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10 Day Central Kalahari & Moremi Game Reserve **Booking Code (BOT 04)**

- 3 nights Deception Valley in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve
 - 2 nights Piper Pan in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve
 - 1 night Maun
 - 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve

The highlights of Botswana, from the parched grasslands of the Kalahari, to the waterways of the Okavango Delta, this tour encompasses the best that Botswana has to offer. The Kalahari is well known for the black-manes lions and the 2nd largest migration of Zebra in Africa, while the Okavango Delta will delight you with its waterways, vast herds of elephants and amazing birdlife.

Days 1 to 3: Deception Valley, Central Kalahari Game Reserve



Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), situated right in the center of Botswana was set up in 1961. It is the largest game reserve in the world at 52 800 square kilometer. The reserve is characterised by vast open plains, salt pans and ancient riverbeds. Varying from sand dunes with many species of trees and shrubs in the north, to flat bushveld in the central area, the reserve is more heavily wooded in the south, with Mopane forests to the south and east. Peculiar to this area are the fossil river valleys that contain numerous salt pans. Four of these fossil rivers meander through the reserve including into Deception Valley, in which the pan of the same name began to form around 16,000 years ago. The name 'Deception' is derived from the dry surface of a pan, from which a mirage sometimes makes it appear convincingly full of water, until one gets (disappointed) right to the edge. Rainfall is sparse and intermittent, consistent with a desert environment. The people commonly known throughout the world as Bushmen, but more properly referred to as the San, have been resident in and around the area for probably thousands of years. Originally nomadic hunters and gathers, the lifestyle of the San has gradually changed with the times and they now live in settlements, some of which are situated within the southern half of CKGR.



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On arrival at Maun Airport you will be met by your guide, and depart from the Airport driving to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve where you will spend the next 4 nights in private campsites.

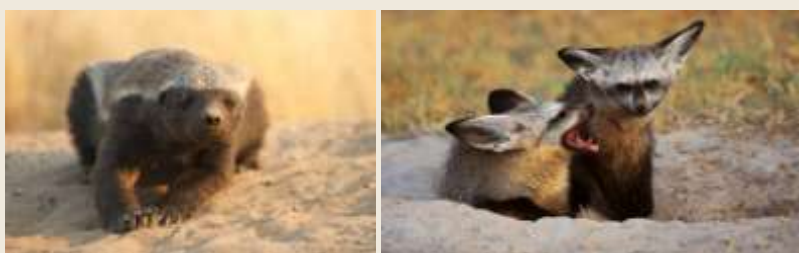
After the summer rains arrive in the northern section of CKGR, from Deception Valley to Piper pans, the vast plains burst with sweet grasses and it becomes one of the prime game-viewing areas in Botswana. Not many people seem to be aware of this and visitors are few. The clear blue sky fills with gigantic clouds and the stage is set for an amazing transformation. Into the scene enters thousands of gemsbok, springbok and wildebeest, with plentiful lion, cheetah and jackal in attendance. This gathering of animals is a sight to behold and can be compared with Serengeti/Masai Mara migrations of Tanzania and Kenya. Our days will consist of exploring the Deception Valley and Passarge Pan in depth with morning and afternoon game drives daily.

We rise early each morning, have a quick coffee and biscuit before heading out in search of game before they retreat deep into the bush to escape the heat of day. We return to camp in time for brunch, and then get to relax for a time before. We will leave camp again in the later afternoon, hoping to catch the animals as they begin moving towards water holes after the dry day.

Each evening you get to enjoy the peace of camp, the delicious meals cooked by our Bush Chefs, and sitting around the camp fire listening to the sounds of the night.

We will overnight for 3 nights in a private campsite on a full board basis.

Days 4 and 5: Piper Pans, Central Kalahari Game Reserve



Today we will move our camp to Piper's Pan, and this is as far south as most people visit in this area. The road to get to Piper is badly corrugated and potholed, but the Pan itself is worth the drive. It is only a few kilometers wide, but is a beautiful piece of perfectly flat grass that is green when the rains come and dry gold without. There is also a 7km track that runs around the outside of the Pan that is worth exploring although it is impassable for some time during the year due to the rains. Conservation of this area has provided us with a sanctuary that is still pure and untouched. Days will be spent in our Game Drive vehicles exploring this remote destination and viewing the fascinating wildlife.

Overnight in our private campsite for 2 nights in this beautiful area.



Day 6: Overnight Maun



As the journey between the Kalahari and the Okavango is so great, we will overnight in Maun again to break the trip. We will stay at Maun Lodge, and will take this time to relax around the swimming pool or to enjoy any activities that Maun Lodge can offer. Maun is a small town on the southern side of the Okavango Delta, utilized by many Tour Companies and Safari Operators as the starting point for various kinds of adventures. This afternoon you have the option of taking a game-flight in a light aircraft over the Okavango delta (duration of the flight is approx. 1 hour). In order to understand the geological aspect of the Delta as well as to see various species of game, this optional activity is highly recommended. Dinner will be at a Local Restaurant and we will overnight in rooms at a local Lodge on a full board basis.

Days 7, 8 and 9: Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve



On Day 7 we leave Maun and head towards the Moremi Game Reserve - situated in the eastern part of the Okavango Delta. This game reserve is ideally situated for a wildlife sanctuary. It has no fences, hence allowing unobstructed seasonal movement of game which makes this a largely natural area. This is a paradise for birds, game and predator's alike, and completely varied vegetation makes this area very special.

In 1962 the local BaTswana people set aside a third of the Okavango Delta to protect it for the future. They called this the Moremi Game Reserve and it encompasses a large area of the Delta's wetlands and the main dry peninsula that juts into the Delta, known as the Mopane Tongue. Moremi is lush and varied – a patchwork of lagoons, shallow flooded pans, plains and forests. It is one of Africa's finest areas for wildlife, with particularly high game densities

Within 3 hours' travelling it is possible to view the first of the wildlife inhabiting this area. We will stop en-route for a simple lunch of sandwiches and fruit, before continuing towards our camp. Late afternoon arrival at our camp, with enough time to settle in before having our evening meal. Afterwards we will relax around the roaring campfire, before retiring.



Day 8 & 9 we will rise very early, and you will greet the fresh African morning with coffee and a biscuit before we head out again; the early morning offers a better opportunity to view the predators. We spend the morning on a game drive before returning to camp for brunch. The afternoon can be spent at your leisure, taking in the surroundings, catching up on postcard or having a well deserved siesta. Late afternoon takes us back out on game drive in search of new sightings.

Day 7, 8 and 9 we will spend in the same private campsite in, on full board basis.



DAY 10- DEPARTURE

After a last breakfast cooked by your bush chef, you will wave a fond goodbye to the African Bush and head towards Maun International Airport for you connecting flight home.

Inclusive:

- All meals Day 1 to 10
- Park entry fees & camping fees
- Mineral water, cold drinks, coffee & tea Day 1 to 10
- Game drives/activities as specified
- Service of a professional guide with 4x4 game drive vehicle
- Competent bush chef & camp hands
- Backup team, putting up camp in advance

Exclusions:

- Airport Tax
- All alcoholic drinks
- Optional extras/activities/items not specified
- Travel Insurance
- All laundry and telephone calls are for your own account
- Visas
- All flights

