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BOTSWANA EXPLORATIONS SAFARI

Safari Snapshot

Date	Destination	#/Nights
Day 1	TRAVEL DAY – TO AFRICA	
Day 2	Johannesburg	1
Days 3 & 4	Chobe National Park	2
Days 5 & 6	Chobe National Park/Savute	2
Days 7 & 8	Moremi Game Reserve	2
Days 9 & 10	Okavango Delta	2
Days 11 & 12	Makgadikgadi Pans	2
Day 13	TRAVEL DAY - TO USA	



KEY

B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner

*Please note that premium import brands are not included with beverages

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 DEPART USA

Your safari begins today as you board your international flight to Africa.

DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG

You arrive at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport off your international flight and will make your way to the complimentary hotel shuttle for transfer to the Peermont Mondior for one night.

Contemporary convenience at its best, the Peermont Mondior at Emperors Palace offers stylish and comfortable rooms which include LCD flat screen TV, satellite DSTV channels for all languages, tea and coffee stations, secure internet connections, and more. Emperors Palace is a casino and convention resort conveniently situated alongside OR Tambo International Airport.

Overnight: Peermont Mondior Hotel (B)

DAYS 3 & 4 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

You will take a flight from Johannesburg to Livingstone Airport, Zambia where you will be met and transferred by road to Chobe Game Lodge for two nights.

Picturesquely situated 100 km west of the Victoria Falls, overlooking the Chobe River and the Caprivi floodplains, the iconic Chobe Game Lodge is the only permanent safari lodge within the Chobe National Park. The lodge accommodates up to 94 guests in absolute luxury. Rooms are river-facing, and include minibars, en-suite bathrooms, tea and coffee making facilities as well as private terraces. In addition, four exclusive suites have their own plunge pools and separate lounges.

Chobe National Park encompasses 11,700 km² of wilderness, bordered in the north by the beautiful Chobe River, and buffered on all sides by wildlife management areas and forest reserves, allowing for the free movement of game. A wildlife enthusiast's dream, Chobe National Park is one of the top wilderness reserves in the world and is home to the largest single concentration of elephant. Two species of region-specific antelope occur here, the puku and the Chobe bushbuck, which cannot be seen in other parts of Botswana except on the Chobe riverfront.

Activities: Daily game viewing activities in 4x4 vehicles and motorboat.

Overnight: Chobe Game Lodge (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAYS 5 & 6 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK/SAVUTE

After an early wake-up and breakfast, you will depart Chobe Game Lodge in your specially equipped safari vehicle for the Savute area of the Chobe National Park. You will arrive at Savute Safari Lodge where you will spend two nights.

It is on the banks of Botswana's fabled Stolen River, that you will find Savute Safari Lodge in a setting of singular beauty. The now flooded Savute channel is part of the dynamic Savute eco system renowned for its large concentration of elephant and lion and their troubled relationship.

Savute's signature expansive glass sliding doors and viewing decks were inspired by the striking panorama. Whether seen in the dry season when it can appear desert-like and barren beyond belief or after the rain on one of those crystal clear days across the vivid green of new grass, the impression is always breathtaking. Savute Safari Lodge accommodates only 24 guests in local timber and glass chalets with cool thatching. The chalets have been elegantly furnished in calm neutral tones to compliment the natural environment. All chalets have private decks, a combined bedroom / lounge area and en-suite facilities, which sets the lodge apart from typical safari accommodation.

You can sink into one of the numerous comfortable leather, wood or wicker arm chairs or sofas in the lounge and library or sip a cocktail in the stylish bar, all of which are situated in an exquisite thatch and timber main building, which overlooks the channel. Savute Safari Lodge boasts a viewing deck, al fresco dining area & swimming pool with spectacular pool loungers - ideal for watching game as they come and go from the water hole like old friends at a local meeting place.

Activities: Activities center around game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles in the Savute area, including the Savute Marsh, and a visit to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills.

Overnight: Savute Safari Lodge (B, L, D & all beverages; laundry)

DAYS 7 & 8 MOREMI GAME RESERVE

You will travel by road from Chobe National Park to Moremi Game Reserve where you will spend two nights at Camp Moremi.

Camp Moremi is situated on the beautiful Xakanaxa Lagoon in the eastern extremity of the Okavango Delta within the Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Here the life-giving waters of the Okavango meet up with the vast Kalahari, ancient Mopane forests, open grassland, and seasonal floodplains, creating one of the most magnificent animal sanctuaries in all Africa. This varied habitat attracts and supports an unrivaled diversity of wildlife, including wild dog, cheetah, leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, and an exceptional variety of birds.

The Camp accommodates a maximum of 22 guests in beautifully furnished East African style safari tents with private en-suite private bathroom facilities. Other facilities include a sundeck, plunge pool, covered boma and an elevated game-viewing platform, affording magnificent views. The

famous elevated Moremi Tree Lodge is the stunning focal point of the camp and houses the main lounge, a wildlife reference library, dining room and cocktail bar, all overlooking the Lagoon.

Activities: Twice daily game drives, delta boat trips, and mokoro rides in and around the winding channels.

Overnight: Camp Moremi (B, L, D & all beverages; laundry)

DAYS 9 & 10 **OKAVANGO DELTA**

Your journey continues today by boat into the heart of the Okavango Delta where you will spend two nights at Camp Okavango.

Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta is a maze of lagoons, lakes and hidden channels covering an area of over 16,000 square km in flood and shrinking to less than 9,000 square km in the dry season. Trapped in the parched Kalahari sands the fresh water oasis attracts wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique wilderness.

Camp Okavango is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta, assuring a year-round water wilderness experience.

Camp Okavango's elegant thatch and lethaka main lodge building features a cocktail bar, lounge and wildlife reference library. The dining room leads onto an expansive open-air patio for evenings around the fireside. Other facilities include a secluded bird-viewing hide and a sun-kissed deck with plunge pool for relaxing during the hot midday hours.

Camp Okavango accommodates only 24 guests in intimate exclusivity in East African-style safari tents, individually situated on raised teak platforms with en-suite facilities and private viewing decks.

All game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced professional guides and include exploring the Okavango by canoe (mokoro) and motorboat.

Guided nature walks on the various islands allow for opportunity to track some of the larger species that inhabit this water wilderness. Bird-watching opportunities are outstanding, and fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an activity at the camp.

Activities: Twice daily game viewing activities via motorboat and mokoro, guided nature walks.

Overnight: Camp Okavango (B, L, D & all beverages; laundry)

DAYS 11 & 12 MAKGADIKGADI PANS

You will fly from Camp Okavango to Leroo La Tau in Makgadikgadi Pans National Park for two nights.

The Makgadikgadi Pans National Park stretches away from the banks of the Boteti River, through its interior of scrubland and grasslands. The western boundary provides for mineral rich grass lands and the Boteti River which supplies the much needed sustenance for the herds which inhabit the park.

Leroo La Tau is situated on the western bank of the Boteti River, north west of Khumaga village, about 140 kilometers south east of Maun. The river's eastern bank forms the boundary of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. The Boteti river is the main outflow of the Okavango Delta, collecting the water that flows past Maun, and stretches about 250 km southeast finally ending at Lake Xau on the extreme south western edge of the great Makgadikgadi salt pans.

The Makgadikgadi National Park is a harsh dry environment, suited to Gemsbok and Kudu, but the river provided a life-giving source of water for the zebra and wildebeest utilising the eastern grass plains. 2009 saw the highest floods in the Okavango in the past 25 years, and the Boteti River has started flowing strongly again with the water reaching and flowing past Leroo La Tau. After the start of the rainy season, this desert area teems with wildlife as herds of zebra and wildebeest graze to their heart's content on the wide open green grassland plains of the Makgadikgadi. During the wet season there is an influx of migratory bird species, while resident desert species welcome their visitors by showing off their breeding plumage. Leroo La Tau is not only about lion, zebra and wildebeest but also boasts Chobe bushbuck, leopard, cheetah, brown and spotted hyena, impala, kudu, jackal, porcupine, genet and caracal, to name but a few. In addition, there is also the possibility of seeing the rare white rhinoceros.

Leroo La Tau is built on cliffs over 10m high above this changing riverbed environment. The main reception and lounge area of Leroo La Tau is located on top of these cliffs; this raised vantage point ensures unsurpassed views of the river and the Makgadikgadi to the east.

The lodge offers 12 luxury thatched and glass fronted suites with en-suite bathrooms, each one a raised wooden platform. The main lounge and dining area, with its inviting wooden and thatch finishes, offers guests the opportunity to sit back and relax at the bar while listening to the wide variety of night sounds so characteristic of the African bush. Alternatively you can lounge around the pool or enjoy the river view vistas from the game viewing hide built into the bank of the river.

Activities: Daily game viewing activities in 4x4 vehicles.

Overnight: Leroo La Tau (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAY 13
DEPART

After a morning game viewing activity you will be transferred via light aircraft to Maun where you will connect with your onward flights home.

Botswana Explorations Safari Cost – 2010
From: \$5,950 per person sharing double occupancy

A Magical Journey Awaits!