

# Botswana

Botswana is a magical safari destination with vast tracts of wilderness in pristine condition. Although divided into national parks and private reserves, there are no fences here which mean that the movement of much of the country's wildlife is not restricted. With a professional guide you'll be able to seek out the big game for which Botswana is famous on day and night drives in open-sided 4WD vehicles; spot innumerable birds on boat cruises through the Okavango Delta's crystal clear channels; and glide silently through lily-filled lagoons by canoe.

In the days before fly-in trips to opulent safari lodges, the traditional way to explore Botswana was a 'mobile safari'. This was usually led by a professional guide and travellers slept in small camps which moved with the safari. These days several of our mobile safaris incorporate many of the luxuries of a smart safari lodge. They are led by excellent guides, and offer a very comfortable way to enjoy the full Botswana experience, whilst retaining a real hint of adventure. In contrast to the constant comings and goings of a lodge, a mobile safari offers you a welcome sense of continuity, and the opportunity to get to know your guide and fellow travelling companions, thus enhancing your experience.

Many of the safaris we offer in Botswana are truly mobile, with each camp dismantled and moved to your next destination by a back-up team whilst you maximise your wildlife viewing on game drives. These comfortable camping safaris utilise private campsites in some of Botswana's best wildlife parks, with the chance of a night drive or walking safari in the less restricted community reserves. The safari will often begin or end in Zambia, affording you the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls – one of the world's natural wonders. For popular examples of

these safaris see our *Moremi, Chobe & Victoria Falls Adventure* (page 29) and our *Northern Botswana Safari* (page 27).

By utilising mostly private reserves, some of our safaris offer a near exclusive experience. Private reserves offer much greater flexibility in their activities than Botswana's more restrictive national parks. With your guide, you will be able to drive off the tracks in search of game; look forward to nocturnal wildlife on night drives; and discover the more subtle aspects of the bush on foot. Our *Botswana & Victoria Falls Adventure* (page 24), *Okavango & Chobe Wildlife Adventure* (page 25) and our more luxurious *Botswana Wilderness Safari* (page 29) travel almost solely through private reserves.

Some of the mobile safaris we offer are quite lavish, generally using large spacious tents with en-suite facilities and including delicious three-course meals served on beautifully laid tables. The *Okavango & Wildlife Botswana Adventure* (page 26) combines the experience of a luxurious mobile camp in the fascinating Nxai Pan with that of seeking big game in the Khwai Reserve before a night 'fly-camping' on a Delta island.

Not all of our safaris are scheduled or joined as part of a group. If you like the idea of a mobile safari but would like to book a private holiday, consider a tailor-made private safari. These have the flexibility to change locations in



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response to local conditions (late rains, Delta floods, game concentrations, etc), in order to give you the best possible experience. They allow you and your group to control the length, timings and choice of daily activities as well as the full attention of your guide. Once booked, your trip is guaranteed to be exclusive; you are not asked to mix with other travellers. This makes safaris such as the *Exclusive Kalahari & Okavango Safari* and the *Classic Botswana Safari* (page 28) great options for families, couples and small groups.



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