



## 9 Day Okavango Delta Experience in Botswana

*Moremi Game Reserve - Chobe National Park - Chobe River Front*

*9 Days / 8 Nights*

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### Overview

Experience the mystical wonders of the Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta holds an incredible ninety-five percent of the country's total surface water in an inland Delta fed by the mighty Okavango River. Unlike every other major river on the planet, the Okavango never reaches the ocean but disappears in an endless web of lagoons and lush wetlands. The pristine landscape and diverse wildlife of this unique territory make it one of Africa's prime tourist destinations.

**This Safari is for a minimum of four people sharing, valid all year round**

| Accommodation   | Destination         | Nights | Basis |
|---|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Day 1-4 : Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve | Moremi Game Reserve | 4      | FB+   |
| Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe  |                     |        | FB+   |
| → Central Chobe                                       | Chobe National Park | 2      |       |
| <a href="#">Chobe Safari Lodge</a>                    | Chobe River Front   | 2      | FB+   |

#### Key

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

## Day 1: Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve, Moremi Game Reserve



Despite recent and surprisingly rapid modernization, Botswana's cities provide little in the way of tourist attractions. However, what the cities lack in excitement, the surrounding wilderness areas more than make up for in outstanding natural beauty. The country's primary tourist draw card is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta - the largest inland delta in the world provide a haven for an abundance of African wildlife. 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.



The amazing foresight of Chief Moremi created one of the world's most famous reserves, conserving part of the Okavango Delta and the plains to its east. The reserve covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and thick forest.

This diversity supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and

zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, and 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 the Botswana national bird list. A range of luxury lodges in the reserve offer visitors the perfect base to experience this corner of paradise.

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### **Overnight: Day 1-4 : Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve**

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.

#### **Day Itinerary**

On Day 1 Pride of Africa Safaris will meet you on arrival at the International Airport of Maun. From Maun we will head for Xaxanaka Area, Moremi Game Reserve. We arrive in camp late afternoon with enough time to familiarise ourselves with the surroundings and the camp setup and settle into our tents. We will have an excellent dinner in camp, prepared by our ever-cheerful Bush Chef's and can continue to sit around a roaring camp-fire afterwards or retire to get a good night of sleep in a comfortable bed.

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#### **Included**

Full Board and Activities  
Drinks (Soft Drinks) Included

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#### **Xakanaxa**

In the heart of Moremi, at the tip of the Mopane Tongue, lies Xakanaxa Lagoon. Here the Mopane forests meet a patchwork of deep waterways and shallow flooded areas. It's unforgettably beautiful and packed with game. Leopard and cheetah are regularly seen and the density of antelope is amazing. The area's birdlife is exceptionally varied, from innumerable herons, egrets, storks and other waders to many species of harriers, buzzards and kites.

In the mornings we will rise very early, greet the fresh African morning with coffee and biscuit, before heading out on a game drive. The early mornings offer an improved opportunity to view the predators. As the tracks are still fresh your guide will be able to tell you the animal story of the night before and be able to track down the more elusive species. As the day becomes hotter and most game species move into the thicker, cooler bush, you will return to camp for brunch. Brunch in the African bush is not your ordinary breakfast. Fresh, wholesome produce, with a varied selection of breakfast items, brunch dishes, delectable fresh salads, cheeses, fruit and fire baked bread, with our chef at hand for any dietary requirements, will be there to welcome you back into camp.

After brunch, you are welcome to a siesta, catch up on writing postcard, or just relax in camp, listening to the sounds of the bush. In the late afternoon, after a light snack and tea, you will once again head off on an afternoon game drive. The afternoon drive offers the opportunity to find the animals not seen in the morning, to watch large congregations of elephants, zebra and other species come down to the river for an afternoon drink. As the sun starts setting and you return to camp you might be lucky enough to spot some elusive nocturnal species, such as hyena, genets, owls or the resident leopard on the prowl. You will be welcomed back into camp as the last sun rays disappear to enjoy a welcome refreshment around a roaring African fire. Dinner will be served by the chef, under the African night sky.

### **Day 2: Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve, Moremi Game Reserve**

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**Day Itinerary**

Day 2 will also be spent in the Xaxanaka region, enjoying the same private campsite.

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Full Board and Activities

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**Day 3: Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve, Moremi Game Reserve****Day Itinerary**

On Day 3 we break camp and head to Khwai, the eastern section of Moremi. Our drive takes us through Mopani forests and open plains where we will be able to see different species of game and have lunch en-route. We arrive in our new camp late afternoon. A short evening game drive rounds off the day, and we again enjoy a delicious dinner.

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**Included**

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**Khwai**

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.

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**Day 4: Xaxanaka & Moremi Area, Moremi Game Reserve, Moremi Game Reserve****Day Itinerary**

Day 4 takes us out on game drives exploring the new area of Moremi Game Reserve. Due to the different vegetation in this area there is the possibility of viewing species not seen yet. The Khwai River forms an integral part of this ecosystem and the large concentrations of elephant can be seen at the river, frolicking in the afternoon sun. Hippos abound in this area and the Khwai area is well known for superb leopard sightings.

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Drinks (Soft Drinks) Included

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## Day 5: **Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp – Savute, Chobe National Park**

### 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 camp in Savute in the late afternoon.

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Drinks (Soft Drinks) Included



Renowned for its impressive, shifting migratory population of more than 50,000 elephants, Chobe National Park is situated in the far north-east of Botswana, bordered to the north by the mighty Chobe River. As the second largest national park in Botswana, and it has four distinct eco-systems: Serondela in the extreme northeast with fertile plains and thick forests; the Savuti Channel in the west; the Linyanti Swamps in the northwest; and the arid hinterland in between. This diversity of habitats provides a sanctuary to an astonishing array of African wildlife. In addition to spotting Chobe's great pachyderm herds, you are likely to spot lion, leopard, hyena, wild dog, impala, waterbuck, kudu, zebra, wildebeest giraffe, and warthog. The park is also famous for its wonderful riverboat safaris, making Chobe an essential destination for any avid safari enthusiast.

### Overnight: **Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp – Savute, Chobe National Park**

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 foot rests to make stability easy.

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## **Day 6: Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Savute, Chobe National Park**

### **Day Itinerary**

On Day 6 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.

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## **Day 7: Chobe Safari Lodge, Chobe River Front**

### **Day Itinerary**

On Day 7 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 off this safari in a well-appointed hotel, with all the luxuries of home.

**An example of your lodge accommodation is shown below.**

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Full Board and Activities

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The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its reliable and diverse game viewing. Safaris are conducted both by boat and on land. This section of the park is best known for its elephant and hippo populations but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them.

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## Overnight: Chobe Safari Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Chobe Safari Lodge is situated in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River and shares a border with Chobe National Park. Right on the doorstep is the meeting of four African countries: Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Chobe Safari Lodge therefore offers an excellent getaway location to Chobe, Victoria Falls or Caprivi.

The close proximity to Victoria Falls International Airport, Livingstone International Airport and Kasane International Airport makes it easily accessible, with daily road transfers or charter flights connecting all these airports with Chobe Safari Lodge. The lodge has been recently renovated; matching a magical lodge experience to the spectacular game viewing.



## Alternate: 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.



## Day 8: Chobe Safari Lodge, Chobe River Front

### Day Itinerary

On Day 8 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.

**Included**

Full Board and Activities

**Day 9: Departure****Day Itinerary**

We leave early on the morning of Day 9 and return you to Kasane or Maun, where you can arrange to stay at a hotel for an additional night or to fly straight back home. This will conclude our tour, or you have the choice of the optional add-ons of Victoria Falls or Namibia.

**Transport****Transfers**

| Date | Pick Up  | Drop Off   | Time | Vehicle  |
|------|--|--|------|----------|
|      | Maun Airport [MUB]                                       | Day 1-4 : Xaxanaka & Moremi Area,<br>Moremi Game Reserve |      | Transfer |
|      | Day 1-4 : Xaxanaka & Moremi Area,<br>Moremi Game Reserve | Savute, Chobe  |      | Transfer |
|      | Savute, Chobe  | Chobe Safari Lodge                                       |      | Transfer |

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## Terms and Conditions

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 vary and will have to be dealt with individually.