

Pride of Africa

Safaris

9 Day Okavango Delta Experience in Botswana

Booking Code BOT 05

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

- Maun International Airport
- 4 nights in Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana
- 2 nights in Savuti, Chobe National Park, Botswana
 - 2 nights in northern Chobe, Botswana
 - Ending Kasane/Maun

Days 1 to 4: Xaxanaka & the Khwai River area, Moremi Game Reserve



Okavango Delta



Tented Camp

On Day 1 Pride of Africa will meet you on arrival at the International Airport of Maun. Once our group is fully assembled we leave Maun and head for 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 2 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 1 and 2 will be spent in the Xaxanaka region, enjoying the same private campsite for 2 nights on a full board basis.

On Day 3 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 4 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 3 and 4 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.



Beds in our luxury tents



Game drive vehicle

DAYS 5 & 6: Savute, Chobe National Park

Day 5 is one of our longest drives. We leave Moremi Game Reserve via the Mababe Sand Ridge and enter the Chobe National Park, stopping for lunch en-route, arriving at our new camp in Savute in the late afternoon. Savute is a well-documented area where National Geographic has filmed a large amount of films and programs. Our staff will already have set up the new camp and have dinner cooking.

On Day 6 an early rise takes us in search of the movie stars of Africa. Savute has no permanent water except that of underground water that is pumped into waterholes scattered throughout the park. At certain times of the year when there is no natural water in catchment areas these waterholes teem with wildlife and you can expect to see up to fifty bull elephants queuing to drink. We return to camp for lunch and have some time to relax before venturing out again in the late afternoon. We return to camp in time for dinner and refreshments around the campfire.

Day 5 and 6 will again be spent in the same private camp, in the Savute area, on a full board basis.

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. Today the Savute swamp is dry grassland while the channel is a dry fissure carved in the earth.



Elephants in Chobe National Park



Our luxury en-suite tents



Lioness in Khwai

DAY 7 & 8: Kasane/Chobe River, Chobe National Park

On Day 7 we leave the dry area of Savute and head north to the perennial Chobe River. This riverfront is well known for its abundance of breeding herds of elephant and buffalo, as well as attracting all other game in search of water. We have lunch en route and a short afternoon game drive along the Chobe River in search of animals, before returning to camp for dinner.

Day 8 will find us rising early to catch the morning game before the heat of the day sends them into hiding, before returning to camp for brunch. We venture out again in the warm afternoon for a boat cruise on the Chobe River. Our Bush Chef's will once again make you a delicious dinner before you retire for the night.

Days 7 and 8 will again be spent in the same private campsite, within the Chobe National Park on a full board basis.

The Chobe Riverfront covers a stretch of only 15km, but 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 large herds 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!



Chobe River at sunrise



Hippo bathing in the Chobe



Boat cruise on the Chobe River

DAY 09: Drop off Kasane or Maun

We leave early on the morning of Day 9 and return you to Kasane or Maun, where you can arrange to stay at a hotel for an additional night or to fly straight back home. This will conclude our tour, or you have the choice of the optional add-ons of Victoria Falls or Namibia.

Inclusive:

- All meals Day 1 to 9
- Table wines and local beers, mineral water, coffee & tea Day 1 to 9
- Boat cruise on Chobe River
- 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 memory sticks and batteries. Your camera and batteries can be charged through an inverter which is fitted in our vehicles.

Scheduled departures: 14.03.2010; 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