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THE GREAT WILDERNESS JOURNEY

Safari Snapshot

Date	Destination	#/Nights	Accommodation	Country
Days 1 – 3	Okavango Delta	3	Jacana Camp	Botswana
Days 4 – 6	Moremi Game Reserve/Khwai Concession	3	Khwai Discoverer Camp	Botswana
Days 7 – 9	Linyanti Concession	3	Linyanti Discoverer Camp	Botswana
Day 10	Chobe National Park/Victoria Falls	1	Toka Leya Camp	Zambia
Day 11	Victoria Falls/Depart			



Experience a nostalgic, turn-of-the-century camping / lodge safari that recreates the sense of a game-viewing adventure reminiscent of the times of the great African explorers. At the turn of the century, explorers and adventurers made their way leisurely along the dusty paths of Africa, allowing the great continent to seep into their souls. This guided mobile safari takes time to experience and explore Botswana's contrasts and extremes in prime areas where few guests travel: from the lushly vegetated wetlands of the Okavango Delta set in the parched Kalahari Desert to the diverse and game-productive Linyanti and Chobe River systems and the Victoria Falls, a cascading curtain of water on one of Africa's largest rivers, the Zambezi.

KEY

B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner

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

Detailed Itinerary

DAYS 1 - 3 OKAVANGO DELTA

Your safari begins today upon your arrival in Maun, Botswana, where you will be met by your guide and fly by light aircraft over the shimmering water world of the Okavango Delta. The Delta represents life at its most fertile: abundant water, sunlight and soil combine to form a paradise bursting with life.

Lush Jacana Camp is situated in a permanently flooded region of the private Jao Concession of the Okavango Delta. A true water camp, it represents the essence of the Delta, with year-round mokoro safaris as well as island bush walks and, water level permitting, motorboat cruises. In fact, when the flood levels are at their peak we are able to motorboat from the airstrip to the lodge, a truly surreal camp arrival! On one of the full days, we will also enjoy game drives around the productive Jao flats region to the north of camp.

Jacana Camp is set in one of the wetland areas most densely populated with sitatunga and red lechwe. Wildlife concentrations depend on the water flow and volume, thus changing from season to season, but all the large animals can be found in the area including elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo. Pel's Fishing Owl is a favorite amongst birders as well as Greater and Lesser Jacanas.

Jacana Camp has 5 Meru-style tents. Each tent is on a wooden deck overlooking the floodplains and has an en-suite bathroom with flush toilet and shower. The bathroom is enclosed but roofless, allowing for showers by starlight. The camp has a plunge pool for cooling off from the midday sun. The main dining area is on an elevated wooden deck between two magnificent sycamore fig trees and surrounded by dense wild date palms. Downstairs, there is a cosy pub and lounge with an area perfect for an open fire under the stars.

Overnight: Jacana Camp (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAYS 4 - 6 MOREMI GAME RESERVE/KHWAI CONCESSION

The group departs Jacana Camp by aircraft to Khwai Discoverer Camp located in a private concession just north of the Khwai River above the Moremi Game Reserve.

The Khwai Concession is one of the most diverse areas in northern Botswana which seldom disappoints when it comes to producing extraordinary wildlife experiences. The life source for this area is the Khwai River - the northernmost "finger" of the Okavango Delta alluvial fan, which provides vital sustenance to numerous animals.

Over time, the Khwai area has metamorphosed into a wide range of exciting wildlife habitats - some of the most varied to be found in the entire Okavango Delta: a blend of forests, floodplain, wetland and grasslands. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to large mammals such as hippo and crocodile with buffalo and red lechwe often seen grazing along the fringe. The beautiful gallery riverine woodland found along the river provides further sanctuary to birds, primates and leopard. Elusive roan antelope often come to the river to drink. Activities focus around day and night game drives, nature walks and seasonal mokoro excursions.

Away from the river there is a wonderful mix of acacia and leadwood trees of varying sizes that abuts into mopane woodland. The latter, together with the permanent presence of water, attracts large numbers of elephant to the area. Larger predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyaena, while birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the colourful palette of habitats.

Accommodation is in 6.3m x 3.5m walk-in canvas tents that are airy and designed to recreate the accommodation style of the early explorers, with richly coloured teak director chairs and minimalist interiors. Separate bedside tables with 12v reading lamps, canvas and wood wardrobes, bathrobes, comfortable beds and mirrors are provided. En-suite separate toilet and shower areas are part of the main structure.

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Overnight: Khwai Discoverer Camp (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAYS 7 - 9

LINYANTI CONCESSION

After a light breakfast, you fly north-east to the private Linyanti Concession. After a short game drive you arrive at your private Discoverer camp, which is elegantly set up under African ebony and knobthorn acacia trees overlooking panoramic vistas of the Linyanti Swamps.

The landscape of the Linyanti varies from floodplains to open dry land savannah and forest with sweeping views, creating a paradise for a high diversity of wildlife and bird species. Activities include game drives in the private northern sector of the concession, exploring a range of habitats, from riverbanks to scrub and forest, which reveal a myriad of wildlife en route to slake their thirst from the river. The seldom-seen sitatunga can also be spotted in the waterways, as well as rare roan and sable antelope, plains game and of course their predators, the lion and leopard - with the endangered wild dog as an incredible bonus.

To complete the experience, it is possible to enjoy a full-day excursion to the Savute Channel, with lunch at a scenic setting. This spectacular day gives guests a real understanding of the geology of Northern Botswana, the relationship with the Great African Rift Valley and the chink in the faultline, where the Savute Channel begins. This channel, now flowing for the first time in three decades

has resulted in water reaching into the heart of Chobe National Park through the Linyanti Reserve and game viewing is as a result both diverse and abundant.

Overnight: Linyanti Discoverer Camp (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAY 10

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK/VICTORIA FALLS

After a short morning drive and breakfast, you depart by light aircraft to the northern Chobe region of Chobe National Park. This area is famous for its vast herds of elephants in the dry season and other unique species such as the elusive puku and Chobe bushbuck that move to the river in the hottest hours of the day. Enjoy a light lunch on the boat cruise in a catamaran-style shaded boat.

You then leave Botswana and fly to Livingstone, Zambia, arriving at Toka Leya Camp in the late afternoon. Toka Leya Camp is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River in the eastern sector of the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, some 12km up from the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Accommodation consists of 12 safari-style tents, each en-suite with a view of the magnificent Zambezi River. The camp's dining and bar area are under a canopy of trees overlooking the river and a sparkling swimming pool.

Overnight: Toka Leya Camp (B, L, D & all beverages)

DAY 11

VICTORIA FALLS/DEPART

The grand finale is a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1708 metres wide, it is the largest curtain of water in the world and drops more than 100 metres into the sheer Zambezi Gorge.

Transfer to Livingstone Airport immediately after the tour of the Victoria Falls and bid farewell to the adventure.

*** This trip also runs in reverse order depending on departure date.*

The Great Wilderness Journey Cost – 2010
From: \$7,467

A Magical Journey Awaits!