

BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS (BH)

9 Days

Victoria Falls to Windhoek

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.

Classification	Classic											
Pax	2 – 20 guests											
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach											
Languages	Bilingual English / German											
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour											
Included	Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunch, 3 Dinner Entrance Fees: 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											
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities											
Optional Extras	- Dinner supplement (Day 1-4, 8) - Excursions / Activities on request											
Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement)												
Nov 18	Dec	Jan19	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
<u>20</u>	4, 18	22	<u>26</u>	12, 26	9, 23	<u>21</u>	4, 18	2, 16, 30	13, 27	10, 24	1, 15, 22	

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

More Than Just A Journey....

We have a sense of Africa rooted deep in our own lives and experiences and our purpose is to share this with our guests. Botswana has abundant fauna and flora in its National Parks as well as large tracts of land which lie unfenced for wildlife to traverse freely. With its diverse cultures Botswana is a melting pot of sights, sounds, aromas, tastes and emotions, just waiting to be experienced!

The vast size of Botswana is predominantly connected and accessible through sandy tracks, which make traveling a fascinating yet time consuming aspect of your journey. Sense of Africa owns and operates a very comprehensive fleet of vehicles that are specially designed and custom built to mechanically suit these demanding road conditions, both in their configuration as well as their sturdy construction. This adds to the durability and reliability of our fleet, but also to the comfort while on safari. Our vehicles are fitted with airflow-cooling systems, sliding windows and/or pop-up roof and an audio/microphone system enhancing guests' safari enjoyment.

A safari often stands or falls with the guide and we appreciate that a good guide can make a great safari excellent. Our guides, mostly local citizens, are hand-picked for their passion with a profound respect, interest and understanding for the country and its people. To offer you our valued guest the typical African flair and experience we encourage their flexibility and personal involvement in showcasing the destinations traditions and highlights throughout your safaris.

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

CHOBENATIONAL 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 / Chobe Safari Lodge - Breakfast

Day 4 / Friday

MAKGADIKGADI PANS

Shortly before sunrise travel by open safari vehicle into the **Chobe National Park** for a game drive. After breakfast we continue travelling south to the mesmerising region of the greater Makgadikgadi and Sowa pans, the largest inland clay pans on Earth. During 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 and onwards via rugged bush roads towards the concession bordering the **Moremi / Khwai reserve** to the east, an area that we will explore in detail over the next days. En route to our camp, which we will reach in the late 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 Camp. 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 Tented Camp – or similar Tented Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 / Sunday

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

After an early continental breakfast, we leave camp for **extensive 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. 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 dinner under the star lit African sky.

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

Day 7 / Monday

KHWAI CONCESSION

After an early breakfast, we again 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 Tented Camp – or similar Tented Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 / Tuesday

KALAHARI DESERT

A very early morning departure 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 aardvark.

Zelda Guestfarm or similar - Breakfast

Day 9 / Wednesday

DEPARTURE

After breakfast we travel through Gobabis, the capital of Namibia's cattle farming country back to Windhoek. 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 / Chobe Safari 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/Sowa Pans in the afternoon	300
5	Tuskers Tented Camp or similar Tented Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Travel towards the eastern border of the Moremi Game Reserve, afternoon at leisure	450
6	Tuskers Tented Camp or similar Tented Camp	Full Board	AM and PM drive in the Moremi Game Reserve	
7	Tuskers Tented Camp or similar Tented Camp	Full Board	Full day game drive through the Khwai Concession or Xini Lagoon area with light lunch along the Khwai River	
8	Zelda Guestfarm or similar	Breakfast	Travel via Ghanzi to Namibia	750
9	Return	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	270

Alternative accommodations may be used