

BOT 03 - Scheduled Departure







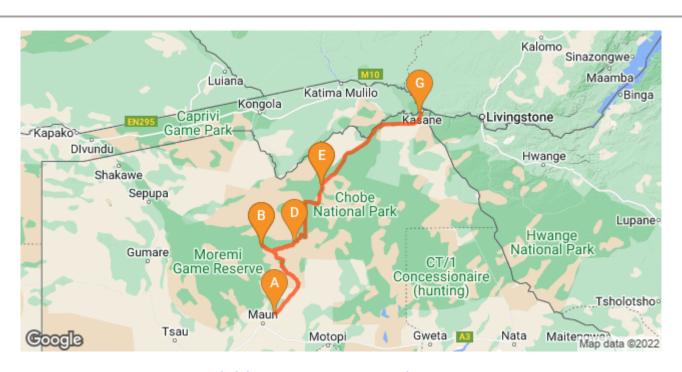




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Maun - Moremi Game Reserve - Khwai Community Area - Savuti - Chobe National Park - Kasane
10 Days / 9 Nights
Crown Sizer Min 4 May 10 per yehiolo

Group Size: Min 4 Max 10 per vehicle Date of Issue: 22 May 2022



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Introduction

PRIDE OF AFRICA SAFARIS BOTSWANA

From the Okavango Delta to the Chobe National Park, with a post extension tour of the Victoria Falls. Scheduled tour of 10 days with set departures from May 2022 to October 2022 with a minimum of 4 guests and maximum of 10 guests per departure.

Start	Accommodation	Туре	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Thamalakane River Lodge		Maun	D, B&B		1 Night
Day 2	Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka			FI		2 Nights
Day 2	→ Xakanaxa	camp	Moremi Game Reserve			1 Night
Day 3	→ Xakanaxa	camp	Moremi Game Reserve			1 Night
Day 4	Khwai River View		Khwai Community Area	FI		2 Nights
Day 6	Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Camp - Central Chobe					2 Nights
Day 6	→ Central Chobe/Savuti	camp	Savuti - Chobe National Park			1 Night
Day 7	→ Central Chobe/Savuti	camp	Savuti - Chobe National Park			1 Night
Day 8	Chobe Bush Lodge		Kasane	D, B&B	Luxury	2 Nights
	→ River View Lodge	alternate				
	→ Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa	alternate				

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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

Day 1: Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun

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 offering private 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the opportunity to visit 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, 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 this varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and dense forest. The 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.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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

Moremi Game Reserve

As previously described

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Day 4: Khwai River View, Khwai Community Area

Khwai Community Area

The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. Khwai Community Area has unfenced boundaries 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 Moremi Game Reserve with the added advantage of being a private concession, which means the ability to do walking safaris and night drives. Don't miss the opportunity to soak up beautiful views of the scenic landscape and spot an array of wildlife.

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: Khwai River View

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.

Birdlife can be viewed in abundance with exceptional sightings of wildfowl and raptors. Please note our camp is not fenced and animals roam freely in between.



Basis

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Day 5: Khwai River View, Khwai Community Area

Day Itinerary

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

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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

Park

Savuti - Chobe National Park

Savuti, also known as Savuti, 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 Savuti 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 Savuti area of the Chobe National Park in the late afternoon.

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

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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 Savuti 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 Savuti 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 Savuti area, on a full board basis.

Basis

Premier - Executive Club / Premier Benefits
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 8: Chobe Bush Lodge, Kasane

Kasane

Tucked away in the north-eastern corner of Botswana, on the banks of the famous Chobe River, the scenic little town of Kasane rests on the doorstep of the spectacular Chobe National Park. There are no boundary fences separating the village from the park and game such as elephant and hippo are often spotted roaming around the town. If on the lookout for elusive game, pay a visit to the Sedudu Valley Road, where large dead trees provide temporary homes for leopards. Within Kasane, an ancient baobab tree stands on display, once serving as a local prison. Visitors can look forward to a multitude of activities including enjoying a game drive through the park, taking

a sunset cruise down the Chobe River, visiting a local village or jumping on a day trip to the breath-taking Victoria Falls.

Day Itinerary

On Day 8 we leave the dry area of Savuti and head north to the perennial Chobe River. This riverfront is well known for its abundance of breeding herds of elephants 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 lodge/guesthouse, with all the luxuries of home.

Overnight: Chobe Bush Lodge View iBrochure

Chobe Bush Lodge is a brand-new property in Kasane right on the doorstep of the famous Chobe National Park, overlooking the African bush and located within 150m of the Chobe riverfront. This is where four diverse African countries converge, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia, which makes the town of Kasane an excellent gateway to Chobe, Victoria Falls or the Caprivi.

The lodge consists of 38 spacious luxury en-suite rooms, featuring an open plan bathroom with bath and shower, air-conditioning, TV and safe and tastefully furnished in modern-bush style design. Families can be accommodated in one of 4 large exclusive family rooms which consist of two separate bedrooms, each with its own en-suite facilities. Rooms on the ground floor offer verandas as the perfect place of relaxation - top rooms are provided with balconies and have exquisite views over the Chobe National Park. The varied views of the park and the Chobe floodplains in the distance from the rooms and public areas, is one of the many reasons in making Chobe Bush Lodge your ideal vantage point in exploring this magnificent region



Luxury rooms

The flagship accommodation consists of 38 spacious luxury en-suite rooms each one with open plan bathroom featuring bath and a shower, air-conditioning, TV and safe.

The rooms are completed in modern-bush style design.

Bottom rooms have verandas with bush views while the top rooms have balconies with exquisite views over Chobe floodplains.

The rooms and facilities of Chobe Bush Lodge have mixed views over Chobe National Park and Chobe floodplains in the far distance.



Alternate: River View Lodge View iBrochure

River View Lodge is a private lodge situated on the banks of the beautiful Chobe River in Botswana. With eleven tastefully appointed rooms & chalets, a private home and charming public spaces set amongst beautifully manicured gardens, River View Lodge is an oasis of tranquillity and the perfect location for guests to relax and unwind after exploring the iconic surroundings of the Chobe.



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.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Chobe Bush Lodge, Kasane

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: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Sleep in late and enjoy a later breakfast under the canopy of trees on the banks of the Chobe River. A road transfer from the hotel will then take you to Kasane Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can extend your holiday with a 2-day post-tour of Victoria Falls.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Transfers					
Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
	Pride of Africa	Maun International Airport [MUB]	Thamalakane River Lodge		Transfer
		Thamalakane River Lodge	Xakanaxa		Transfer
		Xakanaxa	Xakanaxa		Transfer
		Xakanaxa	Khwai River View		Transfer
		Khwai River View	Central Chobe/Savuti		Transfer
		Central Chobe/Savuti	Central Chobe/Savuti		Transfer
		Central Chobe/Savuti	Chobe Bush Lodge		Transfer
		Chobe Bush Lodge	Kazungula Border Post		Transfer

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Pride of Africa - Luxury Mobile Xaxanaka		+267 72302590	Xakanaxa
Thamalakane River Lodge		+267 680 0217	
Xakanaxa		+267 72302590	Xakanaxa