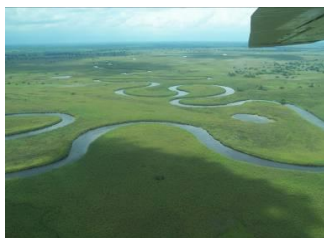


DETOUR AFRICA



9 Day Okavango, Chobe and Vic Falls Trail Johannesburg to Victoria Falls Camping or Accommodated Tour



HIGHLIGHTS

**Kalahari
San Bushmen
Okavango Delta
2 Night Okavango Safari**

**Traditional Mokoro Safari
Chobe National Park – Game Drive
Chobe National Park River Game Cruise
Victoria Falls**

ITINERARY

09 Days

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

Meals Included: (Breakfast x 8 / Lunch x 5 / Dinner x 6)

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOT
Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Lunch	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	5
Dinner	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	6

DAY 1 Johannesburg to Kalahari Gateway

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities, we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

Accommodation Facilities	Kang Ultra Stop or similar http://www.kangultralodge.com Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Johannesburg to Kang
Border Post	Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

Botswana

The Republic of Botswana is a landlocked country in Southern Africa, about the size of France. It has a population of about 1.9 million people, the majority of whom live on the more fertile eastern side of country. The official language and predominant culture is Setswana, the people known as the Batawana. There are also many San communities in the desert region. Botswana has a tradition of democracy - the *kgotla* system, which is entrenched in Setswana culture and is based on a system of democracy and free speech where every person has the right to speak their mind. Formerly a British protectorate of Bechuanaland, Botswana adopted its new name after becoming independent within the Commonwealth on 30 September 1966. It is bordered by South Africa to the south and southeast, Namibia to the west and north, and Zimbabwe to the northeast. It meets Zambia at a single point. Botswana is known for its political stability, its friendly and compassionate people, and its diamonds. It's the largest exporter of diamonds in the world. The country is predominantly flat, and in addition to the delta and desert areas, there are grasslands and savannas. The latter hosts Blue Wildebeest, many antelopes, and other mammals and birds. Much of the country is covered by the Kalahari Desert, which means water is very precious. The currency is the *Pula*, meaning rain in Setswana. This is a good indication of how valued water is - drops of rain were considered the closest parallel to money. 17% of the country has been set aside as game reserves and parks, more than the internationally recommended 10% and northern Botswana has one of the few remaining large populations of the endangered African Wild Dog. Botswana also has the largest elephant population in Africa.

DAY 2 Kalahari Gateway to Ghanzi

After breakfast we venture deeper into the Central Kalahari and our camp in the Ghanzi district, here we will spend time getting to know the fascinating San people. After lunch we will join our San guides for a guided walk that will introduce us to the many secrets of their survival in the Kalahari Desert. The nomadic San are hunter-gatherers that have passed down a rich knowledge of the plants and animals that play such an important part in their lifestyle. This evening we will get a first-hand experience of the San culture, well known for its rich traditions of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation Facilities	Dqae Qare San Lodge www.dqae.org or Ghanzi Trail Blazers http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kang to Ghanzi
Included Highlight	San Evening Dance Performance

Bushman (San) people

The San people, formally known as Bushmen, are indigenous to Southern Africa and have lived here for over 30 000 years. It is truly an incredible experience to get an understanding of what Africa was like in the past and how these people survived in the desert conditions, living in harmony with nature. It is said that the word 'San' meant 'wild people who can't farm', however historically they didn't have a collective word for themselves. They now call

themselves Ncoakhoe meaning 'red people' but the term 'San' is still predominant. They were nomadic people – primarily hunter gatherers, moving to where the food and water could be found. It is estimated that there are only 55 000 San people left, with 60% of them living in Botswana and the rest in Namibia and northern South Africa. Many examples of their expressive and remarkable cave paintings can be found dotted around Southern Africa, tracking their historical movements. Sadly nowadays their traditional lifestyle has been eroded by colonial influence and they can be found in 'squalid alcohol plagued settlements' or on farms and cattle posts.

DAY 3 Maun

This morning we will join our San guides for a guided walk that will introduce us to the many secrets of their survival in the Kalahari Desert and shortly after the walk we bid farewell to the San and make our way to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta. There will be time this afternoon for those who wish to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta. Your guides will brief you this evening on what you will need for the upcoming Delta excursions.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Sitatunga https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	San Guided Walk
Optional Activity (drive)	Scenic Flight over Okavango Delta (for those guests who have not purchased the Moremi game drive)
Route	Nata to Maun

Maun

Maun, the fifth largest town in Botswana, is known as the tourism capital and the gateway to the Okavango Delta. It is an eclectic contrast of modern buildings and traditional huts. Now home to over 30 000 people, the town was founded in 1915 as the tribal capital of the Batawana people. It originally serviced the local cattle ranching and hunting operations of the area, and had a reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town. With the growth of the tourism industry and the completion of the tar road from Nata in the early 1990s, Maun developed swiftly, losing much of its old town character. However, it is still infamous for its infestation of donkeys and to lesser extent, goats. These animals can be seen wandering around freely as the local farmers arrive in the innumerable taxis to sell their wares on the kerbside. With the influx of tourism dollars, the typical traditional rondavels (round huts) of the past have been replaced by square but modestly sized cinderblock homes roofed with tin, or sometimes tiles. It is not unusual to see mud rondavels with satellite dishes, attesting to the increasing affluence of Botswana, and the increasingly reliability of power and communications in the town. This striking contrast of the traditional and the modern is also evident in the multi-level air-conditioned shopping centres incongruously surrounded by potholes, dusty parking lots and lively market places.

DAY 4 Okavango Delta

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons, is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the mooring station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be encountered in this pristine wilderness area including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

Those guests who have pre-purchased the 2-night package – will be transferred into the Delta this morning and will re-join the group on the morning of day 6. Please speak to your consultant for a copy of the programme for your Okavango Delta Excursion

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR
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	Sitatunga https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun – Okavango Delta - Maun
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

The Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta, a labyrinth of lagoons, lakes and hidden channels covering 17 000 square km. It originates in Angola - numerous tributaries join to form the Cubango River, which then flows through Namibia, becoming the Kavango River and finally enters Botswana, where it becomes the Okavango. Millions of years ago the Okavango River used to flow into a large inland lake called Lake Makgadikgadi (now Makgadikgadi Pans). Tectonic activity and faulting interrupted the flow of the river causing it to back up and form what is now the Okavango Delta. This has created a unique system of waterways that supports a vast array of animal and plant life that would have otherwise been a dry Kalahari savannah.

There are an estimated 200 000 large mammals in and around the Okavango Delta. On the mainland and among the islands in the delta, lions, elephants, hyenas, wild dog, buffalo, hippo and crocodiles congregate with a teeming variety of antelope and other smaller animals - warthog, mongoose, spotted genets, monkeys, bush babies and tree squirrels. Notably the endangered African Wild Dog is present within the Okavango Delta, exhibiting one of the richest pack densities in Africa. The delta also includes over 400 species of birds, including the African Fish Eagle.

Many of these animals live in the Delta but the majority pass through, migrating with the summer rains to find renewed fields for grazing. With the onset of winter the countryside dries up they make their way back to the floodplains. This leads to some of the most incredible sightings as large numbers of prey and predators are pushed together. Certain areas of the Delta provide some of the best predator action seen anywhere in the world.

DAY 5 Maun (Moremi Game Reserve)

For those guests who have purchased the activity package, you will be collected from the hotel before first light and we will drive to the South gate to enter Moremi Game Reserve. As the lagoons and channels form a vital section of the Okavango Delta eco-system, sightings of bird and animal populations become more frequent as the day progresses. The game viewing routes chosen on the day by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable. Those guests who have not purchased the activity package have the day to relax at the accommodation establishment.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Sitatunga https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Activity Package	Moremi Game Reserve full day excursion (Game Drive – including lunch)

DAY 6 Nata

Our journey today takes us across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans, lined with majestic examples of the iconic Baobab tree. Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided excursion to the Pans and Nata Sanctuary to appreciate the spectacular view and sundowner.

Accommodation	Pelican Lodge http://www.pelicanlodge.co.bw/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Nata
Activity Package	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

DAY 7 Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Activity Package	Chobe National Park Game Drive and Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

Chobe National Park

Chobe National Park, the second largest park in Botswana, covers 10 566 square km of northern Botswana. The Park forms part of the mosaic of lakes, islands and floodplains formed from the Kwando, Linyanti and Chobe River systems. The area is renowned for its vast herds of elephant and buffalo. The elephant population is currently about 120 000. The Chobe elephants are migratory, moving up to 200 km from the Chobe and Linyanti rivers, where they concentrate in the dry season, to the pans in the southeast of the park in the rainy season. They are Kalahari elephants, characterized by rather brittle ivory and short tusks, perhaps because of calcium deficiency in the soil. Due to their high concentration, there is a lot of damage to the vegetation in some areas. Culls have been considered, but are too controversial and have thus far been rejected.

The original inhabitants of the area were the San people, otherwise known in Botswana as the Basarwa. They were hunter-gatherers who lived by moving from one area to another in search of water, wild fruits and hunting grounds. The San were pushed out by groups of the Basubiya people and, around 1911, a group of Batawana moved out the area. In 1931 it was decided that a national park would protect the wildlife from extinction, and attract tourists. In 1932, an area of some 24 000 square km in the Chobe district was declared a non-hunting area. Over the years the park's boundaries have been altered, and the people settled in the area have been relocated gradually, and Chobe National Park was finally empty of human occupation in 1975. In 1980 and again in 1987, the boundaries were altered, increasing the park to its present size.

DAY 8 Kasane – Zimbabwe – Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border to Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline and upon arrival you will have the chance to book these various activities. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Tonight we enjoy an optional dinner out, your guide will assist you to decide on the many options available.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Optional Activity Experience	Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls, 1 700 m wide and 108 m high – is said to be the largest falls in the world. David Livingstone, the Scottish explorer, is believed to have been the first European to view the Victoria Falls, and wrote: "It has never

been seen before by European eyes, but scenes so wonderful must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight". The older, indigenous name of Mosi-oa-Tunya ('the Smoke that Thunders') is the name in official use in Zambia. Due to its immense power and size, the waterfall is surrounded by a rich mythology. The local Tonga people of the Zambezi believe that a river god, Nyaminyami, resides in the water in the form of an immense snake. When the Kariba Dam was built in the 1950s, the Zambezi River flooded three times, causing many deaths and much destruction. The local people believe Nyaminyami caused the terrible floods in anger at the construction.

The unusual form of Victoria Falls enables virtually the whole width of the falls to be viewed face-on, at the same level as the top, from as close as 60 metres, because the whole Zambezi River drops into a deep, narrow slot like chasm, connected to a long series of gorges. Few other waterfalls allow such a close approach on foot. The falls are formed as the full width of the river plummets in a single vertical drop into a chasm 60–120 m wide, carved by its waters along a fracture zone in the basalt plateau. The depth of the chasm, called the First Gorge, varies from 80 m at its western end to 108 m in the centre. The only outlet to the First Gorge is a 110 m-wide gap about two-thirds of the way across the width of the falls from the western end, through which the whole volume of the river pours into the Victoria Falls gorges.

There are two islands on the crest of the falls that are large enough to divide the curtain of water even at full flood: Boaruka Island (or Cataract Island) near the western bank, and Livingstone Island near the middle. At less than full flood, additional islets divide the curtain of water into separate parallel streams. The main streams are named, in order from Zimbabwe (west) to Zambia (east): Leaping Water (called Devil's Cataract by some), Main Falls, Rainbow Falls (the highest) and the Eastern Cataract.

DAY 9 Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a scenic flight over the falls below, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Optional Activity Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience,
<http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com>

Tour Ends

The tour ends at Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com> . We suggest you book accommodation here for this evening.

Tour Information

Activity Package

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On this tour you can choose between doing the camping or accommodated version of the tour. Below is the prices of the activity package for both the camping and the accommodated. Note in the 2 options below that the main difference is clients doing the accommodated version of this tour will do a fly in package into the Okavango Delta whereas the campers will go in overland.

Activity Package	Price
Moremi Game Reserve Game Drive	R 1950
Makgadikgadi Pans Excursion	R 400
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 620
Chobe National Park game drive	R 620
	R 3 590

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Okavango Delta Excursion

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. A 2-night package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta.

Camping cost: R2,800.00 per person

Accommodated cost: R13,200.00 per person

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Tour departure point

07:00 am Belvedere Estate,
87 Belvedere Road,
Glen Austin,
Midrand,
South Africa
Tel: 083 741 5240
www.belvedereestate.co.za

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

Tour ending point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel,
278 Parkway Drive,
Victoria Falls,
Zimbabwe
Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4

www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 8 / Lunch x 5 / Dinner x 6) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the tour truck) / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities.

Countries Visited

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

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