

## BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS (BH)

9 Days

Victoria Falls to Windhoek

2018 SOA Scheduled Guided Tour

### LIVE THIS!

This safari is a combination of the highlights of the Chobe National Park, the Okavango Delta, the Makgadigadi pans and the Kalahari, with the start in the bucket list Victoria Falls.

<b>Classification</b>	Classic										
<b>Pax</b>	2 – 20 guests										
<b>Vehicle</b>	Minibus or Coach										
<b>Languages</b>	Bilingual English / German										
<b>Driver / Tour Guide</b>	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour										
<b>Included</b>	<b>Meals:</b> 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunch, 3 Dinner <b>Entrance Fees:</b> Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, Moremi Game Reserve Portages All meals as specified in the itinerary Still Mineral Water Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance										
<b>Excluded</b>	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities										
<b>Optional Extras</b>	- Dinner supplement (Day 1-4, 8) - Excursions / Activities on request										
<b>Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement)</b>											
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
21	5, 19	23	27	13, 27	10, 24	22	5, 19	3, 17, 31	14, 28	11, 25	2, 16, 23

- Same day flight departures out of Windhoek International are only possible after 19h00

### Day 1 / Tuesday

#### VICTORIA FALLS

After our arrival in Victoria Falls, we check into our hotel. Depending on time availability, we have a wide variety of optional activities at our disposal. In the late afternoon, enjoy a **sunset cruise on the Zambezi River**, where we stand the chance to see some of the animals and birds that live in the Victoria Falls National Park while enjoying a sundowner drink.

#### Kingdom Hotel

### Day 2 / Wednesday

#### VICTORIA FALLS

After breakfast discover why the **Victoria Falls** is one of the seven natural wonders on Earth as we explore it on a guided excursion on foot. This dramatically beautiful event is accompanied by a deafening roar and fine spray that arcs up into the sky, giving the falls its local name: Mosi-oa-Tunya - the "Smoke that Thunders". Afterwards visit a craft market where we can purchase or look at handmade crafts of the local inhabitants (optional). Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or participate in other optional activities.

#### Kingdom Hotel - Breakfast

**Day 3 / Thursday**

**CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast we travel to the **Chobe National Park**, where wildlife roams freely in profusion and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa, while other game consists of large herds of buffalo, puku, lechwe, bushbuck and kudu. Other major species such as lion, leopard, wild dog, sable and roan antelope are encountered in many areas of the reserve. In the afternoon embark on a guided **Chobe sunset cruise** along the National Park to experience the multitude of game species found along the banks of the Chobe River.

**Chobe Marina Lodge - Breakfast**

**Day 4 / Friday**

**MAKGADIKGADI PANS**

Shortly before sunrise travel by open vehicle into the **Chobe National Park** for a **game drive**. After breakfast we then travel south to the mesmerising Makgadikgadi pans, the largest inland clay pans on Earth. On an afternoon **nature drive** (season permitting) we experience this geological phenomenon of surrealistic beauty. The remoteness and inaccessibility all add to the mystique and also explain why these pans represent one of the major highlights found in Botswana.

**Nata Lodge / Pelican Lodge - Breakfast**

**Day 5 / Saturday**

**GREATER MOREMI REGION**

After an early breakfast we travel via Maun towards the concession bordering the **Moremi / Khwai reserve** to the east, an area that we will explore in detail the next day. En route to our camp, which we will reach in the afternoon, we have the opportunity to already keep our eyes open for game species, but can also marvel at the untouched traditional lifestyle of the Botswana people that inhabit the area. Once at our camp, we have the rest of the day at leisure and can relax in the pristine nature that surrounds the Okavango Delta. After a safety briefing at our camp we enjoy a late afternoon drive returning just in time for dinner and then fall asleep to the sounds of nature.

**Tuskers Camp – or similar Tented Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

**Day 6 / Sunday**

**MOREMI GAME RESERVE**

After an early continental breakfast, we leave camp for **AM and PM game drives** through the **Moremi Game Reserve** in search of predators and a range of other animal species such as Elephant and antelope. The Moremi area is unequalled in scenic beauty and hosts an excellent quantity of birds, animals and plants. Together with the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, the park covers about one third of the entire Okavango Delta and, with its giant mopane forests, contrast beautifully with the wide open spaces of the Khwai floodplain. After an adventure filled day of exploring this unique wildlife sanctuary we enjoy a memorable **bush dinner under an ancient Baobab tree** enjoying the star lit African sky before returning back to the camp on a night game drive.

**Tuskers Camp - Tented Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 7 / Monday**

**KHWAI CONCESSION**

After an early breakfast, we head out in **open game viewer vehicles** for a full days game drive through the Khwai Concession or Xini Lagoon (*pending on current water levels*), one of the world's most famous game concessions. Together with the Moremi Game Reserve this area covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and its varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and thick forest. This diversity supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, all these attracting lion's, cheetah, leopard and packs of wild dog into the open grasslands. The birdlife is prolific and includes most of the 550 bird species recorded on the Botswana national bird list.

**Tuskers Camp – or similar Tented Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 8 / Tuesday**
**KALAHARI DESERT**

An early morning drive takes us out of the park and back to Maun, from where we travel via Ghanzi and the **Kalahari Desert** back to Namibia. Our lodge is situated on a private reserve in the Kalahari, and is the habitat to rare animals such as the bat-eared fox, honey badger as well as the nocturnal armadillo.

**Zelda Guestfarm or similar - Breakfast**

**Day 9 / Wednesday**
**DEPARTURE**

After breakfast we travel back to Windhoek via Gobabis, the capital of Namibia's cattle farming country. We are dropped off at our accommodation of choice, where our tour ends. Alternatively, our guide will take us to the international airport for our outbound flight.

**Breakfast**

**TOUR SUMMARY**

Day	Accommodation	Meal Basis	Activities	KM
1	Kingdom Hotel		Afternoon boat cruise on the Zambezi River	
2	Kingdom Hotel	Breakfast	Visit the Victoria Falls, optional afternoon activities in Victoria Falls	
3	Chobe Marina Lodge	Breakfast	Transfer to Botswana, Sundowner boat cruise in the Chobe National Park	120
4	Nata Lodge / Pelican Lodge	Breakfast	Morning game drive in the Chobe National Park. Nature drive to the Makgadikgadi Pans in the afternoon	300
5	Tuskers Camp or similar Tented Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Travel towards the eastern border of the Moremi Game Reserve, PM game drive	450
6	Tuskers Camp or similar Tented Camp	Full Board	AM and PM drive in the Moremi Game Reserve, Bush dinner under an ancient Baobab ( <i>weather permitting</i> )	
7	Tuskers Camp or similar Tented Camp	Full Board	Full day game drive through the Khwai Concession with lunch at the Khwai River	
8	Zelda Guestfarm or similar	Breakfast	Travel via Ghanzi to Namibia	520
9	Return	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	270

**Alternative accommodations may be used**