

Botswana Wildlife Safari

DISCOVER MOREMI, OKAVANGO, CHOBE, AND VICTORIA FALLS



Wilderness Travel



Botswana: A World Apart

We've created a safari that is as unique as this wondrous land! Experience the untamed beauty of Botswana as few travelers ever do, on a mobile camping safari that brings you from Moremi Game Reserve, with its abundant wildlife, to the emerald lagoons of the Okavango Delta and the golden savannas of Chobe National Park. This is the way to truly experience Botswana, far from the crowds.

Why is a mobile safari the best way to go? You will have a real experience of Africa in our Hemingway-style camps, enjoying wonderful comfort and the thrill of being out in the wilderness. Your safari guide and crew move with you throughout the adventure, bringing a deep cultural connection that becomes the highlight for many. Our camps are truly mobile, set up by your crew in the perfect spot that gets you close to where the wildlife is, and our game drives bring you right into the action, not along dusty access roads back and forth to busy lodges. At night you'll enjoy the crackling campfire beneath a canopy of sparkling stars, listening to the distant roars of the wild. This is the way safari is supposed to be. It is pure magic, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

TRIP DATES

2024

May 10-20, 2024

May 25-June 4, 2024

June 9-19, 2024

July 13-23, 2024

August 30-September 9, 2024

September 12-22, 2024

September 25-October 5, 2024

2025

May 11-21, 2025

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What Makes WT's Botswana Safari Special?



TRAVEL WITH SAFARI EXPERTS

Let us share our decades of experience with you. We have honed this itinerary to perfection, creating a safari with great variety and ideal pacing in Botswana's most amazing habitats.



MOBILE CAMPS GET YOU CLOSE TO THE WILDLIFE

Your private safari camps, set up for our groups alone, put you in the prime spot for phenomenal game viewing and direct access to pristine sections of the parks. You'll enjoy three wonderfully different locations, but always with the same great Trip Leader and crew, making for a much more meaningful experience.

BOUTIQUE LODGES AND A HISTORIC HOTEL—THE PERFECT BALANCE

We pair your mobile camping with two nights at an exclusive lodge deep in the Okavango Delta, and cap off your adventure with a night at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel, adjacent to the magnificent falls.



SMALL GROUPS, EXPERT TRIP LEADER, GREAT CAMARADERIE

We keep our groups small (maximum 10), and our expert Trip Leader and naturalist guide are with you for your entire safari (no handing you off to different guides from lodge to lodge). At our mobile camps, the staff-to-guest ratio is 1:1. The camaraderie and fun on these safaris is legendary.

CUSTOM-BUILT VEHICLES WITH GUARANTEED WINDOW SEATS

Our comfortable 4WD vehicles (maximum 5 guests to a vehicle) allow you to get off road and follow game closely. Everyone has a window seat and a roof hatch for 360-degree views and great photos.



TREMENDOUS VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

The game drives are epic, but we have even more in store for you: guided bush walks, private riverboat and canoe journeys, and two charter flights that eliminate a long drive and give you a bird's-eye view of the landscape you've been exploring.

EXPERIENCE BOTSWANA'S PRIME PARKS AND VICTORIA FALLS

Our safari is comprehensive, bringing you the diverse landscapes of the Okavango Delta, a World Heritage Site, exquisite Moremi Game Reserve, Chobe National Park, with its massive elephant herds, and the dazzling wonder of Victoria Falls.



A LIGHT FOOTPRINT

Our mobile camps have one of the lightest possible environmental footprints in the African wilderness—when we break camp to head to a new destination, no trace of our presence is left behind. Our selected lodges also have a deep commitment to the highest environmental standards.



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TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 11 days
- Arrive:** Maun, Botswana
- Depart:** Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- Lodging:** 7 nights private mobile camps, 3 nights hotels and game lodges
- Meals:** All meals included except 1 lunch (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Activity:** Safaris, Wildlife and Natural History
- Trip Level:** 1 2 3 4 5 6
Game viewing by 4WD vehicle, boat, and mokoro (canoe)

Experience Botswana as few other safari-goers do—in private mobile camps that get you close to the wildlife and away from the lodge crowds. We explore deep into the wildlife-rich Moremi Game Reserve, Okavango Delta, and Chobe National Park, with game drives in custom 4WD vehicles, and a private Chobe River cruise. By night, sleep in a comfortable bed in your own tent with private bathroom, drifting off to sleep to the sounds of the African night. Real mobile camping is a rare safari experience—it's pure magic!





DAYS 1-3 MAUN, BOTSWANA / MOREMI GAME RESERVE: XAKANAXA

Upon midday arrival in the town of Maun, Botswana, we are met by a WT representative and then whisked by private charter flight to our mobile camp in Moremi Game Reserve, the protected eastern portion of the Okavango Delta ecosystem. Normally, a drive from Maun to Moremi is an all-day game drive, but flying to our private camp allows us the most time to be in the heart of the bush, experiencing all the wonders of Botswana right when we arrive! We'll spend the next several days enjoying morning and afternoon game drives throughout the park's diverse landscapes. Moremi is the first national park in southern Africa to have been created and administered by an African tribe, the BaTswana, on their own land.

Located in the northeast corner of the Delta, Moremi is an ornithologist's paradise, with almost every species of central-southern African bird, including bee-eaters, darters, colorful kingfishers, and a variety of waterfowl. We may also spot wildlife like tsessebe and Burchell's zebra, along with ostrich and predators such as lion, wild dog, and spotted hyena. The mopane tree is common here, and its butterfly-shaped leaves and seeds offer a crucial source of protein for wildlife, with elephants in particular attracted to its nutritious leaves.

Our campsite is at Xakanaxa, on the tip of a mopane "tongue" jutting into the Delta: a beautiful setting of secret pools, tall forest, and open grassland. This mix of ecological niches ensures a good variety of birds and game, and we explore by 4WD vehicle and boat. Our campsite is ours alone, though we are sometimes joined by hippos that come out at night to feed on the grass near our tents. It's not uncommon for grazing elephant to pass through, and it's exhilarating to see wild dog and leopard prints outside tents in the morning. Overnights are in our private mobile camp, offering an authentic bush atmosphere that no safari lodge or permanent tented camp can offer...D on Day 1; BLD on Days 2 and 3

DAYS 4-5 OKAVANGO DELTA

The 800-mile-long Okavango is "the river that never finds the sea," disappearing into a remarkable maze of lagoons, channels, and islands to create the Okavango Delta. The Delta is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to some of the world's most endangered species of large mammals, making it the ideal base for our explorations. We'll take a fascinating 6-hour boat ride from our Xakanaxa camp to reach our next lodge, set in the remote western corner of the Okavango Delta. It's the perfect place for exploring the Okavango on foot and by motorboat and mokoro (a dugout canoe navigated by a skilled poler). During our excursions, we should see bushbuck, a plethora of birds, lechwe (a semi-aquatic antelope), and

perhaps even buffalo, elephant, and the shy sitatunga, another antelope adapted to this watery realm. As we glide in the water lily–filled waterways aboard our mokoro, we enjoy the calm solitude of this quintessential Delta setting. Overnights at Xugana Island Lodge or Camp Okavango...BLD each day

DAYS 6-7 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK: SAVUTI CHANNEL

On Day 6, we leave the Okavango ecosystem, getting a bird's-eye view of the Delta and its watering holes and labyrinth of animal trails as we fly to the southern section of Chobe National Park, where we explore the Savuti River area, a landscape of mopane woodland filled with game. The Savuti Channel itself dried up in 1980, but its marsh is now a vast grassland attracting migrating herds of herbivores. This is one of the best places to find lion, leopard, and other predators and their prey—large herds of giraffe, kudu, vervet monkey, and baboon. At night, the area comes to life with animal sounds—the “whooping” calls of

wild dog, the rumbles of elephant, and even the cackling cries of hyena—and the sight of dazzling stars overhead. On a clear night, it's easy to spot the Southern Cross and your Trip Leader may share some African legends of the night sky. Our mobile camp, for our group alone, is set along the banks of the dry Savuti Channel, near a permanent waterhole that features excellent game viewing...BLD each day

DAYS 8-9 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK: SERONDELLA

Stretching northeast along the Chobe River and dotted with enormous baobab trees, the Serondella area of Chobe National Park is famous for its elephant population numbering in the tens of thousands. The elephants here are active and vocal, shaking their heads in mock charges and sparring with each other. We enjoy wonderful game drives among the large herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, and wildebeest. Serondella is also home to the Chobe bushbuck and puku, two of the rarer species of antelope found in

“The trip was way beyond expectations. I started missing Africa and the whole experience even before I left!”

Valerie D., Prescott, AZ

“This was one of our best trips ever. We are still on a high a month after the trip, having had wonderful guides, camp crew, and co-travelers. It was the right mix of comfort and authentic experience and we saw so much more than anticipated.”

Noella L., Los Altos, CA



Botswana. While here, we will enjoy an afternoon river cruise on the Chobe River to view animals as they come down to drink before sunset. The light at this time of day is incredible! Camping overnights...BLD each day

DAY 10
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Crossing into Zimbabwe from Kasane, Botswana, we conclude our safari at Victoria Falls, one of the world’s most magnificent natural wonders. The huge Zambezi River is more than a mile wide when it drops 300 feet into a sheer chasm to create this thundering cascade. Above the falls, the river is placid with palm-fringed islands and rainforested banks. In 1860, David Livingstone was the first Westerner to report the falls’ existence, and since then, it has attracted visitors from around the world. We’ll take a tour of the falls and there are numerous activities available (at extra cost) if you have time to extend your stay. We’ll enjoy a Farewell Dinner and overnight at the grand Victoria Falls Hotel, set alongside the mighty Zambezi, where you can see the majestic mist rising from the falls...BD

DAY 11
DEPART

The morning is free for optional activities. In the afternoon, transfer to airport for departure on homeward-bound flights...B

LODGING OVERVIEW

Nights 1-3	WT’s Mobile Safari Camp, Moremi Game Reserve
Nights 4-5	Boutique Lodges in the Okavango Delta
Nights 6-7	Our Mobile Safari Camp moves to Savuti, Chobe National Park
Nights 8-9	Our Mobile Safari Camp moves to Serondella, Chobe National Park
Night 10	Victoria Falls Hotel





Mobile Camping—WT Style

SAFARI AS IT SHOULD BE

There is simply no experience that compares to a mobile safari. Our expert Trip Leader and crew are with you for the whole journey, bringing incredible depth to your safari. It's a world apart from lodge-based safaris where you are handed off from guide to guide. The camp crew are wonderful, and you'll get to know them all—Mr. Fish, Kaiti, Baliyu, and Iktina, our great cook, as they welcome you back from your safari adventures each day, prepare your morning coffee just as you like it, and share laughs and stories of your safari adventures around the campfire at day's end.

UNDER CANVAS

Far from the busy lodges, our mobile camps immerse you deep in Botswana's most magnificent and wildlife-rich terrain in absolute comfort. You'll enjoy meals in our big open-sided dining tent, then gather around the campfire beneath

a starry sky. Our spacious private tents feature real beds (no cots!), and a private bathroom and shower. You'll drift asleep to the enchanting sounds of the African night.



"The camp crew was excellent. They went out of their way to make us comfortable and have a wonderful experience in the campsite. Everything was perfect!"

Julie D., North Salem, NY

ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE

Savor gourmet picnics served in the bush, sundowner drinks amid grazing giraffes, and multi-course meals by candlelight in our own private camp, far from the safari crowds.

GO-ANYWHERE GAME VIEWING

We get you off road! Delve deep into Botswana's wilds in our custom-built 4WD vehicles with guaranteed window seats, roof hatches with 360-degree views, battery-charging facilities, and an electric fridge.

A STAFF TO GUEST RATIO OF 1:1

Enjoy the expert skills of your Trip Leaders, game spotters, highly trained chef, camp manager, and wonderful camp team who accompany you throughout your safari. Together, these safari magicians bring you an unforgettable experience of the African bush you won't get in a lodge!

Safari Life Under Canvas

SPACIOUS TENTS

Your walk-in canvas tent (approximately 10 by 18 feet) is furnished with real beds that can be arranged as two singles or one double, cotton duvets, sheets, pillows, and battery-powered lighting. A small veranda at the front has two wooden chairs, a small table, and a washbasin.

PRIVATE BATHROOMS

At the rear of the tent is your bathroom, with a warm-water shower, sink, and toilet.

PERSONAL SERVICE

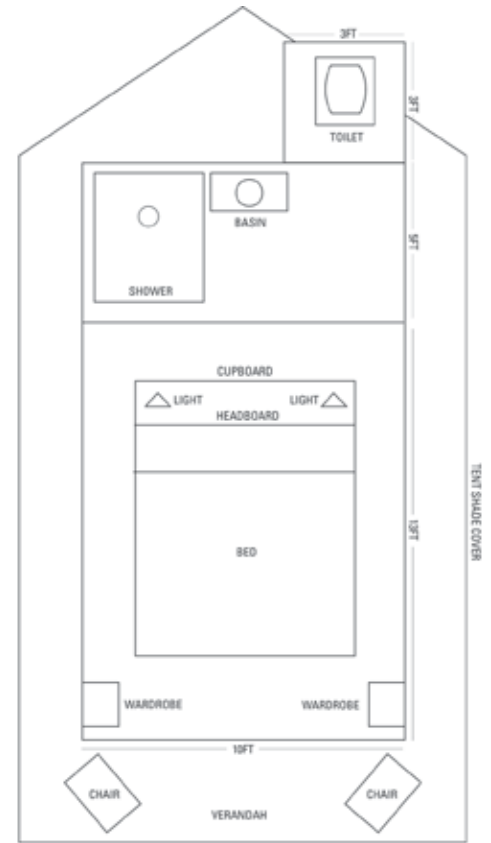
You'll have your own tent steward, along with complimentary laundry service in camp.

ELEGANT DINING

Meals are an event, with delicious, freshly prepared three-course meals, including wine and soft drinks. Camp cuisine is created by our talented camp chefs and served around an elegantly set dining table, candle-lit at night.

"The entire trip was first class. The service from the trip team was outstanding. I felt like I was at a five star hotel rather than out in the African Bush."

Brad G., San Francisco, CA



MOBILE TENT LAYOUT





XUGANA ISLAND LODGE



VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL



VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL



XUGANA ISLAND LODGE



CAMP OKAVANGO

Boutique Lodges & A World-Famous Grand Hotel

THE PERFECT COMPLEMENT TO YOUR CAMPING SAFARI

Our nights in the World Heritage Site of the Okavango Delta (Days 5 & 6) will be at one of the following lodges. Each have been chosen for their stunning location, wonderful service, and great access to the wide range of activities in this extraordinary ecosystem.

Xugana Island Lodge is set on a private concession in the most dramatic setting of this great waterland. Eight lovely thatch-roofed chalets face the lagoon, each with their own private deck and en suite facilities. The bar and open-air dining area overlook the private lagoon.

Camp Okavango is set on remote Nxaragha Island and has 11 guest suites with private decks and great views over the waterways of the delta. The lower

deck features two fire pits for evening enjoyment, and there is an infinity-edge swimming pool. At both lodges, you'll have quick access to our safari activities on foot, by *mokoro* (canoe) and motorboat, all fantastic ways to explore the exquisite beauty of the Okavango Delta.

At world-famous Victoria Falls, you'll stay in the stately **Victoria Falls Hotel** (Day 10), a "grand dame" with a true British colonial ambiance, from its manicured gardens to its renowned elegant afternoon tea service. Built in 1905, this grand hotel commands a prime location adjacent to Victoria Falls. Afternoon tea is a grand tradition here, served on Stanley Terrace overlooking

"An extraordinary trip. The tent camping experience and the lodges were outstanding. The assurance that we were truly experiencing the world as the animals (and birds) do made it an intensely rewarding experience."

John M., Alexandria, VA

the Victoria Falls Bridge that links Zimbabwe to Zambia. The halls, reading rooms, photos lining the walls, and grand terrace offer a vivid sense of a bygone era, and guest rooms, with en suite bathrooms, are furnished in period pieces.

Life on Safari

Each day on safari unfolds in its own unique way—this is what makes the experience so wonderfully alive. Our schedule is planned around the optimum times for seeing and photographing the wildlife, and we keep things flexible to make the most of any special opportunities that come along—that’s the beauty of being on a small group safari. We’ll let nature make the final call!

5:30 AM

Wake up call is early—but it is worth it, as morning is when the animals are very active. Savor a fresh-brewed cup of coffee or tea and continental breakfast, then we’ll head out on our morning wildlife drive or walk, with refreshments served midway, and cozy blankets in the vehicles if the morning is chilly.

11:00 AM

We’re welcomed back to camp for lunch and time to relax, read, or watch wildlife activity at the local water hole.

3:30 PM

After a mid-afternoon snack, we head out for afternoon game viewing. Our

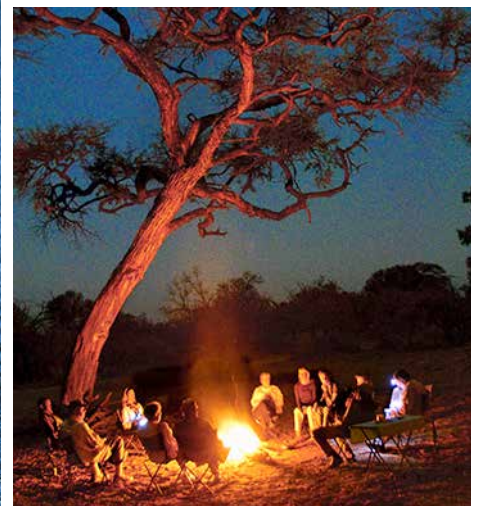
Trip Leader and game spotters are phenomenal in their ability to track wildlife.

SUNSET

Indulging in a wonderful safari tradition, we’ll pause in our game viewing to enjoy a “sundowner” cocktail at a scenic spot and watch the setting sun fill the sky with color.

7:30 PM

Back in camp, we freshen up, then gather to savor dinner and stories. Take a seat by the campfire for a nightcap below the star-filled African sky, then head to your tent to drift to sleep to the sounds of the night.



Our Guides

MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Trip Leaders with passion and deep knowledge of their destination make all the difference to your experience. Our leaders are skilled professionals, and they are also incredibly warm people who run on endless energy and genuine excitement for welcoming you. They have that special “it” factor that transforms a trip into an unforgettable journey. Our naturalist Trip Leader and his Assistant Trip Leader are with you throughout the journey.



ANTHONY MONNAALETSATSI

Anthony was born in the Okavango Delta and began his outdoor education early on, learning all that he could about the wildlife and nature around the delta from his parents. He went to school in Maun and became a driver at the Crocodile Camp, later enrolling in the Botswana Wildlife Training Institute. After receiving his professional guiding license, he began working as a guide in 2000 and worked for two different safari companies before joining the Wilderness Travel team in 2014. Outside of guiding, he enjoys traveling and has been to Germany, Italy, Romania, and all over Southern Africa. He's also a father and a farmer, and is frequently challenged by the delicate balance between protecting wildlife and protecting his crops, both things he greatly values.



DANIEL SECHI

Daniel was born in Lobatse, Southern Botswana, and as a youth, heard many stories about the bush from his father, a well-respected tracker. His first introduction to the wilds of Botswana began when he joined a wildlife club in primary school, and he finished high school in the Ghanzi district, right next to the Khutsi/Central Kalahari game reserve. After finishing school, Daniel applied for a position at the Botswana Department of Wildlife and National Parks and was immediately given a post as a game ranger in Chobe National Park where he worked from 1999 to 2005. He also worked in the anti-poaching unit during his time there. Daniel earned his Professional Guide License in 2008 and started guiding at a lodge in the Northern Okavango, but quickly moved on to the more demanding but rewarding mobile safari sector. His passion is the bush but his love is for family—he is a father of four and also cares for his sister's children.

OUR AMAZING CAMP STAFF

One of the key differences between our mobile safari and a lodge-based alternative is the incredible camp crew that remains with you from start to finish. You will get to know our crew as they welcome you like family, learn how you like your coffee in the morning, and share laughs and stories of wildlife encounters around the campfire at day's end.

Trip Details

PRICING INFORMATION

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$9895 (8-10 members)

\$10495 (4-7 members)

Single supplement: \$1295 (limited single tent availability)

Internal airfare: \$950 (subject to change)

Park fees: \$550

Seasonal Departures, see page 18

2025 Trip Cost: Call for pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations, based on double occupancy
- All meals included except 1 lunch as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Safari camp staff
- Chobe River sunset cruise
- Land and boat transportation, airport transfers as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare to and from Africa, flight from Johannesburg to Maun and Victoria Falls to Johannesburg, internal charter flights, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, Zimbabwe visa, airport departure taxes, optional excursions at Victoria Falls, optional gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors, pre-trip expenses of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, passports, and visas, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements. **Please note: the September 9-19, 2023 departure will arrive and depart from different cities. Please call for details.**

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Maun, Botswana

Suggested Airport: Maun Airport (MUB)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, before 2:00 pm

Meeting Place: Upon arrival, you will be met by your WT representative outside the arrivals hall at the Maun Airport.

DEPARTURE

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Suggested Airport: Victoria Falls Airport (VFA)

Suggested Date & Time: Anytime on Day 11

At the end of the trip (Day 11) we will transfer you to the Victoria Falls Airport for your departing flight.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Africa. Airlines with the most convenient schedules for this trip include:

British Airways

www.ba.com

Virgin Atlantic

www.virgin-atlantic.com

South African Airways

www.flysaa.com

Delta/KLM Airlines

www.delta.com

www.klm.com

Air Botswana

www.airbotswana.co.bw

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

We are happy to arrange additional hotel nights for you in Johannesburg, Maun, Victoria Falls, or Cape Town. Please contact our office to book these reservations.



Extend Your Adventure

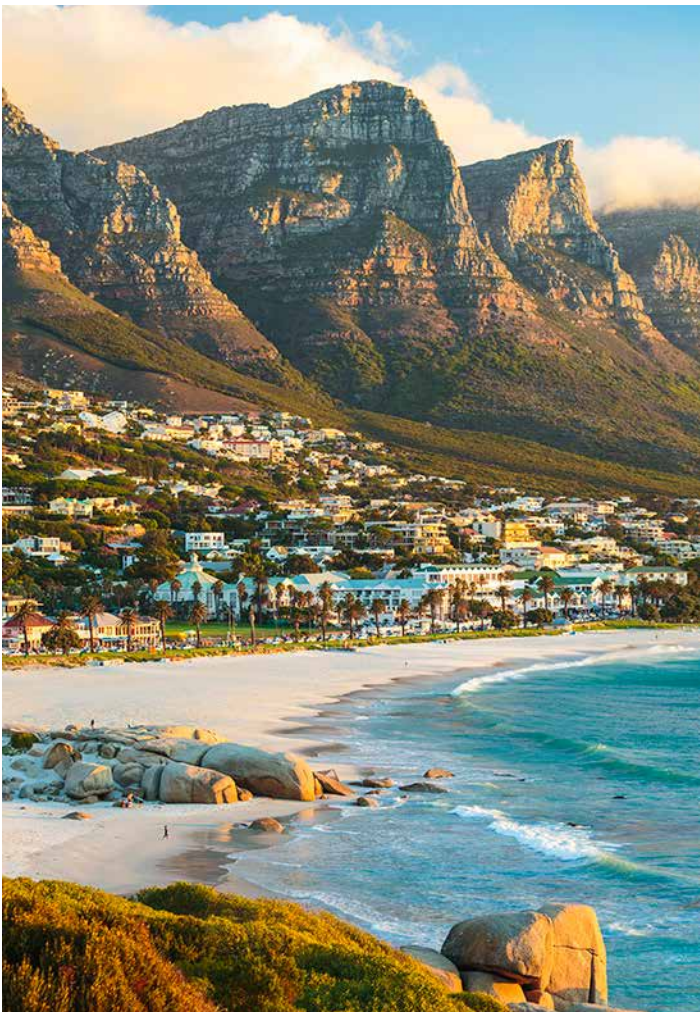
To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our *Botswana Wildlife Safari* webpage and click on the "Extensions" tab: www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/botswana/moremi-okavango-chobe-safari/extensions

CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

The town where modern South Africa was born has a glorious location on the mountainous Cape Peninsula along the blue waters of Table Bay. There is much to see, from Table Mountain to the famous botanical gardens at Kirstenbosch, where 10,000 species are cultivated on 1,000 acres. Close by is Stellenbosch and Franschhoek wine country and the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where the African continent ends.

The itinerary can be customized as needed, please call for details.

4 days. From \$1795.



AMONG THE ELEPHANTS AND RHINOS EXTENSION

Magnificent Hwange National Park, one of the largest national parks in Africa, is home to some 40,000 elephants along with lion, hippo, cheetah, and more. You'll also have the unique opportunity to visit two white rhinos at the Ngamo Rhino Sanctuary in Hwange—these are the first white rhinos to be reintroduced in this part of Zimbabwe. Enjoy game drives with the flexibility to get out and walk, lantern-lit dinners in the bush, a ride on a vintage railway car, and a walk to school with the local kids (you'll even learn a few words of their click language).

4 days. From \$2595.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated Level 2, Easy to Moderate. It is a vehicle-based camping safari, with seven nights camping in our private mobile safari camps. It will be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health. Although the trip is not rigorous, it does involve some long driving days over rough roads and game tracks—you will enjoy it more if you are in good shape and good health. Any African safari is an adventure, and the traveler to Africa should bring along flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about new peoples and places, and an openness to the unexpected.

Our mobile tented camping safaris in Botswana provide a true bush experience without sacrificing comfort. Our comfortable walk-in tents feature cozy beds, linens, tent lamps, and have en suite bathrooms with a toilet, mirror, sink, and hot water shower. Our crew sets up camp and prepares all meals. Delicious food is served in a comfortable dining tent. You'll find camping delightful and very comfortable, and you will appreciate how close to nature you feel.

We travel by Toyota 4WD Land Cruiser “go-anywhere” safari vehicles equipped with a refrigerator for cold drinks and a reference library on flora, fauna, and avifauna. They carry five trip members per vehicle, with guaranteed window seating.

During drives and walks, we can at times get quite close to wild animals. Being very quiet improves everyone's chances of observation. In the interest of safety, your Trip Leader explains limitations on movement while on game drives, in the safari vehicles, and around camp. Incidents with wild animals are extremely rare on safaris, but no trip can guarantee immunity from such incidents. Wilderness Travel is not to be held responsible for incidents involving the behavior of wildlife.

WEATHER

The best game viewing period is during the “dry” season, which runs from late March to October. Because of the minimal rainfall during this season, the bush turns golden brown and in many areas is beaten flat, so game viewing is



Average Daily Max/Min °F

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Maun	91/68	90/68	90/66	86/61	82/52	77/46	79/45	84/50	91/59	93/66	93/68	91/68
Victoria Falls	88/68	86/66	88/64	86/61	84/52	79/46	79/45	84/50	91/59	93/66	91/68	88/68

Rainfall - Inches

Maun	4.4	4.1	2.4	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.9	3.4
Victoria Falls	6.7	5.5	3.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.5	6.4

easier and animals concentrate around major water sources. The Okavango Delta's water level starts to rise during these months.

October to April can be very hot, with most of the rainfall between December and February. This season characteristically has hot sunny days with afternoon thundershowers. This season is excellent for the viewing of newborn mammals, summer flowers, and the migration of rare birds. Predator viewing during this time remains quite good.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at africa@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At www.wildernesstravel.com, you can find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and special WT Expeditions that aren't listed in our catalog. You can also access a complete library of our detailed itineraries and browse the customized reading guides for each of our adventures.

HELPFUL LINKS

Wilderness Travel has compiled a list of useful websites for travelers. Find the Client Forms & Helpful Links page of our website: (www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan/links).



A Safari For Every Season

In addition to our classic *Botswana Wildlife Safari*, we have created two Special Seasonal departures. Explore all of our Botswana trips at www.wildernesstravel.com/inspirations/botswana



OKAVANGO EXPLORER

June 24-July 7, 2024

August 14-27, 2024

July 27-August 9, 2024

14 days. From \$11,295.

On our extended Okavango adventure, timed for the season when water levels are at their highest, we feature 10 nights “under canvas” in our private mobile camps, one night in a lightweight “fly” camp, and two nights at lovely Xugana Island Lodge or Camp Okavango. We safari deep into the wildlife paradise of the Okavango Delta for eight full days, and also explore the adjoining Moremi Game Reserve in the eastern Okavango, with its stunning floodplains and rich diversity of wildlife, and across the game-rich savannas of Chobe National Park, teeming with elephant, zebra, and wildebeest.

KALAHARI EXPLORER

April 11-24, 2024

14 days. From \$10,895.

Our safari is timed for the ideal gameviewing in the Kalahari—right at the end of the summer rainy season, when thousands of grazing animals and their attendant predators roam the grassy plains. We’ve included three unforgettable days amid the salt pans and dunes of the remote Central Kalahari Game Reserve, with its unique desert wildlife (meerkats!), with a camp in the Deception Valley of *Cry of the Kalahari Fame*. We also explore the wildlife paradise of Moremi Game Reserve, the famed Chobe National Park, and enjoy two nights in Xugana Island Lodge in the Delta.

“It was a great trip. The Trip Leader excellent in every way possible. His passion for the animals and the environment added so much to our appreciation.”

— Susan M., Keswick, VA



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