

Pride of Africa

Safaris

10 Day Central Kalahari & Moremi Game Reserve

Booking Code (BOT 06)

- 3 nights Deception Valley in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve
 - 2 nights Piper Pan in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve
 - 1 night Maun township and lodge
 - 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve

Days 1 to 4: Deception Valley, Central Kalahari Game Reserve



On arrival at Maun Airport you will be met by your guide, and depart from the Airport driving to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve where you will spend the next 4 nights in private campsites. The CKGR is the largest Game Reserve in the world. Its remoteness, unforgiving climate and harsh terrain have kept its pristine and only the self-sufficient traveller would wander into the Reserve alone. The CKGR was originally created as a refuge for the San Bushmen—the inhabitants of the Kalahari for the past 30,000 years. They lived in nomadic hunter-gatherer families groups only taking what they needed to survive—which is an art form in the Kalahari. Their simple lifestyle became anathema to the sophisticated Europeans who colonized Southern Africa and the Bushmen found themselves the hunted rather than the hunter.

After the summer rains arrive in the northern section of CKGR, from Deception Valley to Piper pans, the vast plains burst with sweet grasses and it becomes one of the prime game-viewing areas in Botswana. Not many people seem to be aware of this and visitors are few. The clear blue sky fills with gigantic clouds and the stage is set for an amazing transformation. Into the scene enters thousands of gemsbok, springbok and wildebeest, with plentiful lion, cheetah and jackal in attendance. This gathering of animals is a sight to behold and can be compared with Serengeti/Masai Mara migrations of Tanzania and Kenya. Our days will consist of exploring the Deception Valley and Passarge Pan in depth with morning and afternoon game drives daily.

We rise early each morning, have a quick coffee and biscuit before heading out in search of game before they retreat deep into the bush to escape the heat of day. We return to camp in time for brunch, and then get to

relax for a time before. We will leave camp again in the later afternoon, hoping to catch the animals as they begin moving towards water holes after the dry day.

Each evening you get to enjoy the peace of camp, the delicious meals cooked by our Bush Chefs, and sitting around the camp fire listening to the sounds of the night. We can also enjoy a night drive, if situation permits, before retiring in our luxury en-suite safari tents on a full board basis. Overnight 3 nights in a private campsite.

Days 5 and 6: Piper Pans, Central Kalahari Game Reserve



Today we will move our camp to Piper's Pan, and this is as far South as most people visit in this area. The road to get to Piper is badly corrugated and potholed, but the Pan itself is worth the drive. It is only a few kilometers wide, but is a beautiful piece of perfectly flat grass that is green when the rains come and dry gold without. There is also a 7km track that runs around the outside of the Pan that is worth exploring although it is impassable for some time during the year due to the rains. Even in the dry season this road is difficult and slow, although very beautiful.

Overnight in our private campsite for 2 nights in this beautiful area. Conservation of this area has provided us with a sanctuary that is still pure and untouched.

Day 7: Overnight Maun



As the journey between the Kalahari and the Okavango are so great, we will overnight in Maun again to break the trip. We will stay at Maun Lodge, and will take this time to relax around the swimming pool or to enjoy any activities that Maun Lodge can offer.

Maun is a small town on the southern side of the Okavango Delta, utilized by many Tour Companies and Safari Operators as the starting point for various kinds of adventures. This afternoon you have the option of taking a game-flight in a light aircraft over the Okavango delta (duration of the flight is approx. 1hour). In order to understand the geological aspect of the Delta as well as to see various species of game, this optional activity is

highly recommended. Dinner will be at a Local Restaurant, and we will overnight in Chalets at a local Lodge on a full board basis

Days 8, 9 and 10: Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve



On Day 8 we leave the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and head north towards Maun for our destination - Moremi Area - situated in the eastern part of the Okavango Delta. This game reserve is ideally situated for a wildlife sanctuary. It has no fences, hence allowing unobstructed seasonal movement of game which makes this a largely natural area. This is a paradise for birds, game and predator's alike, and completely varied vegetation makes this area very special.

Within 3 hours' travelling it is possible to view the first of the wildlife inhabiting this area. We will stop en-route for a simple lunch of sandwiches and fruit, before continuing towards our camp. Late afternoon arrival at our camp, with enough time to settle in before having our evening meal. Afterwards we will relax around the campfire, where your guide will explain the safety precautions and will answer your various questions in order to calm your understandable apprehension for the coming days.

Day 9 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 10 takes us out in search of animals. 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. You can remain in camp sitting around the fire and enjoying the sounds of the African night, or retire to your tent.

Day 8, 9 and 10 we will spend in the same campsite in the Xaxanaka Area, on full board basis.

Day 11: Fly Home

After an early breakfast, we have our final game-drive en route to Maun from where we depart for Johannesburg to connect with your outbound International flights or continuation of your tour. This will conclude our tour.



Inclusive:

- All meals Day 1 to 11
- Table wines and local beers, mineral water, coffee & tea Day 1 to 11
- 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 batteries.

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