



Botswana Express

Our customised, small group, escorted tours in Botswana are designed by one of our longtime, expert safari partners, and are offered during the “green season” in southern Africa to maximise the experience.



7 Days/6 Nights

ITINERARY

- Fly in to Kwetsani Camp, one of the most remote camps in the Okavango
- Tree-house thatched, canvas tented units
- Savuti Camp, set deep in the wilderness – a refuge for a variety of wildlife
- Elephant, hippos, crocodile, roan, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog are all species present in this area
- Bird-watcher’s paradise at both camps

Great Canadian Travel has partnered with this premier safari tour company since 1983 to create exciting travel experiences in Botswana. We concentrate on offering departures in the African “green season”. The green season includes the months of February and March, which is winter in Canada. However, it is summer in southern Africa! The green season offers spectacular savings in Botswana, often referred to as the best safari destination in Africa.

By selecting two camps in different ecosystems in Botswana, the safaris provide a real diversity and wilderness experience that one can enjoy in privacy and high comfort. The itinerary includes Okavango Delta and the Linyanti region, a natural oasis in Botswana with an air of untouched beauty teeming with wildlife. These fly in safaris are unsurpassed value as we use luxury camps on private concessions, open vehicles and off-roading, which provide excellent photographic opportunities. The tour provides the opportunity to extend your stay for a few days in either Livingstone or Victoria Falls or add-on another safari destinations or popular Cape Town.

Day 1: Maun-Kwetsani Camp

You are met on arrival in Maun and continue on a scheduled flight by light aircraft to Kwetsani Camp.

Kwetsani, one of the most remote camps in the Okavango, is situated on a magnificent elongated island covered with palm, mangosteen and fig trees. You will feel a part of nature here as you make your home in one of the five beautifully furnished “tree-house” thatched, canvas tented units with en-suite bathroom. Open and airy, the wood, glass and canvas make for a splendid setting. The dining and lounge area, under a cool thatched roof, leads out onto an expansive wooden deck overlooking the floodplain. A short walkway will take you to the plunge pool where you can watch wildlife from the comfort of your sun lounger.

Day 2 & 3: Kwetsani Camp

The vegetation in the Kwetsani varies from picturesque floodplains with lush palm islands and riparian forest to dryer parts covered in acacia and mopane woodland. Mekoro, boat trips, guided nature walks (seasonal & subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide) and game drives are usually on offer all year round. There are two platform hides in the concession.



Water-loving red lechwe are in abundance which attract big predators such as lion and leopard. Other game includes tsessebe, giraffe, elephant, hippo and crocodile, occasional sitatunga and regular spotted-necked otter. Birding is exceptional with large concentrations of endangered Wattled Crane, Slaty Egret and Lesser Jacana.

Day 4: Kwetsani Camp – Savuti Camp

Say farewell to Kwetsani and travel by a scheduled, light airfare flight to your next camp. Savuti Camp is set deep in the wilderness on the productive Savute Channel – a refuge for a variety of wildlife. For many years the channel was dry; however, the waters returned in 2008 and abundant game has congregated and adapted in its wake. Facing the sporadically-flowing channel and raised off the ground, one of the seven large en-suite canvas-and-thatch rooms will be your home during your stay. Views extend outwards and are exceptional throughout camp, from the thatched dining area and plunge pool to the large viewing deck with fire pit. With front row seats onto this sporadic and unusual watercourse, an extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you.

Day 5 & 6: Savuti Camp

Savuti Camp is involved in elephant research and the possible impact that large herds have on the vegetation and other animal species. Elephant and plains game are in abundance. Other species seen are roan, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. Savuti Camp is a birder's paradise. The area has been internationally recognised as an IBA (Important Bird Area). Other than the ancient watercourse – the Savute Channel – the concession is made up of mopane woodland, riparian forest and floodplain around the Linyanti River.

The activities on offer include day and night game drives, guided walks (on request) and seasonal boating, depending on water levels. Nearby platforms and hides also present excellent wildlife opportunities.

Day 7: Savuti Camp – Kasane – Livingstone/Victoria Falls

Time to say good-bye to Savuti Camp and catch your flight via scheduled, light aircraft to Kasane Airport. From here you transfer to either Livingstone or Victoria Falls.

If you are heading to Livingstone, either to catch a flight or spend a few days sightseeing, the transfer from Kasane Airport isn't just a run of the mill trip by bus, it's part of the adventure! The transfer includes a short 10 minute drive to the Kazungula ferry terminal. A small speed boat ferries you across the Zambezi River to Zambia, where your visa is obtained. After immigration clearance you'll continue on from Kazungula to Livingstone by road, approximately a one-hour drive.

Alternatively, there is a direct road link from Kasane Airport to Victoria Falls. The Kazungula Road Border Post, about 10 minutes drive from the airport, links Kasane, Botswana to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Your Zimbabwean visa is obtained at the border post. From here it is about a one hour drive to Victoria Falls.

You can choose to spend a few days experiencing this diverse and beautiful area staying in either Victoria Falls or Livingstone, with the highlight of course being the famous falls!

Please inquire.

Extensions are available pre and post tour:

Kalahari Plains Camp (pre-tour), 3 days/2 nights

Little Makalolo Camp (post-tour), 3 days/2 nights

DEPARTURES & PRICING

Group Size: Minimum 6 / Maximum 10

2018 Dates:

February, March, April

2018 Pricing

From US\$ tba – twin

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Prices are shown in US\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room.

These special rates provide unmatched value for money with promotional camp rates and scheduled, circuit flights



between camps.

INCLUDED

- Scheduled circuit, light aircraft flights between camps
- Transfer by road and ferry from Kasane to Livingstone
- Tented accommodation at camps
- All meals while at camp
- Local drinks (excludes premium imported brands and champagne)
- Laundry services
- Services of lodge guides and staff
- Twice-daily scheduled camp activities
- Park Fees
- Accommodation taxes, Tourism Levies, VAT and GST
- Escorted by GCTC Africa Specialist

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to Maun and from Livingstone/Victoria Falls
- Meals not specified
- Drinks, park and entrance fees, portorage, extra tours/excursions and transfers not specified
- Guide and camp staff gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees, as required
- Items of a personal nature
- Accommodaiton and sightseeing in Livingstone/Victoria Falls
- Airport taxes, payable in US\$, cash only - Departure tax US\$10 per person, per flight, Aviation Infrastructural Development Fund - US\$5.00 per person, per flight
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel surcharges or industry increase beyond our control

TOUR NOTES

Many optional tours are available in the southern area of Africa, to extend your time in this unforgettable region. Book on our pre-tour Kalahari Plains Camp program, our post-tour to Little Makalolo Camp in Hwange National Park, stay on longer in Livingstone or Victoria Falls, or perhaps travel to Cape Town, South Africa to enjoy their summer weather and activities.

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