

Self Drive Botswana

12 nights/13 days

Explore this remarkable safari destination at your own pace. Camp in scenic National Parks, spend your days exploring this wildlife rich destination and camp under the African stars at night.

Day 1: Lodge, Maun

On your arrival into Maun you will be met and briefed on your vehicle and route. You will have time to do any shopping before setting off to a lodge outside of town which offers a swimming pool and panoramic river views. Maun has all you need in the way of food and camping supplies for the 10-day adventure you're about to embark upon.

Day 2: Camping, Moremi Wildlife Reserve



Drive from Maun into the Okavango Delta along well-maintained gravel roads, stopping for pictures of wildlife and beautiful African scenery as you continue deeper into the waterways of the delta.

As you approach it, the Okavango Delta opens up slowly to reveal its vast, watery wilderness. The land changes from open acacia savannah to lush islands with broad-leafed and riparian woodlands, towering palms and thickets of impenetrable bush.

Wildlife in the Moremi Game Reserve is prolific including lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, wild dog, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and plenty of antelope including the rare red lechwe. Birding is superb with hundreds of species on record, plenty of specials and some renowned birding spots.

Accommodation: Set up camp and enjoy the serenity of the delta's pristine wilderness.

Day 3 & 4: Camping, Moremi Wildlife Reserve

Head deeper into the reserve to camp at a pretty campsite that is frequented by wildlife, be cautious of the baboons as they will steal anything that they can carry. Please keep your tent zipped up. Spend your afternoon searching for the game of this area.

Day 5: Camping, Moremi Wildlife Reserve





Enjoy the day exploring before making your way to another remote campsite, you stay in one of eight pitches on the edge of a beautiful lagoon within the reserve. Facilities are basic loos, showers and water taps.

Day 6: Camping, Moremi Wildlife Reserve



Today you head to the north-eastern side of Moremi for your final night in the reserve. The campsite here overlooks the Khwai River and offers plenty of shade. On the northeast tip of Moremi, Khwai River is a lovely area where tall evergreen trees line a wide floodplain. It boasts an excellent density and diversity of predator and prey species. Saddle-billed storks, wattled cranes and many species of kingfishers and bee-eaters are common.

Day 7 & 8: Camping, Savute, Chobe National Park



Continue north to Savute, the campsite has individual sites with braai pits and is generally shady although it is dusty. The area is home to plenty of game and is known for its rock paintings, large hyena and lion populations and for the old bull elephants that stay near the waterholes. The drive from Moremi Game Reserve takes you directly into Chobe and you'll be on permanent safari from the moment you leave the delta to the moment you arrive in Savute. The Savute Marsh, fed by the Savute channel, has developed a reputation over the years as one of the world's premier predator viewing areas, boasting one of the highest concentrations of wildlife on the African continent. A number of award-winning documentaries have cemented this reputation. Key to this area is the unpredictable Savute Channel, which sometimes flows from the Linyanti's waterways and into the heart of Chobe National Park, flooding the Savute Marsh. Even when dry, the marsh is a real attraction; a vast, open grassland dotted with the skeletons of drowned trees.



Day 9 & 10: Camping, Linyanti Chobe National Park



Make your way to a peaceful and shady campsite near the papyrus lined Linyanti River in a forgotten corner of Chobe National Park. This attractive, game rich region is less visited as it is truly off the beaten track. From the dry open grasslands of Savute to the lush riverside of the Linyanti River, your safari continues to provide striking contrasts, beautiful settings and amazing wildlife and birdlife. Drive north and east through Chobe National Park to Chobe Safari Lodge on the Chobe River.

Day 11 & 12: Camping, Chobe National Park



Spend your final two nights in Chobe camping in an idyllic spot on the banks of the river. This part of the park boasts one of the highest concentrations of elephant in Africa as well as a wide variety of other wildlife, which moves onto the flood plains to drink. The Chobe National Park sprawls across 11 700 square km of open grassland, Mopani forests and acacia scrub. The Chobe was once a veritable crossroads for traders and explorers. The Chobe River becomes a vital water supply in the dry season, attracting large herds of elephant and buffalo along its banks. The elephant population is legendary, swelling to over 50 000 – equivalent to more than five per square kilometre – a density three times higher than the human population! *The far north of the park, bordering the Chobe River, has long been renowned for its dense game. The lion are common and nonchalant, the antelope prolific, and the herds of buffalo and elephant among the largest anywhere. The birdlife is also excellent, from ubiquitous fish eagles to a myriad of herons and waders. The amazing fishing skills of the rare African skimmer are just one highlight of the Chobe River, along with some sizeable hippos and crocodiles.*

Day 13: Kasane

Return your rental vehicle at Kasane Airport and board your connecting flight home.

