

BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS (BH)

8 Days

Kasane to Windhoek

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

This safari is a combination of the highlights of Botswana's Chobe National Park, the Okavango Delta, the Makgadigadi pans and the Kalahari.

Classification	Classic	
Group size	2 – 16 guests	
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach	
Languages	Bilingual English / German	
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout the tour	
Included	Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary 7 x Breakfasts, 3 x Lunches, 4 x Dinners Entrance Fees: Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, Kwatale Concession, Greater Moremi/Khwai 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	
Pick Up	Collection by your guide / Transfer service in Victoria Falls (airport, hotel or lodge), or at your pre-booked hotel / lodge in Kasane	
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities	
Optional Extras	- Additional Lodge Excursions / Activities on request	
Meal Options	- Dinner supplement (Day 1-3, 6)	
Departure Dates		
	Tour Language:	Bilingual
	Departure Days:	TUESDAY
2020	November	24
	December	8, 22
2021	January	26
	February	23
	March	9, 23
	April	6, 20
	May	18
	June	1, 15, 29
	July	13, 27
	August	10, 24
	September	7, 21
	October	5, 26
Special Discount / No Single Supplement		

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

Day 1 | Tuesday

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

After our arrival we meet our guide in Kasane a small and bustling town right on the edge of the **Chobe National Park**. After completing the immigration procedures we cross the mighty Chobe River on a short but scenic boat transfer to our 5 Star lodge right on the edge of the Chobe river. Our Villa for the night is in a special corner of the African wilderness, where two mighty rivers meet, a wetland paradise that is a haven for nature and wildlife. Discover the wonders of this magical destination. At the very tip of Namibia's Zambezi Region, previously known as Caprivi Strip. The exclusivity and style of this boutique lodge is unparalleled. Here 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 significant 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 river cruise** along the National Park to experience the multitude of game species found along the banks of the Chobe River. *Transfers from Victoria Falls can be booked on request at an additional cost.*

Chobe Water Villas – Lunch, Dinner (including selection of beverages) + activities

Day 2 | Wednesday

MAKGADIKGADI & SOWA SALTPANS

Shortly before sunrise, we enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea before departing on an open vehicle game drive into the **Chobe National Park**. On this excursion, we experience the plethora of rich fauna and flora of the Chobe National Park, Botswana's richest Wildlife Reserve. We have the opportunity to encounter carnivores such as lions, hyena and leopard. The highlight, however, is the rich and dense elephant population, for which this National Park is known all over the world for. From the edge of the Chobe River, you are also able to spot hippo and crocodiles warming up to the first rays of light. Antelopes such as Lechwe, Roan or Waterbuck to name a few can likewise be spotted quenching their thirst along the river banks. After returning to the lodge we enjoy a sumptuous breakfast before continuing our safari in a southerly direction to the mesmerising region of the greater Makgadikgadi and Sowa pans, the most significant inland clay pans on Earth. During an afternoon **nature drive** (*weather permitting*) we experience this geological phenomenon of bizarre 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 or Pelican Lodge- Breakfast

Day 3 | Thursday

MAUN / THAMALAKANE RIVER

After breakfast, we travel to Maun, where we spend the night a short distance north of the town on the banks of the Thamalakane River before departing to the Moremi Game Reserve the next day. Maun is the starting point for most expeditions into the Okavango Delta and as a result, it has developed into a bustling metropolis that is considered Botswana's tourism capital.

Thamalakane River Lodge – Breakfast

Day 4 | Friday

KWATALE CONCESSION

After an early continental breakfast, on the banks of the Thamalakane River, we leave the Thamalakane River for our Camp located in a private concession area adjacent to the Moremi Game Reserve. After checking in we embark on an **extensive afternoon game drive that includes an authentic bushmen experience** through the **300.000 hectare private concession** in search of predators and a range of other animal species such as Elephant and antelope that move freely between the concession and the bordering Moremi Game Reserve. After exploring this unique wildlife sanctuary we enjoy a memorable dinner under the star lit African sky.

Tuskers- / Mankwe Bush Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (incl. Bush Sundowner)

Day 5 | Saturday

GREATER MOREMI/KHWAI CONCESSION AND XINI LAGOON

After an early breakfast, we head out in **open game viewer vehicles** for a full days game drive through the Moremi/Khwai Concession or Xini Lagoon (*pending on current water levels in the respective areas*), one of the world's most famous game concessions. Together with the Moremi Game Reserve these areas cover 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- / Mankwe Bush Camp – Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Baobab Bush dinner

Day 6 | Sunday

GHANZI

We depart the water-rich region of the Okavango Delta and travel towards Ghanzi, which is situated in the heart of the Kalahari Desert. Here we reach a private Game Reserve just a short distance from Ghanzi. At the lodge, we have the option of taking part in an optional Game drive or guided walk guided by local Bushman.

Tautona Lodge - Breakfast

Day 7 | Monday

KALAHARI DESERT

An early morning departure takes us from Ghanzi back to Namibia and the Kalahari Desert. This desert is highlighted by its red sand and grass-covered parallel dune belts and stretches across nine different African countries, in addition to that being the earth's largest ocean of sand. On our route, we travel through Gobabis, which is the centre of the most important cattle breeding region of Namibia. This is marked by a huge statue of a bull when entering the town. The afternoon we spend relaxing by the pool or strolling through the bush landscape littered with camelthorn trees surrounding the lodge. The evening and safari are closed off with a typical Namibian "braai".

West Nest Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner (Traditional Namibian “Braai”)

Day 8 | Tuesday

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, we travel onwards to Windhoek. You are dropped off at your accommodation of choice, and your tour ends. Alternatively, your guide will take you to the international airport for your outbound flight.

Breakfast

TOUR SUMMARY

Day	Accommodation	Meal Basis	Activities	KM
1	Chobe Water Villas	Lunch, Dinner (selection of beverages)	Travel to Kasane/Botswana, Afternoon boat cruise on the Zambezi River.	
2	Nata Lodge / Pelican Lodge	Breakfast	Sunrise Game drive through the Chobe National Park, Travel south to Nata, Afternoon Nature drive to the Sowa Pans	300
3	Thamalakane River Lodge	Breakfast	Depart towards Maun, where reach the banks of the Thamalakane river and have the afternoon at leisure	400
4	Tuskers- / Mankwe Bush Camp	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Travel to your camp on the border of the Moremi Game Reserve, Afternoon game excursion with authentic Bushmen experience	350
5	Tuskers- / Mankwe Bush Camp	Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Bush Dinner	Full Day Moremi Game Reserve and/or Khwai Concession (<i>depending on road conditions and water levels</i>)	200
6	Tautona Lodge	Breakfast	Depart the Moremi area and travel via Maun to Ghanzi, Afternoon at leisure	420
7	West Nest Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner (Braai)	Travel across the border back to Namibia where the afternoon is again spent at leisure	380
8	Departure	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	250

Alternative accommodations may be used.