

Pride of Africa

Safaris

8 Day Makgadikgadi Pans & Okavango Delta Safari

Booking Reference (BOT 04)

- Maun International Airport
 - Makgadikgadi Pans
 - Xaxanaka Area, Moremi Game Reserve
- Khwai Concession Area, Moremi Game Reserve
 - Drop off Kasane

Days 1, 2 and 3: Makgadikgadi Pans



You will be met by your Safari Guide on arrival at Maun International Airport and welcomed into Botswana. We will then journey out to the Makgadikgadi Pans, where we will be staying for the next 3 nights. Our activities in and around the Pans will include a Baobab Bush Walk, visit the local village of a Bushmen tribe, visit a cattle post and enjoy a traditional lunch with its people, game drives to view the wildlife in this area, and some quad bike activity.

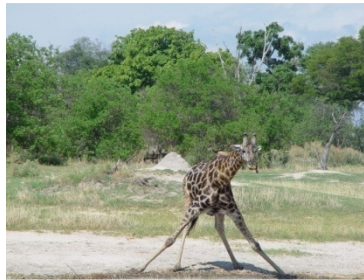
We will also overnight at Ntwetwe Pan, which is part of the Makgadikgadi Pans, and then venture further out to the Nxai Xini Pan the following day with a picnic lunch. There is much to do and see in this area, and you will be kept busy with various activities, or enjoying the camp lifestyle which is unlike any other that you will have experienced.

The Makgadikgadi Pans are the largest in the world, and in the dry season is an area devoid of life, inhospitable and vast. Once this was a great lake in Central Botswana, but now only fills with water once a year when the rains come – this creates an almost immediate and amazing transformation. Grasses and plants burst to life, and this causes a massive migration of wildlife into the area. Unfortunately at this time of year the area becomes almost impassable, so the best way to then view it is to arrange a flight over and you will get to see this amazing sight in all its glory.



Quad biking on Ntwetwe Pan

Days 4 and 5: Xaxanaka, Moremi Game Reserve

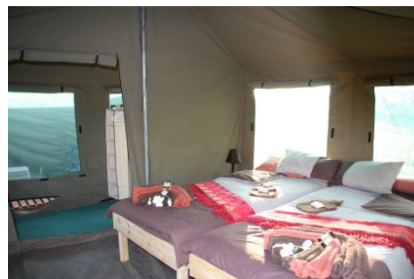


On day 4 we will leave the Makgadikgadi Pans behind and journey to Moremi Game Reserve. Most of our day is spent game viewing on the way to and through the reserve, with lunch en route. We arrive in camp late afternoon with enough time to familiarise ourselves with the surroundings and the camp setup, and settle into our tents. We will have an excellent dinner in camp, prepared by our ever-cheerful Bush Chef's, and can continue to sit around a roaring camp-fire afterwards or retire to get a good night of sleep in a comfortable bed.

Day 5 we will rise very early, and you will greet the fresh African morning with coffee and a biscuit before we head out again; the early morning offers a better opportunity to view the predators. We spend the morning on a game drive before returning to camp for brunch. The afternoon can be spent at your leisure, taking in the surroundings. Late afternoon takes us back out on game drive in search of new sightings.

Day 4 and 5 will be spent in the Xaxanaka region, enjoying the same private campsite for 2 nights on a full board basis.

Days 6 and 7: Khwai Concession Area



On Day 6 we break camp and head to the eastern section of Moremi. Our drive takes us through Mopani forests and open plains where we will see animals in their natural habitat and have lunch en-route. We arrive in our new camp late afternoon. A short evening game drive rounds off the day, and we again enjoy a delicious dinner.

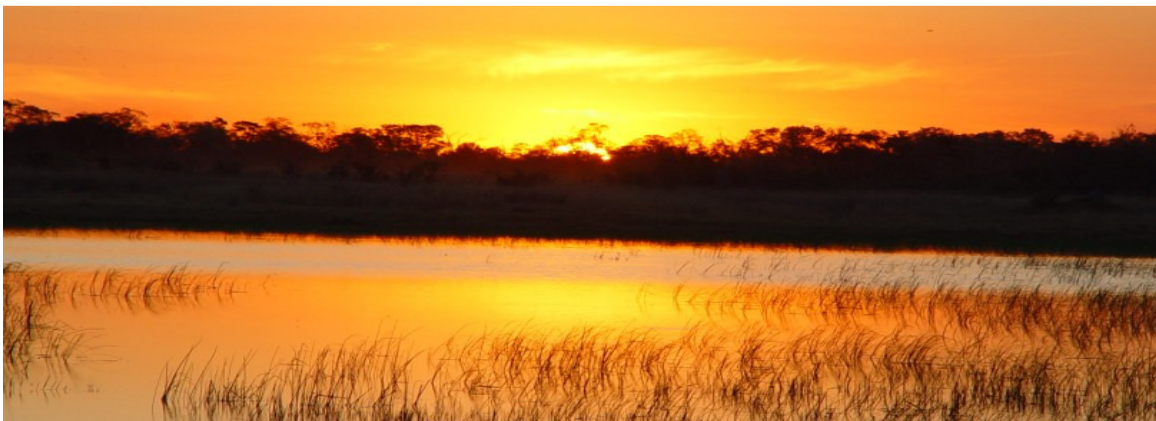
Day 7 takes us out in search of animals, and there is also the option of a game walk with armed ranger as we are in Big 5 Territory. Due to the different vegetation in this area there is the possibility of seeing a rare sighting. We return to camp for a delicious brunch and enough time in the afternoon to catch up on those postcards. We venture out again that afternoon, and are back in camp for sundowners and dinner. If you wish there is a night game drive after dinner, or you can remain in camp sitting around the fire and enjoying the sounds of the African night.

Day 6 and 7 will be spent in the Khwai River area, enjoying the same private campsite for 2 nights on a full board basis.

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 8: Flight back home

We deliver you to Maun, where you can catch a connection on to your long-haul flight home, or there is the optional add-on to the Safari of Victoria Falls or further touring into Namibia if you so choose. If not, our service will conclude in Maun.



Inclusive:

- Accommodation as specified (Subject to availability at the time of booking)
- All meals Day 1 to 8
- Table wines and local beers, mineral water, coffee & tea Day 1 to 8
- Game drives/walks as specified
- 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 laundry and telephone calls are for your own account
- 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 film and batteries.

Scheduled departures: On Request.