



PRIDE *of* AFRICA

11 Day Fly-In Safari - Best of Botswana



BOTETI RIVER - MAKGADIKGADI PANS NATIONAL PARK



OKAVANGO DELTA



SAVUTI - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK



CHOBE RIVER FRONT

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11 Days / 10 Nights*

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Introduction

This Fly-In Safari encompasses the best that Botswana has to offer, whilst saving time to fly between lodges instead of driving long distances. For those guests that have never visited Botswana, this package includes all the must see of Botswana.

From the parched grasslands of the Kalahari, with the famous black-maned lions, to the papyrus lined crystal clear waterways with astounding birdlife, to the famous Savute, renowned for its large concentration of predators, to the river banks of Chobe, teeming with elephants herds & hippos.

Not only is your client rewarded with the memories of a life time but this package will also contribute to the Environmental & Social Programs that include, the Botswana Rhino Relocation and Reintroduction program, Support for the Aged & Retired Employees, Khumaga Primary School and Community Outreach and the Tsodilo School.

Start	Accommodation	Type	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Leroo La Tau		Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 3	Camp Okavango		Okavango Delta	FI	3 Nights
	→ Xugana Island Lodge	alternate			
Day 6	Savute Safari Lodge		Savuti - Chobe National Park	FI	2 Nights
Day 8	Chobe Game Lodge	Day 8	Chobe River Front	FI	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Price

This specific itinerary has been based on starting in Maun ending in Kasane

RATES valid until 31 Dec 2021:

Green Season: 1 to 31 December 2021

U\$D 5,866-00 per person sharing

Shoulder Season: 1 to 30 Nov 2021

U\$D 7,272-00 per person sharing

High Season: 1 Jul to 31 Oct 2021

U\$D 9,240-00 per person sharing

Single supplement U\$D 2,814-00 for all seasons 2021

RATES valid until 31 Dec 2022:**Green Season: 1 to 31 December 2022**

U\$D 5,980-00 per person sharing

Shoulder Season: 1 to 30 Nov 2022

U\$D 7,557-00 per person sharing

High Season: 1 Jul to 31 Oct 2022

U\$D 9,495-00 per person sharing

Single supplement U\$D 2,880-00 for all seasons 2022

Included

- Accommodation, scheduled activities & laundry service.
- All meals, refreshments, local spirits & wines (excluding premium brands).
- National park fees, Airport Departure Tax and all government levies, taxes & 12% Value added Tax.
- All scheduled charter flights per package.
- *FREE helicopter scenic flight applies only to BODDS 10 or more where Camp Okavango or Xugana Island Lodge are included in the package
- A contribution from every BODDS package booked goes towards one of the many Desert & Delta Safaris socially supported programs which address issues of need to those in our community; supporting children, the disabled, employment, and health care.

Excluded

International Flights

Premier Drinks

Day 1: Leroo La Tau, Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park**Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park**

On the western boundary of the renowned Makgadikgadi Pans National Park lies the Boteti River. Owing to the arid nature of the park, the river and the nutrient-rich western grasslands supply the essential water and sustenance for the wildlife that inhabit the region. The Makgadikgadi Pans National Park is home to the second largest zebra migration in the world, where thousands of zebras migrate to the Boteti River in the dry winter months (May to Oct) from their summer grazing ground further inside the park. The fascinating contrast between the Boteti River and arid national park makes it a fascinating region to include in any Botswana safari.

Overnight: Leroo La Tau [View iBrochure](#)

Leroo La Tau rises majestically above the Boteti River which stretches across the western border of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.

The park, populated by up to 30,000 zebra and wildebeest closely accompanied by predators, offers guests the chance to experience the exhilaration of seeing large concentrations of game and the resultant predator interaction.

The lodge offers a raised hide above the river where guests can enjoy the spectacular wildlife sightings that we've come to expect in this part of Botswana.

With just 12 thatched luxury chalets all overlooking the magnificent Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, each with en-suite bathrooms. There is a dining room, reading room and bar in the main lodge, expansive wooden decks and a plunge pool, where guests can immerse themselves seamlessly into the ultimate wildlife experience in Botswana.

Having explored the area and enjoyed a spectacular wildlife phenomenon on guided day and night game drives, guests can retire after dinner to a splendid fireplace overlooking the river.



Activities

Leroo Game Drives

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 2: Leroo La Tau, Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Activities

Leroo

Leroo Boat activity - depending on water levels

Leroo Game Drives

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 3: Camp Okavango, Okavango Delta

Okavango Delta

Situated in the north-western corner of Botswana, the Okavango Delta is a World Heritage Site as it is the largest inland delta in the world. The magnificent Okavango River sprawls out over the dry sands of the Kalahari Desert forming this flourishing waterlogged oasis featuring countless meandering waterways and crystal-clear lagoons studded with water lilies, as well as fertile floodplains and reeded islands inhabited with abundant wildlife. The Okavango Delta stretches over 15000 square kilometres. Visitors can enjoy a number of wonderful activities such as game viewing, fishing, bird watching or taking an authentic guided Mokoro excursion through this wetland paradise in a traditional dugout canoe. Commonly spotted animals include: lion, rhino, leopard, giraffe, hippos, elephants, crocodiles and countless species of bird.

Overnight: Camp Okavango [View iBrochure](#)

Camp Okavango, a unique and exclusive African safari camp is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island. This hidden treasure, in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta, assures its guests of an unparalleled year-round water wilderness experience.

Camp Okavango's main area comprises of a network of interconnected walkways linking up two lounge areas, a dining room, library, self-service bar and curio shop. Sweeping ramps lead to the lower-level deck with two open-air fire pits and comfortable seating areas to relax and take in the natural surroundings. There is a third deck with a rim flow swimming pool and thatched lounge deck for those warm summer days.

With its open-air design and elevated position, the new Camp Okavango is an eco-sensitive lodge which captures the very essence of the Okavango Delta.

To ensure a peaceful and genuine safari experience, Camp Okavango accommodates just twenty-four guests. There are eleven intimate Safari suites and one Family suite consisting of two bedrooms and each with an en-suite bathroom. Each of the guest suites have been built on individual raised wooden platforms and set beneath the thick Okavango Delta vegetation. The en-suite bathrooms have double vanities, double shower and a separate water closet (with a view). The stack away sliding doors open onto a private open-air viewing deck offering beautiful views over the Okavango Delta.



Alternate: Xugana Island Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Xugana Lagoon is widely accepted as being the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta. Xugana Island Lodge, situated on a wooded island abutting the lagoon, takes full advantage of this magnificent site. The thatched common area, comprising cocktail bar, lounge and curio shop, is still the original building put up in 1974, when Xugana became only the second tourist lodge ever built in the Okavango Delta.

Mokoro trips in eco-friendly dugout canoes built to the traditional design, boat safaris to lagoons and islands and wilderness walks give guests the chance to see the Delta wildlife such as sitatunga and lechwe antelope, crocodile and hippo, as well as the other big game that frequents the islands and riverine fringes. Bird-watching opportunities

are outstanding, and the bream and tiger fishing can be excellent at certain times of the year. Optional day and night drives are available on the islands surrounding Xugana Island Lodge. The peaceful boat ride back across Xugana Lagoon during the spectacular African sunset provides a lifelong memory.



Activities

Camp Okavango Boat Trips

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 4: Camp Okavango, Okavango Delta

Activities

Camp Okavango Guided Walks

Camp Okavango Boat Trips

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Included

A helicopter scenic flight whilst staying at Camp Okavango or Xugana Island.

Day 5: Camp Okavango, Okavango Delta

Activities

Mokoro Safaris at Camp Okavango

Camp Okavango Boat Trips

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 6: Savute Safari Lodge, 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

Activities are centred around game drives throughout the Savute area in open 4x4 safari vehicles
Many trips will incorporate a visit to the famous Savute Marsh for your chance to see the historic presence of the Savute Channel at the marsh against a teeming backdrop of wildlife.

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

To ensure a private and relaxing environment, Savute Safari Lodge accommodates just twenty-four guests in eleven thatched chalets built of local timber and one family room which consists of two double bedrooms. The chalets, which have been elegantly furnished in calm neutral tones to blend with the natural environment, feature expansive private decks, a combined bedroom and lounge area and en suite facilities. Savute Safari Lodge offers a shaded viewing deck, an al fresco dining area and swimming pool with spectacular pool loungers – ideal for watching the varied wildlife – including the resident Elephants – as they make their way to the Channel to drink, bathe and play.

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**Activities**

Game Drives in Savute

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 7: Savute Safari Lodge, Savuti - Chobe National Park**Day Itinerary**

Guests will also enjoy a visit to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills, a small hilly outcrop which forms a remarkable landmark in the otherwise flat landscape.

Savute lays claim to a spectacularly large summer zebra migration, which is determined by the rains but usually occurs between November and December and again between February and April when the zebras move from the rivers in the north in search of the lush grasslands and full waterholes in the southeast of the park. They are always accompanied by a myriad of predators.

Activities

Gubatsa Hills excursion
Afternoon Game drive in Savute

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 8: Chobe Game Lodge, 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 river banks in a 4WD; cruising along the river in a motorboat, spotting rare birdlife and for a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

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

Counter-balancing the wilderness are restful, air conditioned, en-suite lodgings. Graceful high arches, quarry tiled floors and barrel-vaulted ceilings create an atmosphere of cool tranquillity.

Other facilities include a large swimming pool with terrace, a riverside boma area, a stylish bar with an outside terrace, an expansive deck offering magnificent views over the Chobe River as well as conference facilities for business travellers. All meals are catered for in various locations throughout the lodge including the terrace, boma and riverfront deck.

Each of Chobe Game Lodge's 4 luxury suites has an individual plunge pool set on a private terrace with breath-taking panoramic views of the endless landscape and open plains. Graceful high arches, quarry tiled floors and barrel-vaulted ceilings create an atmosphere of cool tranquillity. All 46 rooms are tastefully furnished, each room with hand crafted Rhodesian teak furniture and walls decorated with original African carvings and paintings.



Activities

Afternoon Boat cruise on the Chobe River

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 9: Chobe Game Lodge, Chobe River Front

Activities

Chobe Game Lodge Game Drives

Chobe game lodge birding experience

Chobe Game Lodge Game Drives

Chobe's wildlife roams in profusion and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of Elephant in Africa and during the dry season the herds congregate along the fertile flood plains of the Chobe River. Large herds of Buffalo also concentrate on the floodplains during the dry season. Other major species such as Lion, Wild Dog, Puku, Red Lechwe, Sable and Roan Antelope are encountered in many areas of the reserve. Chobe Game Lodge game drives are conducted in open sided 4x4 vehicles ensuring maximum visibility.

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 10: Chobe Game Lodge, Chobe River Front

Activities

Chobe Game Lodge Water Safari

Chobe Game Lodge Water Safari

Game viewing on the Chobe River is conducted by small, shallow draft and highly manoeuvrable boats piloted by expert boatmen.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 11: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Charter Flight		Maun Airport [MUB]		Leroo La Tau			
	Charter Flight		Leroo La Tau		Camp Okavango			
	Charter Flight		Camp Okavango		Savute Safari Lodge			
	Charter Flight		Savute Safari Lodge		Kasane Airport [BBK]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Kasane Airport [BBK]	Chobe Game Lodge		Transfer
		Chobe Game Lodge	Kasane Airport [BBK]		Transfer

Travel Information



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 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 Chobe National Park, with its large herds of elephants, the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Moremi Game Reserve, with the diverse habitats of woodland Mopane Forests and riverine forest, wetlands and lagoons, supporting many diverse species of animals.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

Banking

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to experts in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana: your home driving licence will be accepted (with an official English translation if necessary; driving is on the left side of the road; and the national speed limit is on tarred roads is 120km/h and 60km/h in towns and villages.

Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

A discretionary five-to-ten-percent tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

Climate and Weather

Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20's. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.

As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green. Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into September and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris – although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

In summer, lightweight, light-coloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, long-sleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys. From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees Celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

Internet Availability

Some hotels, lodges and guest houses offer internet access or WIFI (free or paid), and there are internet cafes in Gaborone and Maun. Internet access in more remote rural areas is often hard to come by.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the 'Type M' South African SABS1661 ('Large' 15-amp BS-546) sockets. This is actually an old British standard. The 'Type M' South African plug and socket is not to be confused with the 'Type D' Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plugs adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220- and 240-volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220–240-volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220–240-volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

SINGLE ACCOMMODATION:

- A Single Surcharge is applicable to bookings during the Peak Season.
- Single Surcharge is applicable for any one reservation comprising more than 2 singles during the Green or Shoulder Season.

Luggage Restriction: Strict 20kg in soft duffel bags including hand luggage and photographic equipment.

Bookings & Payments: A 20% deposit is payable on confirmation; the balance is due 60 days before date of travel.

Pride of Africa Safaris 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 20% 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 60 days 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 20% 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.