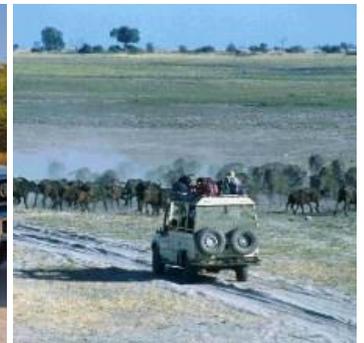
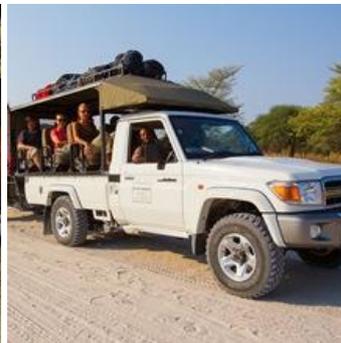




7 Day Best of Botswana Okavango Delta, Chobe, Moremi & Savuti Small Group Camping Experience

This exciting holiday offers you a comprehensive insight into some of Botswana’s best adventure attraction. The itinerary has been carefully designed to maximize your experience within the short time you spend on holiday with us. Following your arrival into the renowned and spectacular Victoria Falls area, Zimbabwe the tour will take in breath-taking views of river, delta, salt pan, game reserves and more! This Adventure tour allows you to touch and embrace the magic of Botswana and will leave you with a desire to discover more of this dynamic and diverse continent. The Best of Botswana is the only safari of its kind that allows you the opportunity to explore Botswana’s best national parks and game reserves in less than 7 days.



HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe NP, Game Drive
Savuti / Linyanti Marsh, Game Drives
Khwai Wildlife Management Area, Game Drives

Okavango Delta Excursion,
Mokoro/Walking Safari
Makgadikgadi Pans

ITINERARY

7 Days
Zimbabwe - Botswana

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only



DAY 1
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE – CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

We leave Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and transfer to the Botswana border to join your safari guide and travel the short distance to Kasane where we prepare for our afternoon game drive into Chobe National Park. With sun block and cameras in hand we board our safari vehicle in search of lion, leopard, hyena, elephant, giraffe and a host of antelope and bird species while snaking our way through the sandy tracks and rugged terrain. The Chobe National Park is an essential wildlife destination while on safari in Botswana. The Chobe floodplains and Chobe River provide a sensitive eco system where the resident wildlife converges during the dry season. It is not uncommon to see between 500 and 2000 Elephants on these floodplains at one time. The highlight of a visit to Chobe National Park is the combination of wildlife, Birdlife and reptiles along the banks of the Chobe River. This is a photographer's dream. Happy and content after our day's safari, we relax for the night under the African skies.

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: Riverfront campsite

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2
CHOBE NATIONAL PARK – SAVUTI AREAS

This morning we head out into the Chobe National Park and head via the park to the Savuti area. Typically, this comprises of a 2-hour drive in the morning after leaving camp, followed by 4-5 hour transfer to the Savuti area, and a further 2-3 hour game drive in the late afternoon. Accessible by 4x4 wheel drive only, we head deep into south west corner of Chobe National Park to the Savuti Marsh, a relic of a large inland lake fed occasionally by the Savuti Channel. This region is made up of rolling savannah which attracts many different species of antelope, zebra, wildebeest, buffalo and elephant. These in turn attract many predators including lion, leopard, hyena, wild dog and cheetah. This is a breath-taking game driving day and the inaccessibility of the region offers a throwback of what safari experience might have been like in yesteryear. Camping out in the wild enhances further the feeling of exhilaration at being so close to remote and untamed Mother Nature.

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: remote wilderness campsite

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3
SAVUTI – MOREMI GAME RESERVE OR ADJACENT COMMUNITY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

Depart Savuti early morning and transfer to the Moremi Game Reserve /or the adjacent Game Management area. 2-3 Hour afternoon game drive.

The Moremi Game Reserve was declared a protected area after being used by the then chief Moremi as an exclusive hunting ground. The area is rich with game and offers an untouched wildlife experience. The combination of different habitats from Mopane woodland to Acacia forest, floodplains and lagoons make the area a place of stunning beauty, supporting a diverse array of wildlife. Sightings of leopard, wild dog, cheetah and lion are common, as are elephant, giraffe and zebra encounters. Common night-time visitors to our camp are the spotted hyena and the honey badger. At certain times of the year it may be preferable / safer (as well as offer better game viewing) to visit an adjacent game management area instead of Moremi.

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: remote wilderness campsite

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 4
MOREMI - MAUN

We enjoy an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning to pack our camp and head for Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun is the hub of the tourism industry in Botswana and the road from Moremi to Maun traverses' huge areas of protected community land. The surrounding areas of Maun give you an opportunity to witness rural life at its best with folks working the land and tending their cattle.

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: Maun area campsite

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5
MAUN – OKAVANGO DELTA - MAUN

This morning we depart our camp in Maun for a day excursion to the Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta is a natural wetland system spreading over some 1.6 million hectares of northern Botswana. The 'delta' results from rivers flowing south from Angola, dividing repeatedly on the flat Botswana plains and forming an intricate floodplain of river channels, lagoons and isolated islands - an inland 'delta', the only one of its kind in the world. We enjoy our day in the wilderness with experienced and knowledgeable 'polers' who guide you through the labyrinths of channels in a dug-out canoe (mokoro). If we are lucky, we may spot wildlife, in particular hippo, crocodile, buffalo, elephant but the experience is focused on the amazing watercourses, birdlife and beauty of this unique area.

We are usually back in Maun by 2-3pm and time is yours at leisure to relax by the pool or take an optional afternoon scenic flight or over the Okavango Delta (at around 4pm).

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: Maun area campsite

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activities: Okavango Delta Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time from US\$650, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours) US\$65

DAY 6
MAUN – MAKGADIKGADI PANS

From Maun we travel to the Makgadikgadi Pans stopping en route at the charismatic village of Gweta then continuing south to Chapman's Baobabs. The Baobabs have a circumference of over 25m and act as sentinels over the distance pans, giving them the nickname the seven sisters. The Makgadikgadi Pans is a vast shimmering salt flats on the edge of the Kalahari Desert. We camp for the night on the pans near Nata. Sleeping out on the 'Pans' under a blanket of stars is a real 'Africa' experience – not to be missed.

N.B: Due to the rainy season in Botswana we may not camp at the Makgadikgadi Pans. In that case we may move our destination to Nata where we will overnight and wake early for an opportunity to see the Flamingo's at the Flamingo sanctuary.

Accommodation: Camping twin share bow tents with shared facilities

Campsite: Remote wilderness campsite

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7
MAKGADIKGADI PANS – VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

We depart in the morning and travel back towards Kasane. We travel north through vast open savannahs passing the farming villages before saying goodbye to our guide and meeting the transfer vehicles once again at the border to cross into Zimbabwe for the final journey to Victoria Falls. En route keep your eyes peeled for wandering wildlife migrating between Chobe National Park and the nearby Hwange National Park (in Zimbabwe).



Arrangements end in the early afternoon upon arrival in Victoria Falls.
If time allows, we do suggest that you stay a few extra days to explore the Victoria Falls area and the many optional activities on offer.

Accommodation: None

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Optional Activities (prices are guide only): Bungee Jumping US\$170, Gorge Swing \$100, Helicopter Flights from US\$150 White water rafting \$130, Full day canoe \$150, Game walk \$120, Jet boating \$100, Birding ½ day \$160, Bike tour – 3 hours \$65

Tour Information

- TOUR STYLE:** Small Group Safaris
- WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, tent, mattress, services of an English-speaking guide/ tour leader.
- WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, sleeping bags*, pillow, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature, drinks including mineral water
- ACCOMMODATION:** Accommodation is camping in twin share tents, with portable bush toilets (pit latrine) and shared facilities (bucket shower where water is available).
- SAFARI PASS:** The mandatory Safari Pass is paid to your tour leader at the beginning of the tour in USD cash, US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes (or pre-paid by arrangement at the time of booking). It is separate and in addition to the Tour Price and covers the cost of selected park entries, activities and excursions as well as some accommodation along the way. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from your visit at the time of travel.
- TRANSPORT:** Transfer vehicle, 4x4 open safari vehicle, dugout canoe (Mokoro). Maximum group size: 9 passengers (please note vehicles are not air conditioned).

***Sleeping bags can be rented for \$30 USD per person/trip. Please advise us at time of booking if you need to book this.**

JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting Point in Victoria Falls (VFA): Shearwater Explorers Village
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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
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Contact Details:
Tour start time: 09:30am on Day 1
Tour finish point: Victoria Falls Zimbabwe
Tour end time: Afternoon

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Victoria Falls at 09:30 on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings. If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Victoria Falls and the surrounding area. See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guideline only and are subject to change so please check your agent for current prices when making your booking.**

Victoria Falls Zimbabwe – Shearwater Explorers Village		Victoria Falls Zimbabwe – Shearwater Explorers Village	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pppn	\$100	Post tour accommodation – twin pppn	\$100
Pre tour accommodation – single pppn	\$145	Post tour accommodation – single pppn	\$145
PPPN = Per Person Per Night		PPPN = Per Person Per Night	

General Note



Please note that whilst every effort has been made to select accommodation of a consistent standard throughout the tour there are areas where this is difficult to achieve. We have not designed the tour with international standard hotels in mind but instead have sourced privately owned properties more suited to the environment and to the philosophy of helping local benefit from tourism. For that reason accommodation, hotel facilities and service levels may vary from area to area between and within countries. To a degree this is a reflection of local infrastructure, tourism development, and of the communities whose areas we are visiting. At times you may find lapses in service frustrating, but we ask your patience and that you consider it part of the African experience. Naturally your tour leader will do all he can to rectify any problems that may arise as the tour proceeds.

To allow for the highlights and experiences packed into this tour, some long distances need to be covered. In order to minimise the impact travelling inevitably will have on a tour of this nature, we have allocated some days as longer driving days than others. Our intention is to cover the necessary ground as quickly and safely as possible with minimal delays. Border crossings, in particular at Beitbridge, there are a number of police road checks currently in place in Zimbabwe. We ask that you remain patient throughout. Africa is a wonderful continent to explore but there are occasions when it helps to remember that we are guests here and that when travelling everywhere sometimes things will take longer than we would like or expect at home.

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum. Don't forget most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit – this tour has a strict 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller daypack is ideal. On tour you will need a mixture of lightweight clothing (neutral colours are suggested) for the day and warm wear (e.g. fleece, long trousers, scarf and beanie) for early mornings and evenings or on game drives when it can be cool (especially in southern hemisphere winter months May-Aug). We highly suggest that women bring a sports bra for this tour as we travel off road on 4x4 tracks. Pack a light rain jacket, mosquito spray, sun block, lip balm, sunglasses, swimsuit, malaria prophylaxis, toiletries, medication and sleeping bag, towel and travel pillow). A power bank is suggested to charge electronic devices. A money belt/pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended for the tour. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables. Should you make use of pre/post tour accommodation, we suggest you use the hotel safe to store your cash, passport and air tickets. Please remember to take these with you when you leave as you will need them on tour.

SAFARI PASS INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

Paid in the currency listed on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes) directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Safari Pass of this tour covers the following tour highlights.

Chobe NP Entrance and Game Drives	✓
Savuti Marsh Entrance & Game Drives	✓
Linyanti Marsh Entrance & Game Drives	✓
Moremi Game Reserve Entrance & Game Drives	✓
Okavango Delta Excursion	✓

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, ***** = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.
NB To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zimbabwe	Yes																
Botswana	No	Yes															



MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Most spending will be in Botswana Pula (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas. (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, post 2008 edition notes). Only Botswana Pula is accepted in Botswana. Don't forget to allow money for before and after the tour if you are spending time in Victoria Falls.

Spending money is best carried as cash in Botswana Pula or US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes). Sterling or Euro can also be exchanged into local currency on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

Currencies are as follows: US Dollar, Botswana Pula.

ATM machines are found in Victoria Falls, Kasane and in Maun, Botswana although may be unreliable (so we ask that you please do not rely on them). Cash is often not available in Victoria Falls.

Credit cards can be used to pay for some optional activities although fees for use may be higher than you are accustomed to at home.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability.

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Botswana		White-water Rafting	\$130
Okavango Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time	\$650	Gorge Swing	\$100
Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours)	\$65	Full Day Canoe	\$150
Victoria Falls		Helicopter 12 Min	\$150
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$170	Jet Boating	\$100
Birding ½ day	\$160	Game Walk	\$120
Bike Tour – 3 hours	\$65		

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.

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