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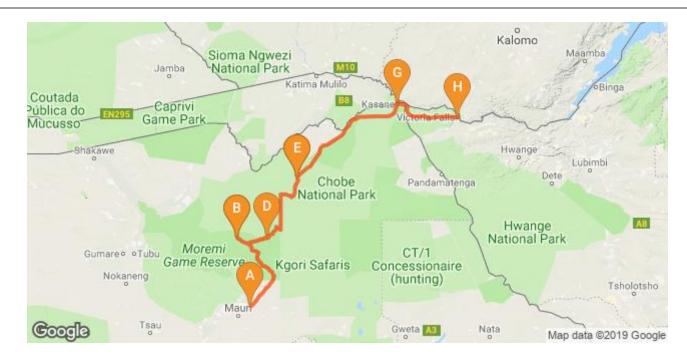


VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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Maun - Moremi Game Reserve - Khwai Community Area - Savuti - Chobe National Park - Chobe River Front - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 12 Days / 11 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Туре	Destination	Basis	Duration
Thamalakane River Lodge		Maun	D, B&B	1 Night
Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka			FI	2 Nights
\rightarrow Xakanaxa	camp	Moremi Game Reserve		1 Night
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Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp		Khwai Community Area	FI	2 Nights
Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe				2 Nights
→ Central Chobe/Savute	camp	Savuti - Chobe National Park		1 Night
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Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa		Chobe River Front	D, B&B	2 Nights
Bayete Guest Lodge		Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	2 Nights

Key B&B: Bed and Breakfast D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast FI: Fully Inclusive

Day 1: Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun

Botswana

Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

Maun

Set on the banks of the beautiful Thamalakane River in northern Botswana, Maun is the third largest town in this spectacularly scenic southern African country. Maun is the starting point for most expeditions into the Okavango Delta and as a result, has developed into a bustling metropolis that is considered Botswana's tourism capital. Area attractions include a renowned riverboat that offers cruises up and down the Thamalakane River; the forest groves of the Maun Game Reserve; and Moremi Game Reserve, home to hippos, lions and rhinos. Maun also serves as the jumping off point for many safaris and air charters as well as offers 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the Nhabe Museum exhibiting the local history, art and culture of the Ngamiland region.

Overnight: Thamalakane River Lodge

Thamalakane River Lodge is ideally located an easy 20-minute drive from Maun Airport en route to the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is a secluded haven of tranquillity nestled in a grove of mature riverine trees on the bank of the Thamalakane River. The rambling lodge has an idyllic setting and is committed to service excellence.

Character en-suite stone chalets, some with private splash pools are positioned in the shade of the riverine forest, overlooking the river. All chalets and common areas have terraces that take advantage of the serene 180-degree view of the riverbanks lined with fluttering reeds visited by an ever-changing array of waterfowl and birds.

It is a delightful place to come home to after a day spent exploring.



Basis Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka, Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi Game Reserve

Situated in the east of the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve ranks as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa. It covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and dense forest. This diverse ecosystem supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, 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 Botswana's national bird list. A range of luxury lodges in the reserve offers visitors the perfect base to experience this corner of paradise.

Day Itinerary

On Day 2 we drive from Maun to Xaxanaka in the Moremi Game Reserve. As we drive, we will stop along the way and observe the wildlife as we drive into the Moremi. We will arrive in time in camp to familiarise ourselves with the camp set up and settle into our tents. Later on, you will be treated to your first African Sundowner in the bush. We will have an excellent dinner in camp, prepared by our ever-cheerful Bush Chef's and can continue to sit around a roaring campfire afterwards or retire to get a good night of sleep in a comfortable bed.

On Day 3 we will do morning and afternoon game drives exploring the western area of the Moremi Game Reserve.

Overnight: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka

A mobile safari in Botswana is being able to camp in more than one of the game reserves or national parks pristine wildlife areas. Our camps are set up by a full staff compliment, that head out prior to the safari group and set up the standard of camp on offer before the guides and patrons arrive. The tents are serviced daily whilst you are out enjoying your morning game drives.

On all safaris we have a dining tent with excellent meals and snacks prepared by our bush chefs. Waiters are always present to ensure your dining experience runs smooth. A fully serviced bar is offered or alternatively a drinks list provided.

Our vehicles are all modern converted Land Cruiser game viewers which allow for superb game viewing with enough space for photographic enthusiasts. All vehicles have built-in inverters to allow for maximum battery charging. All seats are single bucket seats which allow for excellent comfort and footrests to make stability easy.



Day 3: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka, Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi Game Reserve

As previously described

Basis Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 4: Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp, Khwai Community Area

Khwai Community Area

The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. This is an unfenced boundary allowing wildlife to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season when water is plentiful and back to permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season. The Khwai area offers the same wildlife experience as the reserve with the added advantage of being a private concession which means the ability to do walking safaris and night drives.

Day Itinerary

On Day 4, we will move to the eastern section of the Moremi Game Reserve. We will travel through slightly different area, of Mopane forests and open areas, seeing different animals along the way and then having a lovely bush lunch en route. We will reach our camp in Khwai in the afternoon. After a short late afternoon game drive to round off the day, we enjoy yet another bush dinner around the fire.

Overnight: Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp

Situated between the Moremi Game Reserve and the Chobe National Park, a stopover in the Khwai Concession is a must.

Pride of Africa - Khwai River View, is a rustic tented safari camp located close to the Khwai village with in the Khwai community. The camp is simple and suitable for guests seeking an Out of Africa safari experience. The Khwai River attracts a multitude of wildlife species. Situated along the eastern border of the Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta, Khwai River View is offering guests a luxury traditional safari experience in an area renowned for large concentrations of wildlife.

The exceptional location overlooking the Khwai River into Moremi Game reserve. Being in the true wilderness makes it a regular host to elephant, buffalo, lion leopard, cheetah and wild dogs. This is the perfect location for observing the perennial drama of the African Bushveld and provides for excellent birding opportunities.



Basis Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 5: Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp, Khwai Community Area

Day Itinerary

We do a morning and afternoon game drive exploring the game rich Khwai area of Moremi.

Basis

Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 6: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe, Savuti - Chobe National Park

Savuti - Chobe National Park

Savuti, also known as Savute lies in the heart of Botswana's beautiful Chobe National Park. This dynamic wilderness is 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. The Savute goes through wet and dry cycles, where wild dogs hunt in the dry river channel where crocodiles swam only twenty years ago. Visitors to this spectacular area can spot abundant wildlife including: a variety of birds, elephants, antelope, lion prides, black-backed jackal, bat-eared foxes, tsessebe, kudu, hyena, cheetah Cape buffalo herds, and thousands of migrating zebra and wildebeest.

Day Itinerary

Day 5 is one of our longest drives. We leave Moremi Game Reserve via the Mababe Sand Ridge and enter the Chobe National Park, stopping for lunch en-route, arriving at our new mobile camp in Savute area of the Chobe National Park in the late afternoon.

Overnight: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe

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Basis Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 7: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe, Savuti - Chobe National Park

Savuti - Chobe National Park As previously described

Day Itinerary

On Day 7 an early rise takes us in search of the movie stars of Africa, towards the Marsh area. The Savute area is also very well known for a cathedral like cluster of 13 giant Baobab trees. The baobab is a fascinating tree. The Bushmen believe that God gave all the animals' different seeds to plant. The hyena was last in line and received the baobab. He was so upset to be last in line that he planted the baobab upside down and that is why it is now fondly referred to as the 'upside down' tree. The Savute area vastly differs in vegetation and landscape from the Moremi Game reserve and your day will be filled with new discoveries.

Day 6 and 7 will again be spent in the same private camp, in the Savute area, on a full board basis.

Basis Executive Club / Premier Benefits Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 8: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe River Front

Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them. A visit to this area guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to some exciting activities such as: driving along the game-dotted riverbanks in a 4WD; cruising along the river in a motorboat, spotting rare birdlife and for a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

Day Itinerary

On Day 8 we leave the dry area of Savute and head north to the perennial Chobe River. This riverfront is well known for its abundance of breeding herds of elephant and buffalo, as well as attracting all other game in search of water. We have lunch en route and a short afternoon game drive along the Chobe River in search of animals, before returning to a hotel for dinner. After six nights of camping in the African bush, we end of this safari in a well-appointed hotel, with all the luxuries of home.

Overnight: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa

Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa is located on the banks of the mighty Chobe River. In the tranquil surroundings, guests can experience authentic African comfort, spacious accommodations and delectable cuisine. Take full advantage of a wealth of wildlife and embark upon an exhilarating game drive in the Chobe National Park. The national park is famed for its large elephant herds and has some of the largest concentrations of game on the African continent.

For a more laid-back holiday, tackle 9 holes on the popular golf course, or simply interact with the spectacular, natural surrounds on a slow walk along the river. Guests can also enjoy bird watching from the Mokoro, or a leisurely canoe trail on the waters of the Chobe. The onsite spa offers an opportunity for relaxation and recuperation with a range of treatments. The resort also features air-conditioned guest accommodations, decorated in an Afro-centric style that adds to the natural ambiance.



Basis Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe River Front

Day Itinerary

On Day 9 we leave early for the Chobe National Park, driving along the riverfront, experiencing the large herds of elephant coming down to drink and hippos wallowing in the Chobe river. Once the heat of the day sends them into hiding, we return to the hotel for brunch and a siesta. We venture out again in the afternoon for a boat cruise on the Chobe River. This allows for a different vantage point to see the hippos up close, elephants swimming across the river to the Sedudu Island and if lucky, large herds of buffalo grazing on the island. There is a chance to see the rare African Skimmer and also many other aquatic bird species.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Bayete Guest Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe

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.

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

Overnight: Bayete Guest Lodge

Bayete Guest Lodge has 30 rooms, surrounded by a lush tropical garden which create an oasis in the heart of the quiet Victoria Falls residential area. Bayete offers comfortable and affordable accommodation, just 2.6 km away from the Victoria Falls Centre and 22 km from the airport. Deluxe and Executive rooms are available, as well as a honeymoon suite and a family cottage. The uniqueness of all the different rooms makes Bayete suitable for couples, friends, families and corporate guests. Central to the lodge is the large tear drop pool, which is hugged by the Caldecott Boma and Ngwezi Tavern, where guests are welcome to relax and enjoy. A full English breakfast is served to guests in the Caldecott Boma every day. Lunch and dinner are also available on special request and are delicious home cooked meals. BBQ's are available for group bookings or by special request.



Basis Bed & Breakfast

Day 11: Bayete Guest Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Basis Bed & Breakfast

Day 12: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

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Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
	Pride of Africa	Maun Airport [MUB]	Thamalakane River Lodge		Transfer
		Thamalakane River Lodge	Xakanaxa		Transfer
		Xakanaxa	Xakanaxa		Transfer
		Xakanaxa	Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp		Transfer
		Pride of Africa Khwai Tented Camp	Central Chobe/Savute		Transfer
		Central Chobe/Savute	Central Chobe/Savute		Transfer
		Central Chobe/Savute	Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa		Transfer
	Bushtracks Africa	Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa	Bayete Guest Lodge		Transfer
	Bushtracks Africa	Bayete Guest Lodge	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

Transport

Transfers

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Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe			Savute Campsite
Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka		+267 680 0890	Xakanaxa

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Terms and Conditions

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Please note:

These prices are only valid when booking through Pride of Africa Safaris. Prices, accommodation, vehicles and aircraft are subject to season and availability, and can be changed without prior notice. Quotation is Nett to agent and valid only for dates above.

No responsibility for delays, additional costs caused by unforeseen circumstances, deviations or delays due to weather conditions, safety precautions, mechanical breakdowns or any other cause will be liable against the Operator. Operator has the right to change the confirmed vehicle/aircraft to a vehicle/aircraft of similar size or a combination of vehicle/aircraft should there be a technical problem to said vehicle/aircraft.

It is compulsory for all guests to have comprehensive travel and medical insurance for the duration of their safari.

Passport/Visa Note: All guests require a passport valid for at least six months beyond the period of intended stay in the country. Passports should have minimum three blank pages upon entry into the country. All visitors to Namibia must also have a valid return air-ticket to country of origin. All visa requirements must be fulfilled and these are the responsibility of the guests only.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Confirmations and Payments

All bookings must be in writing, a booking reference will be allocated to you which we kindly ask that you use in all your correspondence.

Provisional bookings can be held for 7 days; thereafter a written confirmation is required. A 25% non-refundable deposit is also required to secure the quotation and only upon receipt of such, will the provisional bookings be confirmed.

The final balance payment will be due 8 weeks prior to date of travel. The full payment due will be required to secure the quotation and provisional bookings, when booking is confirmed within 8 weeks to date of travel.

Cancellation

In the event of any cancellations made within 8 weeks of date of travel, a percentage of the quote as well as the 25% non-refundable deposit will be charged. An invoice amount for this cancellation will follow as described below:

Within 8 weeks – 50% Less than 45 days before departure – 100%

Please note that some of the lodges/establishments require full payment when making a booking. Refunds on full pre-payment of lodges/establishments varies and will have to be dealt with individually.