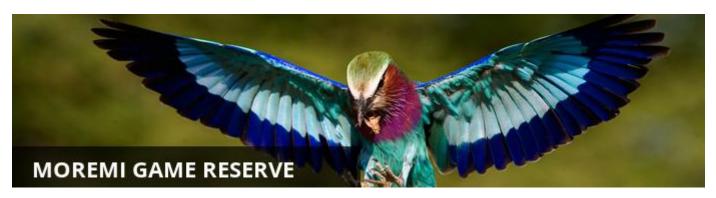


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Botswana and Victoria Falls Safari June/July 2016







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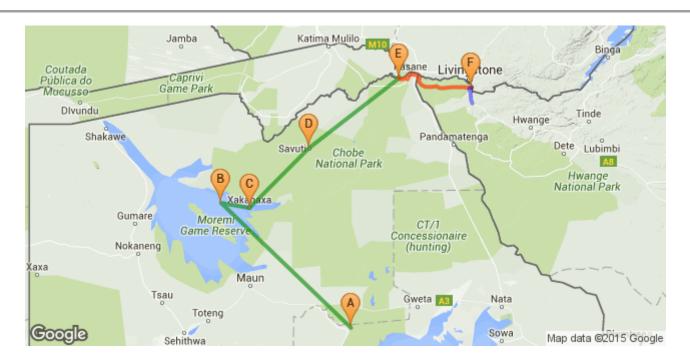




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Makgadikgadi Pans National Park - Okavango Delta - Moremi Game Reserve - Savute - Chobe National Park - Chobe
River Front - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

13 Days / 12 Nights
3 Persons



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Overview

Destination	Accommodation	Arr.	Dep.	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Makgadikgadi Pans National Park	<u>Leroo La Tau</u>	21 Jun	23 Jun	2	FI	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room
Okavango Delta	Camp Okavango	23 Jun	25 Jun	2	FI	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room
Moremi Game Reserve	Camp Xakanaxa	25 Jun	27 Jun	2	FI	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room
Savute - Chobe National Park	Savute Safari Lodge	27 Jun	29 Jun	2	FI	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room
Chobe River Front	Chobe Savanna Lodge	29 Jun	1 Jul	2	FI	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls Hotel	1 Jul	3 Jul	2	B&B	1x Double Room, 1x Twin Room

Key

RO: Room only SC: Self Catering HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

\$ 6,691 per adult sharing. **\$6,366** per child under 15

Please book up now to as prices can change as can accommodation the later you leave it! Please deposit 20% of total cost of the safari to make this booking.

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RATES ARE INCLUSIVE OF:

- Accommodation, scheduled activities and laundry service.
- All meals, refreshments, local spirits and wines.
- Internal scheduled flight between camps as specified on the itinerary (seat in a plane basis).
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance. (All guests must have personal travel insurance and medical cover).
- National park fees and all government levies and taxes.
- Airport transfers to/from scheduled/charter flights. For travelers travelling northbound to Kasane from the Desert & Delta Safaris camps, morning activities could be compromised as a result of this transfer.
- In Northern Botswana: Additional medical evacuation insurance through Okavango Air Rescue from anywhere in Northern Botswana (including Delta / Chobe / CKGR / Nxai & Makgadigadi Pans) to Maun in daylight hours.

RATES ARE EXCLUSIVE OF:

- International flights and airport taxes.
- Additional activities and transfers not specified on the itinerary.
- Premium import drinks.
- Passport & Visa Fees.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance (compulsory).
- Gratuities and items of a personal nature.
- Any Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases beyond our control.
- Any errors & omissions excluded

(All guests must have personal travel insurance and medical cover).

For your Victoria Falls extension:

Victoria Falls has a large number of different activities to offer some of which are recommended here. There are also some adventure, adrenaline activities such as bungee jumping, white water rafting and the gorge swing. We recommend booking activities in advance to avoid disappointment. Please ask me for more detail should you wish to book in advance. Thanks Nigel

Day 1 & 2 Leroo La Tau, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

This ancient lake turned salt pan still manages to sustain life and awe visitors.

Overnight: Leroo La Tau View iBrochure

Leroo La Tau rises majestically above the Boteti River which stretches across the western border of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.

The park, populated by up to 30,000 zebra and wildebeest closely accompanied by predators, offers guests the chance to experience the exhilaration of seeing large concentrations of game and the resultant predator interaction. The lodge offers a raised hide above the river where guests can enjoy the spectacular wildlife sightings that we've come to expect in this part of Botswana.

With just 12 thatched luxury chalets all overlooking the magnificent Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, each with ensuite bathrooms. There is a dining room, reading room and bar in the main lodge, expansive wooden decks and a plunge pool, where guests can immerse themselves seamlessly into the ultimate wildlife experience in Botswana. Having explored the area and enjoyed a spectacular wildlife phenomenon on guided day and night game drives, guests can retire after dinner to a splendid fireplace overlooking the river.







Day 3 & 4 Camp Okavango, Okavango Delta

Okavango Delta

Lying in the middle of the largest expanse of sand on earth the Okavango Delta is one of Africa's most amazing, sensitive and complex environments supporting a spectacle of wilderness and wildlife. Unique as one of the world's few inland deltas, the placid waters and lush indigenous forests offer a safe haven for innumerable bird and wildlife species. The Okavango Delta offers a number of activities for the visitor; game viewing, birding and fishing are all on offer. One can experience this magical world of islands and waterways from land, air and water.

Highlights include the elusive Sitatunga antelope which has found refuge in this pristine wetland ecosystem, while birds such as the African fish eagle, Pel's fishing owl and many others provide a spectacular display.

Overnight: Camp Okavango <u>View iBrochure</u>

Enchanting Camp Okavango sits at the heart of the Okavango Delta on Nxaragha Island. Its main lodge features a cocktail bar, sitting area and wildlife reference library, with the dining room leading onto an expansive open-air patio where evenings around the fire can be enjoyed.

Other facilities include a secluded bird-viewing hide and sundeck with plunge pool. Accommodating just 24 guests in custom African-style safari tents on raised teak platforms, Camp Okavango offers guests en-suite facilities and private viewing decks.

For guests who demand the ultimate in exclusivity, Camp Okavango has the Okavango Suite, a thatched cottage offering complete privacy.

All game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced guides and include exploring the Okavango Delta by mokoro or motorboat and tracking the larger game species on guided nature walks on the many surrounding islands.







Day 5&6 Camp Xakanaxa, Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi Game Reserve

The amazing foresight of Chief Moremi created one of the world's most famous reserves, conserving part of the Okavango Delta and the plains to its east. The reserve covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and thick forest.

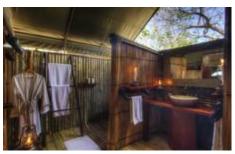
This diversity supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, and lion, cheetah and packs of wild dog in the open grasslands. The birdlife is prolific and includes most of the 550 bird species recorded on the Botswana national bird list. A range of luxury lodges in the reserve offer visitors the perfect base to experience this corner of paradise.

Overnight: Camp Xakanaxa <u>View iBrochure</u>

Camp Xakanaxa has 12 rooms, accommodating 24 people and is set in the Moremi Game Reserve which makes up almost one-third of the entire Okavango Delta. With the Khwai River flowing directly past the camp, it is ideally placed for an authentic year round Delta land and water safari experience. Sensational safari and birding activities, the spectacular location, excellent cuisine and luxury accommodation combine to ensure a truly memorable stay in Botswana.







Day 7 & 8 Savute Safari Lodge, Savute - Chobe National Park

Savute - Chobe National Park

In the heart of Botswana's Chobe National Park lies a dynamic wilderness, a sweeping expanse of savannah brooded over by several rocky outcrops which guard a relic marsh and the dry channel that was once its lifeline. This is Savute, where mysterious wet and dry cycles mould the landscape and dictate the nature of its wild inhabitants. Currently it is dry, and wild dogs hunt in the channel where crocodiles swam only twenty years ago.

The Gubatsa Hills shelter leopard and klipspringer and rock paintings of early man's wildlife sightings. During the arid winter months game viewing concentrates on Savute's resident bull elephants, antelope and lion prides, and blackbacked jackal, bat-eared foxes, tsessebe, and kudu, abound.

The summer rains bring a feast for lion, hyena and cheetah as thousands of migrating zebra and wildebeest assemble in a chaotic pattern on the marsh. Cape buffalo herds arrive and migrant birds swell Savute's 300 resident species, thrilling bird-watchers with their spectacular antics.

Overnight: Savute Safari Lodge View iBrochure

Located on the banks of the Savute channel, Savute Safari Lodge is intimate, accommodating only 24 guests in cool thatched timber and glass suites.

The area is renowned for its population of bull elephant and for the unique interaction of the resident predator species. The close proximity of wildlife translates itself into the recently refurbished, modern African décor.







Day 9 & 10 Chobe Savanna Lodge, Chobe River Front

Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its reliable and diverse game viewing. Safaris are conducted both by boat and on land. This section of the park is best known for its elephant and hippo populations but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them.

Overnight: Chobe Savanna Lodge <u>View iBrochure</u>

Set in a classic African savanna environment with sweeping vistas, the focal point of the lodge is a thatched open sided lodge which commands a 270 degree view over the Chobe River and beyond to the Chobe National Park.







Included

Fully Inclusive

Day 11 & 12 Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine a game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white water rafting in the world.

Overnight: Victoria Falls Hotel View iBrochure

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as "the grand old lady of the Falls", is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only three ISO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe.

The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquillity and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel's private pathway, and "the smoke that thunders" or "Mosi-O-Tunya" in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark.

World-class service, and food and beverage choice and preparation second to none, make the hotel a magnet for international visitors and locals alike. The opulent Livingstone Room for fine dining and dancing, the Jungle Junction with its famous breakfast and dinner buffets and ethnic entertainment in the evenings, offer variety and wide choice. Stanley's Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge, connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia, is renowned for its cocktails and afternoon teas. The Terrace has been a rendezvous for adventurers in Africa for over a century.

The ambience of the hotel is steeped in that history with all suites decorated in the gracious Edwardian style of Zimbabwe's colonial era. Small executive meetings and private dining facilities are easily arranged for those who wish to combine a little business with a lot of pleasure, and all in a secluded and discreet environment. It is the Victoria Falls Hotel that remains the major attraction for visitors. Waking up to the sound of "the smoke that thunders", seeing the sun rise beneath the mist of one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the lunar rainbow at night, all the while soaking up the history and ambience of a bygone era, is more than unforgettable – it is unique.







Activities

Ra-Ikane

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The Ra-Ikane, the only one of it's kind in Victoria Falls, is a small luxury cruise boat that is out-fitted to suggest, in exquisite detail, an ambiance of a bygone era. The vessel was built to replicate the "Ma-Robert" – Dr David Livingstone's boat.

This cruise boat is exclusive and personalised and designed to complement your stay with us. Period decor, historic memorabilia, fine cuisine and refreshments characterise a level of comfort and grace unsurpassed on the Zambezi.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 12: Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Sun, 2 July)

Activities

Victoria Falls - The Falls The Boma Restaurant

Victoria Falls - The Falls

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breathtaking and not suprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides for spectacular viewing.





The Boma Restaurant

Described as an unforgettable African experience infused with Zimbabwean cuisine, spirited performances and traditional storytelling, The Boma – Place of Eating has firmly established itself as a Victoria Falls highlight.

Partially open to the skies, The Boma specialises in a superb selection of Zimbabwean dishes. A four-course meal combines a choice of starters with a barbecue buffet. The adventurous are enticed with local delicacies such as mopani worms and potjiekos (hunter's game stew), whilst those wishing to enjoy beef, pork, fish and chicken or a variety of vegetarian meals are welcome to do so.

The sights and sounds of the evening are accentuated by a feast of nightly entertainment, incorporating traditional dancers, who captivate guests with their vibrant songs and dance. The acclaimed Zambezi Drumbeat provides a wonderful interactive drumming experience.





IncludedBed & Breakfast

Day 13: Departure (Mon, 3 July)

Road Transfer for your onward flight to Victoria Falls International airport.

Transport

Travel Information



Botswana is well known for having some of the best wilderness and wildlife areas on the African continent. With almost 40% of its land area devoted to national parks, reserves and wildlife management areas you can travel through many parts of the country has the feeling of moving through an immense Nature wonderland.

The first – and most lasting impressions – will be of vast expanses of uninhabited wilderness stretching from horizon to horizon, the sensation of limitless space, astoundingly rich wildlife and bird viewing, night skies littered with stars and heavenly bodies of an unimaginable brilliance, and stunning sunsets of unearthly beauty.

Experience here the stunning beauty of the world's largest intact inland Delta – the Okavango; the unimaginable vastness of the world's second largest game reserve – the Central Kalahari Game Reserve; the isolation and otherworldliness of the Makgadikgadi – uninhabited pans the size of Portugal; and the astoundingly prolific wildlife of the Chobe National Park.

Botswana is the last stronghold for a number of endangered bird and mammal species, making your safari experience even more memorable, and at times you will feel simply surrounded by wild animals.

Banking and Currency Currency

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be used).

Banking

Full banking services are available on in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foregin exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to expects in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana:

Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Indigenous Botswana cuisine is similar to the rest of southern Africa. Beef is taken seriously and can be of exceptional quality. Throughout Botswana the tap water is safe for showering and brushing teeth, but it is not advised to drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. The national beer is St Louis, and is worth a try, however there are US lagers as well as Namibian or South African imports usually available as well.

Clothing / Dress Recommendations

Summer

In summer, lightweight, lightcoloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort.

Winter

In winter, wear trousers, longsleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys.

From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives.

General

Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing.

Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain.

Closed, comfortable walking shoesor gym shoes are a must in all seasons.

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Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses.

Wide brimmed hats are preferable to baseball caps.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round wall plugs are used.



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

Banking and Currency Currency

Zimbabwe uses US\$ as it's own unit of currency (the Zimbabwe Dollar) is suspended. South African Rands and Euros are also widely accepted. It is advised to carry small denominations of change with you, however it is best to pay for as much as possible outside of the country.

South African Rands work well in supermarkets, while US\$ are preferred for curios, accommodation and activities.

Banking

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Fridays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

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Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. Shoprite stores have revolutionised what's available, and really have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

Clothing / Dress Recommendations

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year round. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scourching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

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