

FULL ITINERARY

BEST of BOTSWANA SAFARI

TULI - MAKGADIKGADI - OKAVANGO

9 nights / 10 days

START POINT: Johannesburg, SA END POINT: Maun, Botswana

The Best of Botswana Safari incorporates a classic exploration of a stirring variety of habitat and geographical regions, ranging from the rugged rolling wild-lands of Tuli in the east, to the semi-desert and unique habitat of alluring Makgadikgadi, to the wondrous wetland of the Okavango Delta.

Small, choice selected, remote and unobtrusive camps ensuring the most productive, meaningful and rewarding wildlife and wilderness encounters.

DAYS 1 -3:

Drive or fly from Johannesburg to our flagship retreat, Koro River Camp in the Tuli Game Reserve. Spend the days and nights exploring the wild Tuli, Botswana's most underrated and least known wildlife gems. Game viewing is by vehicle or on foot.

DAYS 4-6:

Charter flight from Koro to San Camp on in the Makgadikgadi. The camp consists of en-suite classic Meru tents, beautifully appointed and located on the horizon-less ethereal Ntwetwe Pan, the largest and least visited region of the National Park. Days and nights are spent unravelling the mysterious desert landscapes and lifestyles, either game driving, walking with Suakwe Bushmen, or quad-biking on the pans.

DAYS 6-9

Day 6 includes a charter flight from Makgadikgadi into the Okavango Delta and arrive at Oddballs Enclave, a classic and original Okavango destination. The camp is an ideal base for our trails, and accommodation consists of walk-in safari tents, each built on a raised deck with shade. Each unit has an en-suite open-air reeded bathroom with a flush toilet and bucket shower, each with sweeping views of the Moremi Game Reserve and Chief's Island floodplains. Game is rich and birdlife staggering. Game viewing here is done by traditional dugout canoe, or on foot.

For days 7 & 8, we spend 2 nights fly-camping on a remote island in the delta, exploring the region by dugout. Tracking big game on foot is an exhilarating encounter and we often locate elephant, buffalo, lion, wild dog, giraffe and numerous antelope.

On day 9 we pole to Delta Camp, our final destination. The camp is a historical reed and thatch affair, designed in complete harmony with the environment. Comfortably chalets are privately spaces and the central lounge offers sweeping views of the Moremi Game Reserve and Chief's island beyond.

DAY 10:

Charter flight back to Maun where the safari ends.

OPTIONAL MODULES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED:

1. Continue to explore northern Botswana's Linyanti and/or Chobe regions, culminating at the sensational Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Time at the Falls allows opportunities to enjoy Zambezi River boat trips & white water rafting, adventure activities such as Devil's Pool, game viewing, cultural tours and of course exploring the World Heritage Site of Victoria Falls itself.
2. Resume a safari to Mana Pools on the Lower Zambezi and base at a secluded tented camp on the floodplain. Enjoy sensational game viewing and fly-camping at a secluded Chitake Spring. Return to Johannesburg via Harare.
3. Add on a safari into Zambia to the renown Luangwa Valley with incredible leopard viewing.
4. Return to Johannesburg from Maun to connect with outgoing flights

WHAT MAKES THIS SAFARI UNIQUE?

1. A combination of secluded and intimate safari camps and unique destinations.
2. The Tuli supports the largest elephant population on private land in the world.
3. Relax at Koro River Camp, ground zero of The Africa Experience's safari and conservation operations.
4. Discover the ancient settlements sites of Tuli, remnants of 12th century habitation and part of the Greater Mapungubwe landscape, recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site
5. Participate in brown hyena and leopard research
6. Enjoy Tuli's alternative game viewing styles: search for Pel's fishing owl, stalk game at hidden springs, sleep out at Starbeds or track game on foot.
7. Visit the alluring Makgadikgadi, the remnants of an ancient super lake
8. Specialised desert adapted wildlife and habitats
9. Quad biking on the pans.
10. 10.Optional helicopter flip over the pans
11. 11.Walk with authentic Suakwe Bushman discovering traditional hunting, trapping, medicine and fire-making techniques
12. 12.Low level charter flights
13. 13. Fly-camping on remote islands of the Okavango Delta, jewel of Botswana's formidable wildlife crown and proclaimed UNESCO World Heritage Site
14. 14.Explore the delta with traditional dugout canoes and on foot.
15. 15.Ten days immersed within one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth.

