

THE LION SAFARI 14-NIGHTS/15-DAY SAFARI

This adventure safari covers some of the best wilderness areas in Botswana, from the magic of Nxai Pan through the unique Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve to the famous Chobe river. Starting in Kasane and ending at the Victoria Falls in Livingstone, it offers unbeatable value for money.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 nights Nxai Pan National Park
- 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 3 nights Chobe National Park
- 1 night at a comfortable lodge in Livingstone, Zambia
- Sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River
- Okavango Delta & mokoro excursions
- Motorboat in the Delta
- Game drives & bushwalks
- Optional Game/Scenic Delta flight (rate TBA)
- Optional visit to the Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia (US\$ 20, subject to change)
- Starting in Kasane – Ending in Livingstone

Please note: excluding 1 night hotel in Livingstone or Victoria Falls on the day of arrival plus transfers.

Day 1: Chobe Area, camping

The safari officially begins in Kasane, Botswana, at 13h00. Zimba Safaris is happy to assist with pre-tour arrangements such as accommodation and transfers from Livingstone, Zambia or Kasane, Botswana, if required. On arrival in Kasane your guide will give you a full safari briefing and take you shopping for your safari drinks. The first highlight of your safari will be a sunset boat cruise on the **Chobe River**. Camping will be in Kasane at a public campsite with permanent ablutions. (L, D)

Day 2-3: Nxai Pan National Park, camping

Rising with the sun, your route takes you 500 kilometres south to **Nxai Pan National Park** where sweet grasses host a variety of wildlife. You will stop en route for a picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park before getting to your campsite. The next day you will explore Nxai Pan and enjoy the plains which are often dotted with grazing herds of impala and springbok. In the afternoon you will visit the magnificent **Baines Baobabs**. These regal trees, immortalised by the explorer Baines' painting, are situated on the edge of an expansive saltpan. Camping will be at a private designated campsite with bush ablutions. (B,L,D)

Day 2: Kasane – Nxai Pan: 500km, 6h

Day 4: Maun, camping

After enjoying a morning game drive, you will leave Nxai Pan and continue your safari to **Maun** - the gateway to the Okavango Delta. In the afternoon, you will have the option of taking a scenic flight over the Delta (45 min. Maun to Maun scenic flight, rate TBA). This magical experience provides another perspective of the Okavango Delta's distinctive water system. During the flight it is even possible to spot large game animals such as Elephant, Giraffe and Hippopotami. You will camp overnight at a site with permanent ablution facilities. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Nxai – Maun: 180km, 3-4h

Days 5-7: Okavango Delta, camping mokoro excursion

Your adventure will take you to the southern tip of the **Okavango Delta**, a special corner of paradise. Once you have reached the edge of the Delta, you will meet your polers from the local community with their mokoros (traditional dugout canoes). Quietly cruising along reed lined channels and floodplains, you will enjoy the spectacular landscape of this unique region during the tranquil transfer taking you deeper inside the Delta. You will spend two days exploring this beautiful area with mokoro excursions and guided nature walks on the islands and floodplains of the Okavango, camping wild with bush ablutions on a small island for two nights.

On day 7, you will start making your way towards the drier regions of the delta and camp in a concession outside the Moremi Game Reserve. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Maun – Okavango Delta: 60km, 1.5-2h

Day 7: Okavango Delta – community campsite outside Moremi 50km, 1.5-2h

NOTE: the vehicle and main trailer are parked in a private area on the shore of the Delta from day 5 (13h00) until day 7 (09h00). You will leave your main luggage in the trailer and will need to pack in a smaller luggage (like small backpack, hand luggage) what you need for 2 days as transfers from the mainland to the island where you will stay is done on motorboat and traditional dugout canoes (mokoros).

Day 8-10: Moremi, camping

Early morning of Day 8, you will enter **Moremi Game Reserve**, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana which covers swamp and dry areas. The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets will be the norm. After your morning game drives, you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta. On Day 10 you will move campsites to explore a different area of this diverse park. Camping will be in private designated campsites with bush ablutions (2 nights in Western Moremi and 1 night in Eastern Moremi). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Community campsite outside Moremi – Western Moremi: 80km, 3-4h (transfer and game drive)

Day 7: Okavango Delta – Maun: 320km, 4h

Including all meals

Days 11-13: Chobe National Park, Camping

Chobe National Park, with its diverse and striking landscapes, will be your next destination. As you continue your search for wildlife, you will traverse the drier region of **Savuti** where bull elephants dot the plains. You will then head northwards to the Chobe River where your game drives will meander along the banks of the river, followed by the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle. Camping will be in private designated areas with bush ablutions, first in the Savuti area (Day 11), then in the northern part of the park closer to the riverfront (Days 12 & 13). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Eastern Moremi – Savuti: 120km, 7-8h (transfer and game drive)

Day 12: Savuti - Chobe River: 170km, 5-6h (transfer and game drive)

Days 14-15: A night in a comfortable lodge in Livingstone (Maramba, The Waterfront or The Bushfront)

After a morning game drive you will cross the Zambezi River by ferry and then drive to Livingstone on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls (Visa required), where you will spend the night at a comfortable lodge. In the afternoon there will be time to visit the thunderous Victoria Falls and shop for curios. Dinner will be at your own expense at the lodge. The safari officially ends at 10h00 on Day 15.

Zimba Safaris is happy to arrange post-tour accommodation, activities and transfers to Livingstone airport or lodges, Victoria Falls airport or lodges or Kasane, Botswana, at an additional cost. Activities in Livingstone include White Water Rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, Canoeing on the upper Zambezi, Elephant rides and Helicopter Flights over the Victoria Falls, please ask your guide for further details.

(Day 14 – B, L & Day 15 - B)

Day 14: Chobe River – Livingstone: 100km, 2-3h (including border crossing)

LOW SEASON November – June € 2.160,- p.p.

HIGH SEASON July – October € 2.350,- p.p.

*single supplement to be advised

Price includes:

All accommodation (spacious bow tents with mattresses)

Rooms at a comfortable lodge in Livingstone

All transfers and activities as per the itinerary

All meals that are indicated and tea/coffees

Services of a Professional Guide and Camp Assistant

All Botswana park fees for activities included on itinerary and transport in specialised safari vehicles

Does not include:

Drinks (alcohol, soft drinks and bottled mineral water to be purchased the day before departure)

International flights, visas, airport transfers, tips, curios, optional excursions in Livingstone/Victoria Falls,

Insurance to cover for cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation, any increase in National Park Fees.

General information:

Safari character: Adventurous

Minimum group size: 1 person

Maximum group size: 12 persons

Group: international

Semi participation: All we ask you to do on your safari is carry your own luggage to/from your tent and to put up/take down your own 'user-friendly' tent. The safari team will take care of all other camp chores and food preparation – just sit back and relax and enjoy the sounds of the bush!

Luggage restrictions: 12 kilo - max. size = 700mm x 350mm x 350mm (no hard suitcases) + hand luggage, due to restricted space in the vehicle and trailer or Mokore canoe. Any extra luggage must be left behind and stored. For the storage of luggage in Maun or Livingstone at the start/end of your safari extra costs could be charged.

Drinks: Drinks (mineral water, softs and alcohol) are not included on all our camping safaris and are to be bought the day prior if your safari leaves early on day 1 or on the day if your safari starts at 13h00. A minimum 3 litres of drinking water is recommended per person per day. At all hotel/lodge accommodation drinks are on a cash bar basis.

Meals: You will enjoy a wide variety of meals during your safari and we attempt to include an 'African' flavor in our safari menus. All meals are cooked on an open fire. Special diets on request.

Children: min. age of 12 years

Single supplement: Please note that there is a single supplement charge for single travelers. However, if a single guest is willing to share a tent/room with another single guest of the same gender there is no single supplement charge.

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Nov - Jun: € 2,160 Jul - Oct: € 2,350		
CODE	SAFARI DATES	SEASON
BWL 1800	06 Jan - 20 Jan	Low
BWL 1801	27 Jan - 10 Feb	Low
BWL 1802	17 Feb - 03 Mar	Low
BWL 1803	10 Mar - 24 Mar	Low
BWL 1804	24 Mar - 07 Apr	Low
BWL 1805	07 Apr - 21 Apr	Low
BWL 1806	21 Apr - 05 May	Low
BWL 1807	05 May - 19 May	Low
BWL 1808	19 May - 02 Jun	Low
BWL 1809	09 Jun - 23 Jun	Low
BWL 1810	23 Jun - 07 Jul	High
BWL 1811	07 Jul - 21 Jul	High
BWL 1812	21 Jul - 04 Aug	High
BWL 1813	04 Aug - 18 Aug	High
BWL 1814	18 Aug - 01 Sep	High
BWL 1815	01 Sep - 15 Sep	High
BWL 1816	15 Sep - 29 Sep	High
BWL 1817	29 Sep - 13 Oct	High
BWL 1818	20 Oct - 03 Nov	High
BWL 1819	03 Nov - 17 Nov	Low
BWL 1820	24 Nov - 08 Dec	Low
BWL 1821	15 Dec - 29 Dec	Low

