



Okavango & Wildlife Botswana Adventure

Min 2 passengers / Max 6 passengers | 9 nights' luxury camping / 1 nights' comfortable camping'

This luxury mobile camping safari covers the best Botswana has to offer. Begin by seeking wildlife amongst the salt pans and vegetated fossilised dunes of the interesting Nxai Pan National Park, before a short flight to the game-rich Khwai Reserve. Travel by boat through crystal clear channels to an island deep in the Okavango Delta for a magical night fly-camping, followed by an informative and adventurous walking safari in the private Chobe Enclave. Stay in fully serviced mobile camps throughout, a luxurious form of camping, and be led by knowledgeable and engaging guides on day drives, spotlight night drives, walks and boat trips.



Day 1 Flight to Botswana

Fly to Botswana with *South African Airways*.

Days 2 - 4 Nxai Pan

You will be met at Maun airport and driven east through rural Botswana, passing villages and cattle posts to Nxai Pan National Park. The pans found here are ancient salt lakes, ringed to the south and west with erstwhile dunes formed of Kalahari sands. These dunes are now fossilised and covered with short nutritious grasses and stunted acacia trees, creating vegetated dune savannah which attracts a variety of wildlife. This fascinating park is often underrated because of the unpredictability of its game sightings but if you take your time on game drives there's often plenty to see. Large journeys of giraffe move

across the pans between the acacia groves, whilst elephant, gemsbok, blue wildebeest and a smattering of hartebeest are regularly seen by the waterholes as they feed on mineral salts. Predators too are well represented here including lions, leopard, cheetah and both spotted and the elusive brown hyena.

Days 5 - 7 Khwai Reserve

Drive back to Maun where you board a light aircraft flight to northeast Moremi. Your destination is Khwai, a

community-run private reserve that borders Moremi Game Reserve. All proceeds from tourism to this reserve go directly to help the local people and projects set up through the Khwai Community Trust. Spend three nights at the small Khwai luxury tented camp in one of only four walk-in tents furnished with comfortable twin beds, chairs and canvas wardrobes. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with a flush toilet and an open-air bucket shower. Khwai marks the northeastern boundary of the Okavango Delta so is often the closest drinking water for large numbers of animals coming from the north and east. This means that there are frequently impressive wildlife spectacles to be seen here, especially in the dry season (typically Jul to Oct). It is also one of Botswana's most scenic areas with some of the region's most beautiful, mature riverine forest along the edge of the floodplains – an especially good habitat for spotting leopards!

Day 8 Okavango Island Fly-Camp

Game drive through Moremi Game Reserve to Mboma boat station where you board a motorboat to your next camp, situated on an island in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Wend your way through channels lined with evergreen trees such as water figs and African mangosteens, passing the ever-present papyrus reed banks. The birdlife in the Delta is abundant

and there's even a chance that you may see elephant crossing the channels. When fly-camping, you'll stay in smaller 3x3 metre tents with comfortable stretchers, bedrolls, bed linen, duvets and towels. Facilities are not en-suite. Between every two tents there's a small enclosure with a bucket shower filled with water at your chosen temperature when needed, and an enclosure with a 'bush' toilet.

Days 9 - 11 Linyanti Walking Camps

Fly north in a light aircraft to the private Chobe Enclave reserve, bordering the western boundary of Chobe National Park. This private reserve stands on the edge of the Linyanti marshes. The open marshland lined with riverine woodland and groves of tall cathedral mopane trees are home to a variety of wildlife and countless bird species. You spend three nights here on the only true mobile walking safari available in Botswana. Distances walked each day will vary depending on your interests and energy levels – there are always plenty of stops to discuss the many interesting sightings along the route. Each night you will stay in spacious en-suite tents with comfortable beds.

Day 12 Flight to London

There's time for a final morning activity before you board a light aircraft to Maun, arriving in time to meet your scheduled flight back to the UK.

Day 13 Arrive in London

Price guide 2010

Prices

Monthly departures from April to October
Prices are per person, departing and returning UK and start from £4,711 in April £4,789 in September £720 single traveller supplement

Includes

Scheduled international overnight flights; airport taxes; transfers; accommodation in smart tented camps; park fees; most drinks and meals; transport in a safari vehicle or light aircraft; and services of an expert guide and camp staff.