

Pride of Africa

Safaris

11 Day Okavango Delta Experience

Booking Reference BOT 02 SOUTH BOUND

This Safari is for a minimum of four people sharing, valid all year round, and includes:

- Maun International Airport
- Livingstone International Airport
- 2 night Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia
- 2 nights in northern Chobe, Botswana
- 2 nights in Savute, Chobe National Park, Botswana
- 4 nights in Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana

DAY 1 & 2: Livingstone – Zambezi Sun Hotel



Zambezi Sun Hotel



Zambezi Sun Hotel – Bedroom



Zambezi Sun Hotel – Boma

On arrival at Livingstone Airport you will be met by Bushtracks and transferred to your Hotel. We overnight in Livingstone at the Zambezi Sun Hotel on a B&B basis.

Today is your day of leisure. You can view the Victoria Falls, go shopping, a few adrenalin sports or relax around the swimming pool. Day 2 can also be spent at your leisure or participating in numerous activities offered in and around Livingstone & Victoria Falls. Please ask you hotel for details & rates.

The Zambezi Sun is located on the edge of the Eastern Cataract of the Victoria Falls. This appealing family hotel is constructed in a series of eight buildings, consisting of the guest rooms, a central pavilion of restaurants and a fabulous convention centre. The hotel features a large variety of amenities amongst them a childrens activity centre, Kamp Kwena. Test your spirit with some thrilling, heart stopping adventure challenges.

The great and famous Falls were named by Dr. David Livingstone for his Queen Victoria in November of 1855. The Falls are 1690 metres wide and have a maximum drop of 103 metres (the average is 92 metres). The immense curtain of water is broken up by small islands which stand on top of the falls, one of which is called Livingstone Island, from whence the explorer first viewed the Falls.

Days 3 & 4: Kasane/Chobe River, Chobe National Park



After breakfast you will be transferred to the Kazangula border. A private boat charter takes you through to Kazangula border where you will be met by Pride of Africa Safaris on the Botswana side of the border. We drive through Kasane to enter Chobe National Park. This riverfront is well known for its abundance of breeding herds of elephant and buffalo. We enjoy lunch en route, and after arriving and settling ourselves in camp we go for a short afternoon game drive along the Chobe River in search of game. We enjoy dinner in our private and luxury camp.

We rise early the following morning and after coffee and biscuits we go for a game drive and are back in camp in time for a brunch. That afternoon we enjoy a thrilling boat cruise on the Chobe River, before returning to camp for dinner.

The Chobe Riverfront covers a stretch of only 15km, nevertheless constitutes the most popular part of the park and the well-developed road network allows high volumes of visitors to view the even higher concentrations of game. The Chobe River becomes a vital water supply in the dry season, attracting high concentrations of elephant and buffalo along its banks. The elephant population is legendary, swelling to over 50 000 – equivalent to more than five per square kilometre – a density three times higher than the human population!

Days 5 & 6: Savute, Chobe National Park



Game drive vehicle



Camp set-up

We leave the Chobe River and head south towards the southern parts of Chobe National Park. Lunch will be served en-route. We enter Chobe National Park and carry on to our camp in an area called Savute. Savute is a well-documented area with a lot of National Geographic videos from this area. Arrive in camp late afternoon, where we get to settle in and have a delicious dinner before retiring for the night.

An early rise takes us in search of Africa's movie stars. Savute has no permanent water except that of underground water that is pumped into waterholes – apart from this year when the Savute Channel is flowing for the first time since the 1980's. At certain times of the year these waterholes teem with wildlife and you can expect to see up to fifty bull elephants queuing to drink. We enjoy another late afternoon game drive before having dinner in camp.

The Chobe National Park sprawls across 11 700 square km of open grassland, Mopani forests and acacia scrub. The Chobe was once a veritable crossroads for traders and explorers. The indomitable David Livingstone travelled through the Savute marsh in 1851, which he referred to as a "dismal swamp". The marsh was formed by the Savute channel, a watercourse that once flowed out of the Linyanti but dried up in the 1980s – now flowing again.

Days 7 TO 10: Xaxanaka & Khwai River, Moremi Game Reserve



This day is one of our longest drives. We leave Savute via the Mababe Sand Ridge, having lunch en route. We arrive in our camp late afternoon with enough time to familiarise yourself with the surroundings and the camp setup before we enjoy a delicious dinner; under the stars weather permitting.

An early start takes us out in search of animals, with an optional game walk with armed ranger. Due to the different vegetation in this area there is the possibility of seeing a rare sighting. We are back in camp for a delicious brunch and have enough time in the afternoon to catch up on those postcards. There is another afternoon game drive, back in camp in time for sundowners and dinner. We go on a night game drive after dinner.

We break up camp and head to the western section of Moremi. Our drive takes us through Mopani forests and open plains. We arrive in camp late afternoon after having lunch en route. A short evening game drive rounds off the day.

A very early start after coffee and biscuits offers better opportunity to predator viewing. We spend the morning on game drive coming back to camp for brunch. Afternoon spent at leisure. Late afternoon takes us back out on game drive in search of new sightings.

The Okavango Delta holds an incredible ninety-five percent of the country's total surface water in an inland Delta fed by the mighty Okavango River. Unlike every other major river on the planet, the Okavango never reaches the ocean but disappears in an endless web of lagoons and lush wetlands. The pristine landscape and diverse wildlife of this unique territory make it one of Africa's prime tourist destinations.

Day 11: Flight back home

After breakfast we drive back to Maun in time for your outbound flight. Lunch will be served en-route.

Inclusive:

- All meals Day 3 to 10
- Breakfast Day 1, 2 & 11
- Table wines and local beers, mineral water, coffee & tea Day 3 to 10
- Boat cruise on Chobe River
- Game drives/walks as specified
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- Transfer from Livingstone to Kasane
- Transfer from Livingstone Airport to Livingstone Hotel
- Service of a professional guide with 4x4 game drive vehicle
- Competent bush chef & camp hands
- Backup team, putting up camp in advance

Exclusions:

- Airport Tax
- Optional extras/activities/items not specified
- Travel Insurance
- All telephone calls are for your own account + laundry
- Lunch & Dinner on Day 1 & 2 in Zambia
- All drinks Day 1 & 2
- Visas
- All flights

General Information:

Insurance: It is compulsory for all clients to be insured for personal accident, medical emergency, travel and rescue expenses, cancellation and curtailment prior to departure from their home country.

Health requirements: Malaria occurs in certain areas of Namibia and Botswana. It is recommended that you consult your physician as to the appropriate malaria prophylaxis. All water on safari is safe for drinking.

Travel documents: Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the end of the safari. The following people DO NOT need a Visa for Namibia and Botswana provided that you have a return airfare as proof: FRG, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Ireland, UK, Austria, Italy, France, USA, Canada, Japan, Scandinavia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Netherlands, and South-Africa.

Items to bring with: Light and rugged items like denims/slacks, shorts, cool tops and comfortable hiking shoes as well as sandals (slops, flip-flops) for the warmer days. In winter warm sweaters or jackets are required. Sunburn protection, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses, binoculars, torch and toiletries.

For wildlife photography a minimum of a 200mm lens is recommended. Zoom lenses can be very useful. Also bring extra memory sticks and batteries. Your camera and batteries can be charged through an inverter which is fitted in our vehicles.

Scheduled departures: 13.03.2010; 12.04.2010; 09.05.2010; 06.06.2010; 20.06.2010; 04.07.2010; 18.07.2010 01.08.2010; 15.08.2010; 05.09.2010; 19.09.2010; 03.10.2010; 17.10.2010; 07.11.2010; 19.12.2010