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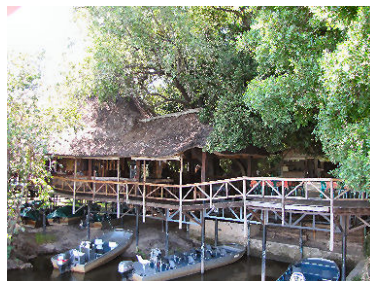
7 Day Swamp Safari Experience in Botswana

Booking Code (BOT 08)

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

- Pickup Molembo border post
- Drop off Buitepos border post
- 3 nights Drotsky's Cabins, Shakawe, Botswana
- 2 nights Guma Lagoon Camp, Sepupa, Botswana
 - 1 night Edo's Camp, Ghanzi, Botswana

Days 1 to 3: Shakawe – Drotsky's Cabins



You will be met by Pride of Africa Safaris on arrival at the border post Molembo entering Botswana. Lunch will be enjoyed at Drotsky's Cabins before your afternoon siesta. A sundowner boat cruise on the River will end of the activities for the day, and we will then enjoy dinner at Drotsky's Cabins.

On Day 2 a very early start takes us to Tsodilo Hills for a full day excursion including a packed lunch. **Tsodilo** is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in northwestern Botswana. It was inscribed in 2001 due to its unique religious and spiritual significance to local peoples, as well as its unique record of human settlement over many millennia. It contains over 4,500 rock paintings in an area of approximately 10 km² within the Kalahari Desert. A recent discovery of 70,000-year-old artifacts and a python's head carved of stone appears to represent the first known human rituals.

Scholars had previously believed that the human intellect hadn't quite reached the sophistication necessary for performing organized spiritual rituals and activities until about 40,000 years ago in Europe, but inside a cave in the Tsodilo hills, archaeologists have found an enormous stone sculpture of a python that was worshiped and presented with offerings as early as 70,000 years ago. It is about as tall (high) as a human being and measures approximately 20 feet (6 meters) long.

Our last day, Day 3, is a day of leisure. An early morning boat cruise on the Okavango River shall offer you the opportunity to view a variety of bird life as well as hippo, crocodile and the ever elusive Sitatunga antelope. There is also the optional activity of fishing, where you can fight the well known Tiger fish. Afternoon spent at leisure. An optional afternoon boat cruise is available or you can relax and enjoy the sunset on the banks of the Okavango River. Dinner will be served in camp. We overnight at Drotsky's Cabins for 3 nights on a Full board basis.

Days 4 & 5: Sepupa – Guma Lagoon Camp



Guma Lagoon Camp is situated along the banks of the Guma Lagoon on the northwestern side of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Guma Lagoon Camp is truly a fisherman's paradise and bird watchers' haven.

Accommodation is provided in four tents ("Meru" type) and two chalets on wooden decks, each with two comfortable beds and en suite private bathroom. All units have hot shower and running water. Chalets and tents are mosquito-proof.

Activities will consist of boat game drives and one night drive.

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. We overnight at Guma Lagoon Camp for 2 nights, on a Full board basis.

DAY 6: Ghanzi – Edo's Camp



Edo's Camp is located in a 300,000 acre private game conservancy in the Kalahari area of Botswana. The camp itself is set around a rocky watering hole with the tents facing the pan. One of the most impressive, breathtaking experiences you can enjoy at Edo's Camp is sitting outside and watch an endless procession of thirsty animals going to the permanent waterhole.

Moreover, one of the most thrilling adventures at Edo's Camp will be walking with Bushman trackers in search of white rhino. You will be offered bird watching excursions on foot as well, together with adventurous game drives to observe the great variety of game to the Kahalari host: mongoose, squirrel, hyena, giraffe, zebra and desert antelope.

One of the following activities will be included during your stay - Game Drive, Rhino trekking or Guided Walk. Overnight at Edo's Camp for one night, Full board basis.

Day 7: Flight back home

After breakfast you will be transferred to Buitepos where you will be met by Namibia Tracks & Trails and transferred to your airport.

Inclusive:

- Pickup at Mohebo border post
- All accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- All meals during the safari
- Table wines and local beers, mineral water, coffee & tea
- Game drives/walks as specified
- 1 Water based activity per day whilst on the Houseboat
- 1 Activity at Edo's Camp
- Service of a professional guide with 4x4 game drive vehicle
- Competent bush chef & camp hands
- Transfer from Edo's Camp to Buitepos

Exclusions:

- Activities not specified
- Airport Tax
- Optional extras/activities/items not specified
- Travel Insurance
- All telephone calls are for your own account
- Laundry
- All drinks not specified
- 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.

Departure Dates: On Request