collected at 12h00 and transfer to the border where you assisted with border formalities before crossing into Zimbabwe and onto Ilala Lodge for your 2 night stay in a standard room on a bed and breakfast basis. All meals, activities and personal spending are for your own account in Victoria Falls, however we can assist with pre-bookings and arrangements on request (recommended for peak season travel).



At Victoria Falls, the earth splits open and swallows one of Africa's greatest rivers, the mighty Zambezi, creating the largest sheet of falling water on earth. As the water hits the narrow depths of the Batoka Gorge beneath, it blasts a cloud of mist skywards, lending the falls their local name 'mosi-oa-tunya' (the smoke that thunders). When the Zambezi is its fullest, the mist hangs a permanent raincloud above the falls, showering visitors on even the sunniest of days and visible for miles around.

Above the falls on the upper Zambezi, boats cruise the tranquil water at sunset while the distant spray catches the fading light downstream. Below the falls, the Batoka Gorge's rocky walls funnel the lower Zambezi into a chain of world-class rapids, prime for white water rafting.

Aside from being a UNESCO world heritage site and a natural world wonder, Victoria Falls also forms a natural border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The falls can be seen from both countries, and for the most part the same activities are offered on both sides, from helicopter scenic flights to village visits and souvenir shopping.

Whether your idea of getting away from it all is a relaxed high tea in colonial grandeur or a heart-stopping bungee jump off a bridge, Victoria Falls keeps both the faint of heart and the most insatiable of adrenalin junkies busy for days.

From Zambia, a side on view of the falls is on offer with views into the Batoka Gorge, as well as the possibility of perching yourself at the edge of the falls on the vertigo-inducing Livingstone Island.

From Zimbabwe, you'll get a full-frontal view of three quarters of the falls' 1.7km wide curtain of water from viewpoints and footpaths meandering through a rainforest kept hot and humid by the spray of the falls.

### **Overnight: Ilala Lodge Hotel**    [View iBrochure](#)

**Includes:** bed & breakfast

Ilala Lodge is situated close to the Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, shops, markets and nearby restaurants. Wild animals are often seen grazing the hotel lawns as the National Park borders the front of the property.

A variety of room types are offered at Ilala Lodge. The 73 rooms are made up of standard rooms, standard suites, deluxe rooms and executive suites, set out in four different wings of the lodge. All rooms have a private balcony, mini bar fridge, international plugs/ adaptors, wireless internet, in-room safe, tea/coffee self-service, air conditioning, overhead fans and satellite television.

There is an à la carte restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a comprehensive wine list and cocktails. Dining outside under the African night sky amidst the sound of the mighty waterfall makes for a very romantic evening. The beautifully decorated lounge and two swimming pool areas invite guests to unwind and take in the tropical gardens.

The hotel also offers an in-house activity booking office for guest's convenience.

**Airport Transfer Time:** 30 minutes



## **Day 11: End of Itinerary**

After breakfast and morning at leisure you are transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for your onward connections.

### **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, mekoro, 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**

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### **Currency**

From June 2019 the Zimbabwean Dollar (Z\$) was reinstated as the official currency of Zimbabwe. However, for tourism purposes, cash in US Dollars is generally the accepted currency. US\$ Dollar notes (2007 Series onwards), and Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Always have enough US\$ cash available in smaller denominations in the event where ATM's and Credit Card facilities are not operational.

### **Visa**

Fees for Visitors to Zimbabwe who are eligible to receive their visa on entry

Europe and USA: US\$ 30.00 for single entry/ US\$ 45.00 for double entry.

UK & Ireland: US\$ 55.00 for single entry/ US\$ 70.00 for double entry.

Canada: US\$ 75.00 for single entry/ double entry to be obtained from local embassy prior to travel

Some visitors need to apply for visas before arrival - please check with your Embassy, Zimbabwe Government Visa Requirements. ALWAYS have cash available in the correct US\$ amount at ALL ports of entry.

### **Kaza Univisa – Zimbabwe and Zambia**

Travellers planning to visit both Zimbabwe and Zambia should apply for a UniVisa (also known as KAZA visa). The visa can be obtained in advance, as well as at ports of entry, but cannot be guaranteed.

The UniVisa allows travellers 30 days travel within both Zambia and Zimbabwe, and is also valid for daytrips to Botswana. Travellers must remain within Zambia & Zimbabwe for the visa to stay valid. Visiting Botswana as a daytrip will not affect the visa's validity, provided travellers return to Zambia or Zimbabwe the same day.

### **Internal Flights and Transfers**

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

### **Departure Taxes**

International departure taxes are included in the scheduled flight rates. However light aircraft transfers from Victoria Falls Airport to Livingstone or Kasane require an International Departure tax of US\$35 per person & AIDF Levy of US\$15 = US\$50 per person to be paid in cash.

Domestic departure taxes are payable in cash at the airport, for any flights departing internally from any registered, manned airport. These include Harare, Bulawayo, Kariba, Hwange and Victoria Falls Airport. The amount is US\$10 departure tax + US\$5 AIDF Levy = US\$15 per person. We recommend small denominations for easier and quicker transactions as change is not always available. Traveller's cheques and credit cards are NOT accepted.

### **Weight & Luggage Restrictions**

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