

THE ELEPHANT SAFARI 14-NIGHT/15-DAY SAFARI

This adventure safari forms a circular route around the Okavango Delta, starting in Kasane and ending in Livingstone, Zambia. The Elephant Safari offers a great value camping adventure through three countries - Botswana, Namibia and Zambia.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 nights Full board in North Eastern Namibian National Parks - Caprivi area
- 1 night Tsodilo Hills Full board – World Heritage Site
- 3 nights Full board Moremi Game Reserve
- 3 nights Full board Chobe National Park
- 1 night B&B at a comfortable lodge in Livingstone, Zambia
- Sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River
- Okavango Delta & mokoro excursions
- Game drives & bushwalks
- Motorboat in the Delta
- Parkfees
- Optional Game/Scenic Delta flight (rate TBA)
- Optional visit to the Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia (US\$ 35, 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 campsite with permanent ablutions. (L, D)

Day 2: Susuwe/West Caprivi National Park, camping

You will depart Kasane early to cross the Namibian border and then drive to **Susuwe National Park**. After setting up camp you will explore the area on an afternoon game drive. Camping is in a designated campsite with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 2: Kasane – Susuwe: 270km, 3-4hrs

Day 3: Popa Falls, camping

You will rise with the sun and head west towards the Okavango River. You will camp on the banks of the **Okavango River** overlooking **Popa Falls** and have the opportunity to visit these rapids in the afternoon. Camping is in a designated campsite with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Susuwe – Popa Falls: 220km, 4hrs

Day 4: Tsodilo Hills, camping

After a very early start we visit the jewel that is **Mahango National Park** before crossing the border to re-enter Botswana. You will journey through to the World Heritage Site of Tsodilo Hills and set up camp. This afternoon you will visit the museum and explore the walking trails around the ancient hills, home to thousands of traditional Bushmen paintings dating back to 800 AD. Camping is in a designated site with permanent ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Popa Falls - Tsodilo Hills: 120km, 4hrs

Days 5-6: Okavango Delta, camping

Rising with the sun, you will drive to the edge of the **Okavango Delta**, a special corner of paradise. You will transfer your equipment to motorboats, cruise along the narrow papyrus-lined channels enjoying the exquisite birdlife of the region as well as the stunning landscape. Deeper in the Delta you will meet the local polers with their **mokoro** (a traditional dugout canoe) and enjoy a tranquil transfer to an island. You will spend two days exploring this beautiful area on mokoro excursions and taking guided walks on the islands and floodplains of the Okavango. You will camp wild with bush ablutions. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tsodilo Hills – Okavango Delta: 120km, 2hrs

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 7: Maun, camping

Inspired by the beauty of the Okavango, you will retrace your route to **Maun**. You will have the option of taking a scenic flight over the Delta to return to Maun (rate TBA). This magical experience provides another perspective of the Okavango Delta's unique water system and if you choose to take the flight, you will enjoy a leisurely afternoon in the Delta campsite writing postcards or reading a book while you wait for your afternoon flight. Your guide will travel back to Maun with the vehicle to resupply for the next stage of your adventure. After collecting you at the airport, you will shop for drinks and then spend the night at a campsite just outside Maun with permanent ablution facilities. (B, L, D)

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

Days 8-10: Moremi Game Reserve, Camping

From Maun you will drive through to **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: Maun – Moremi Game Reserve: 150km, 6h (including game drive)

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, 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 / game drive)

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

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) + handluggage, 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' flavour 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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CODE	SAFARI DATES	SEASON
BWE 1800	13 Jan - 27 Jan	Low
BWE 1801	03 Feb - 17 Feb	Low
BWE 1802	24 Feb - 10 Mar	Low
BWE 1803	17 Mar - 31 Mar	Low
BWE 1804	31 Mar - 14 Apr	Low
BWE 1805	14 Apr - 28 Apr	Low
BWE 1806	28 Apr - 12 May	Low
BWE 1807	12 May - 26 May	Low
BWE 1808	26 May - 09 Jun	Low
BWE 1809	16 Jun - 30 Jun	Low
BWE 1810	30 Jun - 14 Jul	High
BWE 1811	14 Jul - 28 Jul	High
BWE 1812	28 Jul - 11 Aug	High
BWE 1813	11 Aug - 25 Aug	High
BWE 1814	25 Aug - 08 Sep	High
BWE 1815	08 Sep - 22 Sep	High
BWE 1816	22 Sep - 06 Oct	High
BWE 1817	06 Oct - 20 Oct	High
BWE 1818	27 Oct - 10 Nov	High

