Botswana Green Season Safari

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Safari in Botswana staying at well-located, all-inclusive tented camps, surrounded by fantastic wildlife and vast expanses of scenery and sky. This tour will visit during the "green season" to maximize your experience.





7 days/6 nights

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Day 1: Johannesburg - Maun - Splash Camp, Botswana

Depart Johannesburg on your morning flight to Maun, Botswana. While not included in the tour price we will book the flight for you to ensure the whole group travels together. The airfare cost will be quoted to you as an additional charge to be added to your package price and collected at the time of your deposit.

You are met on arrival at Maun airport and transferred by light aircraft to Splash Camp, where you will stay for 3 nights in tented rooms with en-suite, on an all-inclusive basis (excluding premium, imported alcohol). Enjoy an afternoon high tea and a late afternoon game drive today.

Splash Camp is situated in the heart of the Okavango Delta, within the Private Kwara Reserve. It's a brand new camp and it offers a very relaxed, friendly and authentic atmosphere. The area has long been known as Splash due to the huge water crossings that had to be negotiated to access the camp area. The ten en-suite tents all have inside / outside showers.

The concession shares a 30km water boundary with the famous Moremi Game Reserve and its unique location boasts both permanent water and seasonal flood plains as well as extensive dry busy wilderness.

Other species you can encounter through the channels and rivers are kingfishers, pygmy geese, fish eagles, jacanas, darters and the elusive Pels Fishing Owl. Along with the bird watching, walks with a guide on one of the many palmfringed

islands and night drives in addition to morning and afternoon drives. The Kwara Camp area is also home to a variety of wild animals including, lechwe, sitatunga, reedbuck, bushbuck, hippo, crocodiles, elephant, buffalo, sable, roan, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, impala and tsessebe. Lion, hyena, wild dog, leopard and cheetah are abundant in this part of the Delta and regularly seen.

Day 2 & 3: Splash Camp

Enjoy all the scheduled camp activities and amenities offered at the camp.

Day 4: Splash Camp - Lebala Camp

Take in some activities this morning prior to departing by light aircraft to Lebala Camp, where you will stay for 3 nights in tented rooms with en-suite, on an all-inclusive basis (excluding premium, imported alcohol). You will be met on

arrival by camp personnel and will enjoy afternoon high tea and a late afternoon game drive.

Lebala means wide open spaces in Setswana and the scenery around Kwando Lebala Camp is dominated by vast plains with scattered palms and tree clumps backed by wooded savannas. This wild expanse is contrasted with the casual elegance and luxury of the camp itself. Lebala Camp is situated 30 kilometres to the south of Kwando Lagoon Camp and fronts onto the Linyanti Wetlands of Chobe National Park.

The 8 spacious tents are unique and were designed specifically for this camp. Each is built on a raised teak deck, laid out for comfort and privacy. The tents have an entrance foyer with a reading and writing area, en-suite bathrooms with Victorian claw-foot bathtubs, "his and hers" washbasins and flush toilets. The bathrooms lead out to a reed enclosed open-air shower with hot and cold running water, powered by gas for hot water on demand. Each secluded tent has its own sundeck, and is set back among the trees. The endless vistas from the large windows and decks

across the vast plains, make Lebala one of the finest 'in the middle of nowhere "camps in Africa.

Day 5 & 6: Lebala Camp

Enjoy all the scheduled camp activities and amenities offered at the camp.

Day 7: Lebala Camp - Kasane - Livingstone

Take in some activities this morning prior to departing by light aircraft to Kasane. From the Kasane airport you will head to Livingstone. But, 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 then ferries you across the Zambezi River to Zambia, where your visa is obtained. After immigration clearance you'll continue on from Kazangula to Livingstone by road, approximately a one-hour drive. Our Botswana safari program ends at Livingstone.

Optional extensions:

Extensions available pre-tour:

Johannesburg (any duration)

We can arrange your accommodation for your stay in Johannesburg, as required to fit into your flight schedule. We recommend the Holiday Inn Johannesburg Airport which offers a free airport shuttle. A double room costs approximately CA\$130 per night, inclusive of breakfast. Local touring can also be added in to your program for you, if time allows.

Extensions available post-tour:

Livingstone (any duration)

You may choose to add on a stay in Livingstone following your safari program. We can offer any category of accommodation from Olga's Guest House, only 10 minutes away from Victoria Falls, for only US\$60 per twin room per night right up to 5 star, luxury resorts.

Alternatively, you may transfer by road directly 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. We offer stays at the Shearwater Explorers Village, a base camp ideally located in Victoria Falls town. Chalet accommodation starts at US\$60 per person on a twin-share basis, including breakfast daily.

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! Many interesting day tours and activities are offered, with advance reservations recommended. Numerous accommodation options are available. Please inquire.

Little Makalolo Camp (post-tour), 4 days/3 nights or 3 days/2 nights

Transfer by air to Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe to Little Makalolo Camp. Situated in a remote and private concession within the vast and iconic Hwange National Park, Little Makalolo is one of the few camps built within the park boundaries. Legendary for its array of wildlife, particularly massive herds of elephant and buffalo, you can expect a holiday of a lifetime. Our smiling staff will welcome you into your luxurious ensuite safari-style tent nestled in the treeline. A productive waterhole in front of camp will offer you hours of entertainment from our raised platform or plunge pool, while the lounge and dining areas will provide you with shaded relaxation. With space for only for 12 guests in camp, Little Makalolo is a place of well-being and seclusion.

Our safari partner in Hwange has partnered with the National Park in jointly combating the effects of poaching along Hwange's southern boundary, an area beyond their concession. The park is predominately Kalahari sandveld supporting teak and mopane woodlands, dry acacia scrub and is interspersed with saltpans and grasslands. We focus on game drives; however, a well-situated bunker hide provides an idyllic way to spend a lazy afternoon while watching passing wildlife. You will typically see elephant, buffalo, sable, roan, southern giraffe, blue wildebeest, impala and sometimes even gemsbok. Lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah are regularly sighted. Bird life is prolific with more than 400 species found here. Guided walks may also be arranged on request.

After your fascinating stay here comes to an end you will fly back to Victoria Falls, where you can catch your onward flight.

Prices for the 4 day/3 night Little Makalolo extension start at US\$1,800 per person, based on two people sharing accommodation. The price includes round trip flights between Victoria Falls and Little Makalolo, Hwange National Park; accommodation in tented room; all meals and drinks at camp (excluding premium, imported alcohol and champagne); guided safari drives; services of camp guides and staff.

Cape Town, South Africa (any duration)

Fly from Victoria Falls to the playground of South Africa, Cape Town. Known as one of, if not the most beautiful city in the world Cape Town really does offer it all, from ocean side beaches, to stunning views from the surrounding mountains, to excellent wine from many nearby vineyards and breathtaking coastal drives. A great escape from the cold winter weather in Canada and the Northern US. A wide variety of accommodation is available, starting at just CA\$145 per night for a double room at the Dale Court Guest House right up to luxurious 5 star hotels. Excellent and interesting day tours are on offer in the city and surrounding countryside.

Details

Trip Code:

008676-W20

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, porterage, 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
- Accommodation 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
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