



The Best of Botswana

Okavango Delta, Savute National Park & Chobe National Park
with extension to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Enjoy 12 nights in 3 ecosystems with varied wildlife and landscapes! From the fantastic water habitat of the Okavango Delta to the dry desert like Savute National Park. Don't forget grasslands of Moremi and the Chobe River... all amazing destinations. Extend your safari with a stop at "the Smoke that Thunders" mighty Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Your accommodation is authentic Africa, carefully chosen lodges where you will experience amazing food, wine, culture, history & wildlife with some of the best guides in Africa! You decide on length and start date!



Okavango Delta, Botswana – 3 Nights

Day 1 - Xugana Island Lodge, Botswana - <http://www.desertdelta.com/> (3 nights):

Your safari begins as you fly into Maun, Botswana (not included) and connect to your bush flight from Maun to Xugana Island Lodge (included) on a full board basis for 3 nights. The next two full days and 3 nights will allow you to settle in and enjoy the area. Game activities include mokoro (dugout canoes) rides, boating and walking. B,L,D



Xugana Island Lodge is situated on a private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site. An expansive deck and al fresco dining area overlooks the vast, pristine body of water that makes up the permanent Okavango Delta. The lodge accommodates only sixteen guests in large, raised, reed and thatch lagoon-facing chalets, with en-suite facilities and private viewing decks optimally placed on the shaded fringe of the island. The lounge, bar and dining areas are set back under the Ebony and African Mangosteen tree canopy in open-sided thatched structures, and the swimming pool, located within the mature gardens in the centre of the island, is a perfect place to relax.



Day 2 & 3: Two full days to explore this area. Trapped in a basin of parched Kalahari Desert sand, the fresh water oasis attracts wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique environment. The Okavango Delta, assures its guests of an unparalleled year-round water



wilderness experience. Exploring the Delta by motorboat or canoe (mokoro), combined with walking on surrounding islands in the concession will give you the chance to experience a classic Okavango Delta safari. Bird-watching opportunities are outstanding, and fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an activity at the lodge.



Moremi Game Reserve - 3 nights

Day 4: Camp Moremi, Botswana - <http://www.desertdelta.com/> (3 nights): A short flight takes you to the Moremi Game Reserve.

Camp Moremi has a well-deserved legacy in the Botswana tourism industry for being able to deliver the classic African safari experience. Completely rebuilt in 2018 as a modern luxury safari lodge, Camp Moremi is located within the world-renowned Moremi Game Reserve. **Camp Moremi** boasts 12 expansive, modern styled thatched safari tents, including one family room, and accommodates a maximum of twenty-four guests.



The family room which includes two separate bedrooms and bathrooms connects through interleading doors. All standard tents are expansive with spacious bathrooms consisting of double vanities and showers, and private decks offering views over the Moremi Game Reserve. Subtle décor and lighting fixtures allow for a natural and warm atmosphere within each room to create a peaceful and harmonious blend with the surrounding environment.



Days 5 & 6: Enjoy 2 days of morning and afternoon game drives throughout the many different ecosystems that the Moremi Game Reserve has to offer or the possibility to explore the Xakanaxa Lagoon and its surrounding channels by boat. This blend of activities allows for access to incredible landscapes, impressive wildlife as well as the opportunity to enjoy the picturesque waters of the Okavango Delta.

Savute Game Reserve, Botswana – 3 Nights

Day 7 - Savute Safari Lodge (3 nights) <http://www.desertdelta.com/> Today you will fly to Savute Safari Lodge. Enjoy some of the best wildlife viewing and a most beautiful camp! Explore the Savute Channel and its environs through game drives and nature walks with your expert guides! Views from your deck are amazing too! B,L,D



This thatched safari lodge is in a setting of singular beauty. The signature expansive glass sliding doors/viewing decks at the lodge were inspired by the striking panorama and have been further complemented by the Savute Channel, which now flows just 50 metres from the lodge. Stretching from the waterways of the Linyanti all the way to Savute Marsh, the winding waterways of Savute Channel have pumped life into the western section of Chobe National Park for many thousands of generations. Sink into one of the numerous comfortable leather, wood or wicker sofas in the lounge or sip a cocktail in the stylish bar.

Day 8 & 9: Enjoy the shaded viewing deck and swimming pool – ideal for watching the varied wildlife and the resident elephants as they make their way to the channel to drink, bathe & play.

The next 2 days to enjoy this area by game drives and on foot!

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Chobe National Park - 3 nights

Day 10 – Chobe Game Lodge (3 nights)

<http://www.desertdelta.com/> Another flight takes you to Kasane where you will be met and transferred to the only permanent game lodge situated within the famous Chobe National Park, Chobe Game Lodge is Botswana's premier venue for guests looking for a perfect base from which to explore the National Park and the Chobe River. This five-star Lodge has full eco-grading by Botswana Tourism Board.



facilities, toilets and plenty of areas to just sit back and watch the sunset or the Chobe wildlife parade.

Day 11 & 12: Your next 2 full day's activities will be a choice of land or water-based activities and the most complete game experience in the Chobe National Park. Early-morning and late-afternoon game drives are conducted by our expert guides in open-sided 4x4 vehicles to ensure maximum visibility of Chobe National Park's spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. Riverside game viewing may be done from small and highly manoeuvrable boats, perfect for morning or sunset cruises. Chobe's diverse wildlife roams in abundance and home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa. During the dry season these large herds, as well as vast herds of buffalo, congregate on the fertile flood plains along the Chobe River to drink, bathe and play. There are frequent sightings of lion, African wild dog, puku, red lechwe, sable, giraffe and roan antelope.



Day 13: In transit Or extend your time with a visit to Cape Town or Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 3 nights from \$895USD Per Person



Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (3 nights)

<http://www.ilalalodge.com>:

Day 1 - Leave the Botswana bush behind as you are transferred by road from Kasane Botswana to the Victoria Falls town site and the beautiful Ilala Lodge on a B&B basis. This very scenic road transfer takes about 2 hours depending on how busy the border crossing into Zimbabwe is. After arrival, day at leisure. B

Day 2: You will be treated to a walking tour of the magnificent falls to hear the tales of Stanley & Livingstone. B

Day 3: A full day to explore the Victoria Falls townsite or maybe White-Water Rafting, Bungy Jumping, Flight of the Angels and so many more optional activities! This evening enjoy a traditional Zimbabwe dinner at The Boma! B,D

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Per person based on 2 guests sharing
January to March - From \$7595USD
April to June, Nov - From \$9195 USD
July to October - From \$11,395USD

Payment options –

- USD Bank Draft – amount above
- CDN Cheque - amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank
- Credit Card – amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank plus 3% service fee

INCLUDES: Predeparture package with unlimited information; Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary; Air & ground transportation between lodges & hotels starting in Maun & ending in Kasane; Most meals (B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner); Bottled/Filtered water in safari lodges; Game activities & park entry fees; Non-alcoholic & alcoholic drinks (not premium alcohol) & laundry in safari camps; Donation to conservation group on your behalf; Safari luggage & shirt

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED: International airfare (we would be happy to book this for you with our wholesaler) (Tips/Gratuities; Premium alcoholic drinks in safari camps; Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks for city hotels; Items of a personal nature; Travel Insurance including cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; Visa's for Zimbabwe (\$100CDN – we will assist you with visa's) Laundry in city hotels; Any optional activities or meals not indicated on itinerary; Any new Government taxes; Departure taxes of approx. US\$30 per person (usually included in airline ticket but have it handy just incase)

CLIMATE - The climate of Southern Africa will be generally dry and sunny with day temperatures averaging 28°C. The evenings could be cool in desert type habitat so a sweater or fleece will be in order.

TO HOLD YOUR SPACE - Upon confirmation of itinerary, we will require a 35% deposit to hold your safari accommodation. We suggest purchasing your air from Maun as soon as possible as there are only 2 flights per day from Johannesburg to Maun and 1 flight per day from Cape Town to Maun.



About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! Owner Carol Petersen has been travelling to Africa since 1990 and led over 90 safaris to Africa, India & the Galapagos Islands! She has incredible knowledge of where to... when to... and how to... and passion for the places she visits. Her experience and that of the local guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps Nature Encounters Tours guests returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing on some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our guests are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit or Sheldrick Wildlife Trust where our guests help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. supports many schools as we travel but the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya has held a special spot in our hearts for 21 years. As well, there are many conservation groups that are near and dear to us: Mara-Meru Cheetah Conservation, Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Research in Gombe Stream, Wildlife SOS in India, Friends of the Galapagos and Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Big Life to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our guests an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to walking within feet of gentlemanly bull elephants in Southern Africa to listening for the Langur Monkey's alarm call fleshing out an endangered tiger in India to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

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IT BECOMES A PART OF YOU”**