

BOTSWANA | LETAKA NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS
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Discover the diverse beauty of this northern region of Botswana, which is home to a wealth of bird and wildlife, on a mix of day and night game drives, walking safaris, boat trips and a scenic flight over the delta. It's a superb way to really get an in-depth feel of Botswana's northern highlights.



Please note this itinerary is based on their Southbound route (Kasane to Maun). They also operate a Northbound route (Maun to Kasane).

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An all-encompassing nine night (ten day) safari taking in three of northern Botswana's key wildlife areas: the Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai Concession of the fertile Okavango Delta, and the varied habitats of Savute and the lush, reed lined, riverfront within the Chobe National Park. The northern region of Botswana has one of the greatest remaining populations of birds and wildlife in Africa, and is a truly pristine expanse of wilderness. This safari, with its varied activities, locations, and habitats, is a fantastic and genuinely authentic way to see the best of it, in the company of some of Botswana's finest safari guides.

- Explore the Savuti area and Chobe River front in the Chobe National Park, famous for large elephant herds
- See the wildlife from a different perspective on a boat cruise on the Chobe River
- Night drives and guided walking safaris in the picturesque Khwai Concession
- Experience the richness of habitats and plentiful wildlife of the Moremi Game Reserve on exciting wildlife drives
- Take a mokoro (dug-out canoe) trip through the peaceful waterways of the Okavango Delta
- Witness the breath-taking beauty of the Okavango Delta from the air on a scenic flight
- Spacious and comfortable safari style tented accommodation
- Professional private guide to talk you through the intricacies of this fascinating environment
- Ten days with a maximum group size of seven guests to ensure a highly personal experience



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Please note this is a sample itinerary only and locations / camps may change depending on weather and wildlife movements.

Days 1 to 3

Your safari begins this morning at Kasane, where you will meet your guide for your 9 night (10 day) mobile camping safari through Botswana. Throughout the trip you stay in a comfortable mini Meru-style tent, with an en-suite bathroom. The safari includes all meals, house drinks, limited laundry, and all wildlife viewing activities.

You will begin the day with a boat cruise on the Chobe River which gives a great opportunity to get a hippo's eye view of the surrounding countryside and will provide some good chances to see elephant at close hand. Your guide will drive you along the Chobe River and then south into the Chobe National Park for about five hours, reaching the Savuti region in the afternoon. During your stay in Savuti you will be able to explore the vast, open grasslands of the old marsh where you may encounter some of the rarer wildlife of the region including cheetah and leopard, as well as wild dog.

Savuti is famous for its large population of bull elephant who are dependent on the three water holes in the region. Because the elephants must visit the waterholes you are guaranteed to see some elephant interaction as the loose herds gather and split up again after quenching their thirst. Birdlife in the region is fantastic with species such as red-header weaver, yellow throated petronia, and paradise flycatchers all relatively frequently seen.

Days 4 to 6

After breakfast, you take a longer drive from Savuti to the Khwai Community Concession to the southwest. You travel through ever changing scenery passing the famous Savuti marsh and Mababe depression, arriving at your new campsite in time for lunch.

After lunch there is time for a siesta before heading out on an afternoon bush walk with an armed guide. You will return to camp for dinner and the option (included) of a night drive to see the area's nocturnal wildlife.

The following day starts with an early morning walk combined with a wildlife drive. The opportunity to watch hippo in one of the many pools which form on the Khwai River is a highlight. After sunset you take a night-drive to find more of the nocturnal wildlife in the area, returning to camp for dinner.



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The length of the bush walks is determined by the fitness and comfort level of the group. (**Please note** that bush walks are dependent on the whole group wanting to walk and take place at the discretion of the guide).

You will spend your final day in the Khwai area further exploring the region on foot, by both day and night drive and by mokoro (dug-out canoe), allowing you to have up close and personal encounters with the stunning flora and fauna. After lunch and a siesta, a late afternoon drive allows you a final exploration of the area.

Days 7 to 9

The morning starts off once again with a light, early breakfast followed by a leisurely wildlife drive to Xakanaxa in the Moremi Game Reserve, a journey of about four hours depending on the wildlife you see en-route.

Your journey to Xakanaxa follows the course of the Manuchira Channel (the Khwai River) through floodplains and into mopane veld and the woodlands which characterise the Khwai area. You will pass the Dombo Hippo Pools and break here to enjoy the hippos' antics before arriving at camp in the Okavango Delta in time for a siesta and an afternoon drive.

The following day after an early breakfast, you explore the area by vehicle. The Xakanaxa region is rich in wildlife and this will be a great chance to see many of the birds and animals resident in the area. You return to camp for a sumptuous brunch and an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon siesta followed by hot showers. Tea is served just before heading out on an afternoon drive to further explore the region before returning to camp for dinner.

Your final day will be spent exploring the wonders of the Moremi Game Reserve by vehicle.

Day 10

After breakfast and a morning wildlife drive, you will be taken to the local airstrip in time for your 30 minute scenic flight to Maun. You will arrive in Maun in time for an onward flight, or to continue with another African adventure.



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2020 TRAVEL DATES

Maun to Kasane

Dates throughout the year
– please enquire directly

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2020 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (USD \$)

- Per person sharing a tent (travel January to March inclusive and December – special rate, excludes charters) is \$3,445
- Per person sharing a tent (travel April to June inclusive and November) is \$4,935
- Per person sharing a tent (travel July to October inclusive) is \$5,645
- Single room supplement varies from trip to trip – please enquire

2020 PRIVATE DEPARTURE COSTS

Please enquire directly

THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Internal light aircraft flights (note: strict 20kgs baggage allowance per person including hand luggage; soft bags only – no wheels or rigid frames allowed)

Passenger and airport taxes

Airport transfers

Other transfers

Accommodation and meals as stated

Drinks as stated

Laundry (only on full days in camp, not on moving days)

Activities as stated

National Park and concession fees

THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

International flights

Regional flights

Visas

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending

Laundry (on moving days)

**Please note that mobile safari operators in Africa generally price in US dollars. We've therefore presented the cost in dollars to avoid disparities due to currency fluctuations. The cost in sterling is dependent on the day's exchange rate. For an accurate quote in GB pounds, please contact us.*

***If you weigh over 100kg you may be charged for a second seat on light aircraft flights; please let us know if this is likely to affect you.*

BOTSWANA – CHILD IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents travelling with children under 18 years of age will be required to produce an unabridged birth certificate for all travelling children. Should just one parent travel with a child, consent in the form of an affidavit from the other parent is required in addition to an unabridged birth certificate. Guardians travelling with children must produce an affidavit from the parents giving permission for the children to travel as well as carrying each child's unabridged birth certificate.