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### Botswana Adventure Trail – WS01

three fly camps and first and final night at Mokolwane Camp

*Maun – Okavango Delta - Maun*

*06 Days / 05 Nights*

Price based on minimum 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 participants - Group size maximum 6.

\*\*Tailor made packages for private departures and dates are welcome and will confirm according to availability at the time of booking.

Bookings are open from April till December.

## Overview

Destination	Accommodation	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Okavango Delta	Mokolwane Camp	01	FI	Fixed Tent
Okavango Delta	Camp Two	01	FI	Dome Tent
Okavango Delta	Camp Three	01	FI	Dome Tent
Okavango Delta	Camp Four	01	FI	Dome Tent
Okavango Delta	Mokolwane Camp	01	FI	Fixed Tent

### Key

FI: Fully inclusive – meals, limited local drinks, walking safaris, private English-speaking walking guide

## Transport

### Flight Information (seats in the plane)

Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
Fixed Wing	Maun International		Pom pom Airstrip	20 min		
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## THE EXPERIENCE AND THE PLACE

This is one of the first true walking trails in the Okavango Delta that combines the extremes of the wilderness together with its animal inhabitants whilst at the same time offering a mobile serviced camp. The advantages of this is being able to traverse and swim the floodplains and rivers and walk islands of unspoilt wilderness without carrying large trail bags. This is a very challenging trail and requires a great sense of adventure to enjoy and complete.

We have very competent Camp attendant staff and bush chef looking after our needs whilst in the camp. Our Walks during the day is where the real adventure is, meetings with various species of animals, remote areas and islands, river crossings and similar all add to the feeling of being on a true wilderness trail.

In a straight line our daily distance is on average 15 km between the camps.

The area is flat, but due to the terrain and visibility walking is generally at a conservative speed.

Guests will be expected to carry their own snacks and lunch as well as water with them for the Day time trails.

### **General information for the day trails:**

Pack comfortable walking shoes, which are easy to take on and off as there are many places where we need to cross water. Bare feet walk the easiest for these water crossing areas, but if you prefer pack sandals for these sections. One issue with wet sandals when worn after the wet section is, they begin to Chafe your feet, resulting in abrasions which become very sore. We have many days to walk so please take care.

Hats, sun cream, binoculars, waterproof bags to put everything in, for the occasional deep crossing. Light natural coloured strong, quick drying clothing is the most practical. Extra basics for sore feet, muscles, re-hydrate to be mixed with water.

Small compact cameras for the photographers, are lightweight, but if you don't mind carrying big camera's, it's your choice.

Safety wise your guide will have a handheld radio for communication with the back-up team as well as a satellite phone and gps for co-ordinates.

Although we will be remote, we will never be very far from our service vehicle and camps, in case of emergencies.

Compulsory: Travel Insurance, Private Medical insurance. We do suggest for a small extra charge to buy through us Okavango Air Rescue Insurance ([www.okavangorescue.com](http://www.okavangorescue.com))

Possible species to be seen on the trail include Elephants, Hippopotamus, Rhinoceros (very difficult) Giraffe, kudu, Red Lechwe, Buffalo, Impala, Lion, leopard, Hyaena, wild dog, cheetah.

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## Day 1: Okavango Delta - Walking Safaris – Mokolwane Camp

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Today you will be met in Maun, Botswana by your air charter representative and transferred to the smaller fixed wing aircraft that will fly you to your next destination, being Pom pom, where you will be met by your guide and transferred by boat to Mokolwane Lodge which takes about an hour.

*This section of your safari takes place in a private concession area of over 2500 sq. kilometers. We will be walking throughout different areas and so participants require a reasonable level of fitness and a strong sense of adventure. The varying and unpredictable water levels in the Okavango mean that each safari is a unique and personal experience.*



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### Overnight: Mokolwane Camp

Situated on the Matsebi River, Mokolwane camp is made up of tree houses 2 metres off the ground. A real haven for elephants that love the palm trees of this area.

This camp is situated in the open flood plains that receive floodwater 3 weeks earlier than the southern areas of the concession. The vegetation consists of smaller palm islands and wide-open spaces.

Mokolwane is a 10-bedded camp, with the accommodation boasting superb views, each with a private bathroom. The Matsebi River is your main feeder for Lake Ngami, which is historically famous to the region.

One of the remotest camps in the Okavango Delta. For certain parts of the year the camp is only accessible on foot. This really is one of the earth's last wildernesses. A place to take in all the noise of nature from your raised tree cabin. A simple but beautiful camp.

**Activities On day 1:** Air transfer, mokoro or boat excursion (based on water level)



## Overnight: Fly Camp



### Included

Bed, All Meals, Limited Drinks (local), Fees, Walking Safaris



## Day 2, 3 & 4: Camp Two, Three and Four

### Day 2 Description

Leaving the comforts of Mokolwane Camp we set off on a full day walk, carrying some simple snacks and water. (subject to change depending on the actual route decided at the time) *\* If we are not able to access our planned picnic area, then we will carry all our own water and food for the day, this will remain a prospect for all the walking days.*

We will arrive in the afternoon to our first camp, which will be set up awaiting our arrival.

First night in Dome tents or on the bedroll under the mosquito nets, with shared ablution and bucket shower. The idea of this trail is to allow the extreme wilderness of the Okavango, whilst at the same time having some of the comforts of home, such as cold drinks, ice, warm meals, a comfortable bedroll (on the floor of the tent) unless specifically requested.

All three of these days are very similar from a planning point of view. We will wake early, have breakfast around the fire, pack our day packs (not supplied) and head off for very adventurous days with the unexpected expected. Lunch places will be chosen along the route, depending on distance progress being made daily, we will explore more of the area, spend time viewing various animals en-route and also just relaxing at scenic sights.

In the late afternoon we walk the final hours into our Bush Camp. (Bush camp consists of our tented accommodation-small canvas dome tents with bedrolls on the floor. Bedroll has a mattress, pillow and bedding) Our bush chef and assistant await our arrival with a welcome fire, cold drinks and a hearty meal prepared on the fire.

Each evening we will be sleeping in Dome tents with bedrolls on the floor as depicted below, except for the last evening spent at Mokolwane Lodge.



The evening will be spent telling stories, discussing the days anxious moments and what is to come, all whilst listening to a chorus of reed frogs, nightjars and crickets, and a blanket of stars overhead.

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## **Day 5: Mokolwane Camp**

### **Day Description**

This is our last day of walking, and this evening we will spend at our final destination Mokolwane Lodge, after which the trail gets its name, Mok adventure trail. There will be a final river which we will cross by boat, to reach the island where Mok Lodge is situated.

### **Overnight: Mokolwane Camp**

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### **Included**

Bed, All Meals, Most Drinks(local), Fees, Walking Safaris

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## Day 6: Your journey continues

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### Day Description

With a leisurely wake up and relaxed breakfast we will depart Mok by boat to the local airstrip with ample time to connect with your outbound flight back to Maun or to continue to some of the other Safari regions of Botswana's Delta.

There is also an optional Helicopter scenic flight that can be arranged from Mokolwane, or can be incorporated as part of your transfer to your next destination.

Please enquire for more information if this is of interest.

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### Included

Breakfast

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**\*\*\* Safety: Throughout the Walking Safari, your guide will have radio contact as well as a back-up satellite phone for emergencies.**

The price includes:

- English speaking walking guide and tracker (based on the number of people)
- accommodation for 4 nights in dome tents or under the stars and 1 night in fixed Tents with private bathroom at Mokolwane
- meals and limited drinks
- road transfer Maun Airport to Camp One
- charter flights ([seat rates](#)): Pom Pom Airstrip – Maun Airstrip
- boat transfers when necessary based on water level
- evacuation insurance (this is valid only if you have a private valid medical insurance)

### **Seat Rate**

*Seat rate means any person or persons booked on a seat rate will travel with Moremi Air on a seat per plane rate. This means the client will have a guaranteed seat on the given date although will have to depart from the*

*camps at a time stipulated by Moremi Air. On a seat rate the aircraft will have other passengers aboard from different camps and will fly to various camps prior to arriving at your destination. To ensure we can keep the rate as low as possible we will at all times try and fill the aircraft to max allowable capacity. Passenger safety and comfort is always taken into consideration.*

**Charter Rate**

*Charter rate means the client will pay for the entire aircraft and will have sole use and can stipulate departure and arrival times. Please note that this can only be confirmed on aircraft availability.*

The price does not include:

- premium brand alcohol
- transfers not specified
- gratuities
- extra activities
- laundry
- medical insurance
- travel insurance
- visa and passport

**What to pack!**

Winter months (May, June, July) can be cool in the evenings, with temperatures dropping to around 5 degrees Celsius, occasionally below zero. The day time temperatures are however very pleasant and warm.

Pack warm clothing, comfortable walking shoes and also sandals that you do not mind getting wet.

A small carrier bag that is waterproof. Lightweight long pants and long-sleeved tops for the evenings.

Hats, sun cream, camera, binoculars, torch, insect repellent, rain jacket from mid-October to end April.