
Your trip to Botswana



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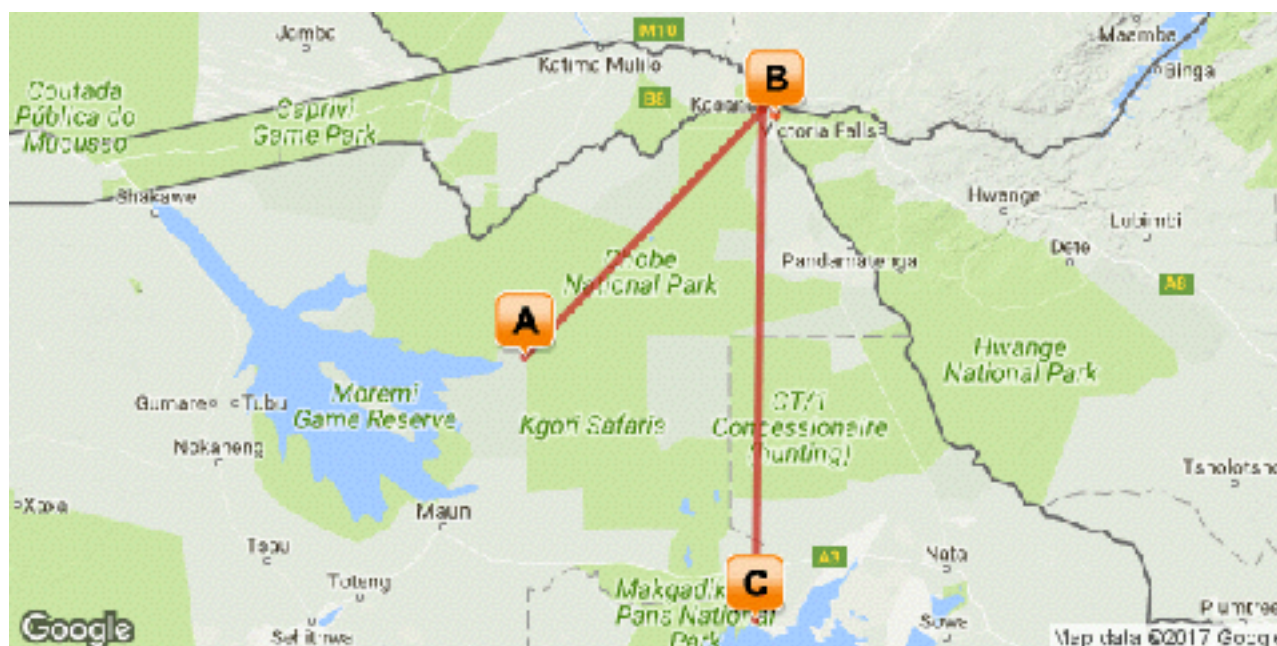
Khwai Private Reserve - Chobe National Park - Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

12 Days / 11 Nights

2 Persons

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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis
Sable Alley	Khwai Private Reserve	4	FI
Elephant Valley Lodge	Chobe National Park	4	FI
Camp Kalahari	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans	3	FI

Key

FI: Fully inclusive / accommodation, all meals, daily activities and local drinks

Day 1: Sable Alley, Khwai Private Reserve (Thu, 11 January)

Khwai Private Reserve

The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. This is an unfenced boundary 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 reserve with the added advantage of being a private concession which means the ability to do walking safaris and night drives.

Overnight: Sable Alley

Nestled in 200,000 hectares the 12 en-suite, solar powered tents are raised on comfortable decks, each with a private veranda overlooking the lagoon and floodplains, stretching towards the unfenced boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. The open-plan lounge, dining and plunge pool area complete the warm welcome to our guests. Community members from the nearby Khwai Village make up the majority of staff.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Scheduled flight transfer from Maun Airport to Sable Alley

Afternoon Game Drive

Dinner will be then being served at the Lodge

Day 2: Sable Alley, Khwai Private Reserve (Fri, 12 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Morning & Afternoon Game Drives in the concession and along the Khwai River

Mokoros

Sundowners

Walks or a visit to Sky beds for the more adventurous to sleep out under the stars

Dinner will be then being served at the Lodge

Day 3: Sable Alley, Khwai Private Reserve (Sat, 13 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Morning & Afternoon Game Drives in the concession and along the Khwai River

Mokoros

Sundowners

Walks or a visit to Sky beds for the more adventurous to sleep out under the stars

Dinner will be then being served at the Lodge

Day 4: Sable Alley, Khwai Reserve Area (Sun, 14 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Morning Game Drive in the concession and along the Khwai River

Mokoros

Sundowners

Walks or a visit to Sky beds for the more adventurous to sleep out under the stars

Dinner will be then being served at the Lodge

Day 5: Elephant Valley Lodge, Chobe National Park (Mon, 15 January)

Chobe National Park

Renowned for its impressive, shifting migratory population of more than 50,000 elephants, Chobe National Park is situated in the far north-east of Botswana, bordered to the north by the mighty Chobe River. As the second largest national park in Botswana, and it has four distinct eco-systems: Serondela in the extreme northeast with fertile plains and thick forests; the Savuti Channel in the west; the Linyanti Swamps in the northwest; and the arid hinterland in between.

This diversity of habitats provides a sanctuary to an astonishing array of African wildlife. In addition to spotting Chobe's great pachyderm herds, you are likely to spot lion, leopard, hyena, wild dog, impala, waterbuck, kudu, zebra, wildebeest giraffe, and warthog. The park is also famous for its wonderful riverboat safaris, making Chobe an essential destination for any avid safari enthusiast.

Overnight: Elephant Valley Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Elephant Valley Lodge lies between the Chobe National Park in Botswana and the Matetsi wildlife conservancy, south of the Kazangula border crossing and within the Kasane Forest Reserve. The camp comprises of 20 meru style luxury safari tents and can accommodate a maximum of 40 guests.

The lodge overlooks an extremely productive water hole. Activities include daily safaris and boat cruises into the Chobe National Park. The unique lodge location provides guests with game viewing opportunities throughout the day and night. Lodge facilities also include open guest areas, a viewing platform and a new rim-flow swimming pool overlooking the water hole.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

On the day of the arrival, depending on the time they will have lunch from 13h00.

They will then depart for a game drive at 15h30 into the Chobe National Park.

They will then return from their game drive at about 19h00 / 19h30.

Dinner will be then being served at 20h00.

Day 6: Elephant Valley Lodge, Chobe National Park (Tue, 16 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Breakfast will be served at 07h00 to 08h30.

They will then depart for a boat cruise at 08h30 to be on the Chobe River at 09h00 and then make their way into the Chobe Park. This activity is approximately three hours in duration. The guests will then make their way back to the lodge and then lunch will start at 13h00.

The afternoon game drive departs at 15h30,

Dinner will then be served at approximately 19h00.

Day 7: Elephant Valley Lodge, Chobe National Park (Wed, 17 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Breakfast will be served at 07h00 to 08h30.

They will then depart for a boat cruise at 08h30 to be on the Chobe River at 09h00 and then make their way into the Chobe Park. This activity is approximately three hours in duration. The guests will then make their way back to the lodge and then lunch will start at 13h00.

The afternoon game drive departs at 15h30,

Dinner will then be served at approximately 19h00.

Day 8: Elephant Valley Lodge, Chobe National Park (Thu, 18 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Breakfast will be served at 07h00 to 08h30.

They will then depart for a boat cruise at 08h30 to be on the Chobe River at 09h00 and then make their way into the Chobe Park. This activity is approximately three hours in duration. The guests will then make their way back to the lodge and then lunch will start at 13h00.

The afternoon game drive departs at 15h30,

Dinner will then be served at approximately 19h00.

Day 9: Camp Kalahari, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Fri, 19 January)

Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

The Makgadikgadi Pan is the world's largest salt pan, formed on the bed of an ancient lake that began evaporating aeons ago. Visiting Makgadikgadi is a unique desert experience: in the dry season,

this vast expanse of sun-baked salt glistens in the light and when the rains come, the pan is home to a cornucopia of flamingos and other water birds, as well as one of Africa's biggest zebra populations, whose annual migration is a wonder to behold.

Overnight: Camp Kalahari View iBrochure

Camp Kalahari is nestled among the acacias and Mokolwane palms of Brown Hyaena Island, on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans of Botswana. A relaxed, family-friendly traditional safari camp, ideal for those seeking fun and adventure, without sacrificing comfort or style.

An eclectic mix of original African furniture and textiles paired with traditional campaign style furniture and colonial antiques. Relax in a traditionally built thatch library, living and dining area, cool off in the plunge pool. 11 traditional safari tents are en-suite and outfitted with rich textiles, Moroccan kilims, and four poster beds.

Enjoy a range of year round activities during their stay. Get up close and personal with friendly habituated meerkats. Spend time walking with Zu/'hoasi Bushmen for a glimpse into their ancient culture. Game drives to experience unique desert wildlife. Visit the site of Chapman's Baobab. Enjoy a 2 hour riding activity on the pans.

Dry season: quad bike across the lunar expanse of the pans; lie out on the pans as the sun sets, and watch the planetarium show unfold with horizon-to-horizon stars.

Green season: experience the spectacular migration of zebra and wildebeest – the second biggest in Africa, and the last remaining in Southern Africa.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Breakfast will be served at 07h00 to 08h30.

Road transfer from the Lodge to Kasane Airport

Scheduled flight transfer from Kasane Airport to Camp Kalahari

Head off after tea in the beautiful afternoon light, stop to watch the sun set and listen to an explanation of how the Makgadikgadi pans, the remnants of the world's largest ever super-lake, were formed. Return to Camp Kalahari for a delicious dinner

Day 10: Camp Kalahari, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Sat, 20 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Set off in the morning to visit some of the Kalahari's most fascinating inhabitants, the meerkats. As a meerkat's wake up time is weather dependent, breakfast might be enjoyed in camp on cooler and rainy days, or as a picnic on warmer, sunnier days. Due to an ongoing habituation programme, it's possible for Guests to get up close and personal with these captivating creatures. Remember, they are not tame – just used to our non-threatening presence. On chilly mornings, you might well find a meerkat snuggling up to you for warmth. Or, in the absence of a termite mound or tree, using your head as a sentry lookout post... By spending quality time with these incredibly social, superbly adapted animals, you will be able to see how they interact with each other and their environment.

You also get the chance to see the desert through the eyes of a meerkat – which, despite the fact that it's only a foot off the ground, is a pretty spectacular vantage point. Definitely one of the most special and memorable game experiences you will encounter in Botswana. Leave the meerkats as they continue with their eternal foraging and head to the site of the famous Chapman's Baobab (also known as the Seven Sisters) which was acknowledged to be the third largest tree in Africa until it recently fell to the ground. This was once the campsite of early explorers like Livingstone and Selous when they pioneered the area and a visit here gives you an opportunity to gain a fascinating insight into the history of the early explorers. Return to camp for a refreshing lunch and siesta.

After tea, head off in search of some unique desert species such as aardvark, bat eared foxes, aardwolves, and the elusive brown hyena, which is the third rarest large carnivore in Africa, with only about 8,000 in the wild. Brown Hyenas are the consummate desert specialists, surviving in arid areas where both food and water are scarce. A timid, nocturnal species rarely seen by humans, but in spite of being solitary foragers; they are very social animals, living in clans of up to 10-12 hyenas. Enjoy a night game drive back to camp, and with the aid of a spot light, look for nocturnal desert inhabitants such as aardvark, bat eared foxes, aardwolves, porcupine, honey badgers and perhaps even a black maned Kalahari Lion! Arrive at Camp Kalahari in time for dinner.

Day 11: Camp Kalahari, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Sun, 21 January)

Included

Fully Inclusive

Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Wake up to a delicious breakfast and head off for a full day in the Makgadikgadi National Park to see the zebra and wildebeest migration. In the Kalahari Desert rain is the 'currency of life' and it is incredible to see how, as soon as the rains arrive, the desert transforms into a green oasis teeming

with life. Within days of the first rain, thousands of Burchell's zebra and blue wildebeest make their way across the Makgadikgadi National Park to feed on the sweet summer grasses, and benefit from the high mineral content found in the salt pans.

Until recently it was thought that the zebra and wildebeest came from the Boteti River, but new research has shown that some of the zebras come from as far away as the Southern parts of the Okavango Delta. The route to the Makgadikgadi from the southern delta is no easy trot and this new data has emphasised just how incredibly important the Makgadikgadi area is to these animals. While enjoying a picnic lunch in the shade of a grove of trees, you will see the awe-inspiring spectacle of the last surviving zebra and wildebeest migration in Southern Africa.

This is the second largest migration of African ungulates, with an estimated 30,000 animals, the majority being zebra, participating each year. Close behind the zebra and wildebeest are the predators, and it is during the rainy season that you might encounter lion, cheetah and, sometimes, even leopard or wild dog. Resident all year round are the rare brown hyena, which do not hunt, but mainly scavenge, these fascinating and somewhat misunderstood animals benefit hugely from the arrival of the migration. Also benefiting from this influx of life are the many birds of prey and vultures. The bird life in the Makgadikgadi is as fascinating as the animals and you are sure to spot some unique desert birds, such as ostrich and sand grouse as well as the water birds, which arrive with the rains. Waders, ibis, ducks, geese, storks, as well as the rare wattled crane can be seen during this time, and towards the end of the season, flamingos, can be seen resting on the pans before continuing on their migration. Your Guide will explain in great detail how mammals evolved; this process having been shaped by the complex but, fascinating relationship between predator and prey. The origins of hunting and water sourcing and its influence on man's development will also be explained. Our Guides are specialists, and are able to convey all the nuances of the desert and the clever adaptations of its inhabitants that we consider one of the most interesting features of the environment. Return to Camp Kalahari after a jam packed day for hot showers, and a final delicious dinner.

Day 12: Departure (Mon, 22 January)

Wake up to a delicious breakfast and head off for a morning walking with the Zu/'hoasi Bushmen. Uncharted Africa has pioneered and passionately supported cultural tourism in Botswana since the company's inception in 1993. It has long been our belief that it is a vitally important tool in terms of preserving this unique, but sadly fast-vanishing, culture. We have been working closely with the Zu/'hoasi people of the Western Kalahari for many years and are privileged to have Bushmen women, men and pre-school children comprised of four generations, living at Jack's Camp in the Makgadikgadi. Offering a window into the past, they teach us how they have survived in this harshest of environments, using their vast and ancient knowledge of plants, animal behaviour and survival skills. The Zu/'hoasi lead a semi-traditional lifestyle, and share their traditional hunting and food-gathering skills as well as how they make jewellery and hunting equipment, it is a glimpse into their fast-vanishing, traditional way of life, but by no means an attempt to keep them frozen in time.

Through our initiative, a community is able to work together and share their knowledge with each other and our Guests, allowing the older generation to pass the knowledge on to the next generation. The young children are the future and we hope that they carry the knowledge and traditions of their incredible ancient culture into the modern world with a sense of pride and personal empowerment. After breakfast, drive through the bush to the traditionally built Bushmen village where the community gathers during the day. The huts provide shelter from the harsh Kalahari environ-

ment, but are not the community's permanent accommodation. On arrival, the elders of the community will meet you in a traditional manner after which you will walk out into the bush with the men, women and children.

The focus of the walk will be to provide a gentle introduction to the Kalahari and Bushmen way of life. The group will point out the distinct ecological characteristics of this area and its animal and bird species. Spontaneous gathering and discussions about the uses of plants and wildlife by your Bushmen Guides provide the link between culture and wild environment that we seek to offer our Guests. Enjoy one more Camp Kalahari lunch, before you bid farewell to The Makgadikgadi in preparation for your onward journey.

Schedule flight transfer from the Lodge to Maun Airport for your outbound flight home

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
11 Jan	Scheduled	Maun Airport [MUB]		Sable Alley			
15 Jan	Scheduled	Sable Alley		Kasane Airport [BBK]			
19 Jan	Scheduled	Kasane Airport [BBK]		Camp Kalahari			
22 Jan	Scheduled	Camp Kalahari		Maun Airport [MUB]			

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
15 Jan	Kasane Airport [BBK]	Elephant Valley Lodge		Transfer
19 Jan	Elephant Valley Lodge	Kasane Airport [BBK]		Transfer