



# BOTSWANA & VIC FALLS



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### INTRODUCTION

The **Republic of Botswana** (Tswana: *Lefatshe la Botswana*) is a landlocked country in Southern Africa. Citizens of Botswana are called "Batswana" (singular: Motswana), regardless of ethnicity. Formerly the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, Botswana adopted its new name after becoming independent within the Commonwealth on 30 September 1966. It has held free and fair democratic elections since independence. It is bordered by South Africa to the south and southeast, Namibia to the west and north, and Zimbabwe to the northeast. It meets Zambia at a single point. At 600,370 km<sup>2</sup>, (231,788 mi<sup>2</sup>) Botswana is the world's 45th-largest country and is comparable in size to Madagascar. It is predominantly flat, tending toward gently rolling tableland. Botswana is dominated by the Kalahari Desert, which covers up to 70% of its land surface. The Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta, is in the northwest. The Makgadikgadi Pan, a large salt pan, lies in the north. The Limpopo River Basin, the major landform of all of southern Africa, lies partly in Botswana, in the southeast of the country. The Chobe River lies to the north, providing a boundary between Botswana and Namibia (Caprivi Region). The Chobe River meets with the Zambezi River at a place called Kazungula (meaning a small sausage tree, a point where Sebitwane and his Makololo tribe crossed the Zambezi into Zambia). Botswana has diverse areas of wildlife habitat. In addition to the delta and desert areas, there are grasslands and savannas, where Blue Wildebeest, many antelopes, and other mammals and birds are found. Northern Botswana has one of the few remaining large populations of the endangered African Wild Dog. The Chobe National Park, found in the Chobe District, has the world's largest concentration of African elephants. The park covers about 1, 1000 km<sup>2</sup> and supports about 350 species of birds. The Chobe National Park and Moremi Game Reserve (in the Okavango Delta) are major tourist destinations. Other reserves include the Central Kalahari Game Reserve located in the Kalahari Desert in Ghanzi District; Makgadikgadi Pans National Park and Nxai Pan National Park are in Central District in the Makgadikgadi Pan. Mashatu Game Reserve is privately owned: located where the Shashe River and Limpopo River meet in eastern Botswana. The other privately owned reserve is Mokolodi Nature Reserve near Gaborone. There are also specialised sanctuaries like the Khama Rhino Sanctuary (for Rhinoceros) and Makgadikgadi Sanctuary (for Flamingos).

**Zambia**, a landlocked country covering an area of 752,612 sq. km lies in a tropical belt on a fairly high plateau averaging about 1,300 metres above sea level. Zambia is centrally located in Southern Africa and shares borders with Democratic Republic of Congo and United Republic of Tanzania in the north, Malawi and Mozambique in the east, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe in the south and Angola in the west. With three great rivers and bordered by three lakes, the country has enough surface and ground water reserves. Zambia also contributes about a fifth of the world's trade in gemstones. The role of the State in the management of companies has been virtually removed. The Government has created a pro-active private sector driven economy and an enabling environment.



### INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

<i>Destinations:</i>	<i>Nxai Pan National Park, Southern Eastern Okavango Delta, Okavango Delta - Pom Pom Island, Chobe National Park &amp; Victoria falls</i>
<i>Dates:</i>	<i>6 - 20 November 2019</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>16 Days / 15 Nights</i>
<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>En suite accommodation at the following: Nxai Pan Camp, Mma Dinare, Pom Pom, Lebala Camp, Chobe Bush Lodge &amp; Camp Nkwazi</i>
<i>Transfers:</i>	<i>All air &amp; road transfers</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>

### EXCLUDED FROM PACKAGE:

- *All International flights*
- *Gratuities*
- *Optional activities*
- *Travel insurance*
- *Laundry*
- *Beverages*
- *Items not specified*

### TOUR PROGRAMME

#### Day 1 & 2: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

##### Maun International Airport – Nxai Pan Camp

Fly into Maun via OR Tambo International Airport. Upon arrival at Maun we will be met by a representative of SafariWise and be air transferred to Nxai Pan.

Nxai Pan is located on the western edge of the fossil pan from which the camp takes its name. The camp faces east over the open grasslands of the pans. The biggest draw to Nxai Pan National Park is the zebras that migrate by the thousands to the area – the second largest land animal migration in Southern Africa.

Day trips to Baines' Baobabs are highly popular and include a picnic lunch at the site. These age-old trees were immortalised in paintings by the artist and adventurer Thomas Baines in 1862. If you were to compare Baines' paintings to the scene today, you would find that after 150 years, the trees are nearly identical – testament to the age of these magnificent giants.

Another classic activity at Nxai Pan is a walk with one of the San bushmen trackers, an informative walk that takes place within the camp's footprint. Learn about how the San used to live nomadically: how they used to hunt, gather food, water sources and which plants were used for medicinal purposes. Their wealth of true bush knowledge is unparalleled and one of our guests' favourite experiences at our desert camps.



The camp’s nine tents face the waterhole, with the main area being the central best place for game viewing from the water hole. Frequent visitors to the water hole include elephants, cheetah, as well as the migratory herds of zebra (usually) from late December to early April, however this is entirely dependent on the summer rainfall in Botswana which affects the migratory cycle.

The minimalistic white-washed design of the camp is in keeping with the surrounding white salt pans. Nxai Pan accommodates a maximum of eighteen guests in thatched units specially designed to provide a constant and comfortable temperature throughout the year, when seasonal temperatures can fluctuate from below freezing to well over 45 degrees Celsius.

The main areas of the camp include an expansive open-air lounge and dining area, with a bar, pool and curio shop.

Nxai Pan is a 100% solar-operated camp.

*Accommodation:* Nxai Pan Camp  
*Meals:* All meals  
*Included activities:* Game drives, Star gazing, Nature walks with the San Bushmen trackers & visit the Baine’s Boobabs  
*Website:* <https://www.kwando.co.bw/nxai-pan>

**Day 3 & 4: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**Nxai Pan Camp – Mma Dinare**

After breakfast at Nxai Pan Camp we will be air transferred to Mma Dinare.

Adjacent to Moremi Game reserve on south eastern side of the Delta, overlooking the Gomoti River and its flood plains, the camp is located in a private concession of 272 km<sup>2</sup> and has been designed to embrace the natural surroundings of the riverine forest.

Accommodation consists of 8 stylish tents overlooking the Gomoti River floodplains.

*Accommodation:* Mma Dinare  
*Meals:* All meals  
*Included activities:* Game drives, seasonal water activities on Gomoti River, game walks (seasonal).  
*Website:* <http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/mma-dinare.php>

**Day 5, 6 & 7: 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**Mma Dinare – Pom Pom Camp**

After breakfast we will be air transferred to Pom Pom Camp.



The Okavango Delta is one of the last remaining unspoiled wilderness areas of Africa. The Delta is fed by the floodwaters of Central Africa and covers an area of some 16000 square kilometres. These waters fan out into the Okavango Delta forming a wetland system of beautiful palm-fringed channels, lagoons and islands that support a wealth of fauna and flora alike.

The Camp is located on Pom Pom Island in a private concession situated in the heart of the Okavango Delta and on the head waters of the Xudum river system. The area lies on the western boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve and offers superb Okavango scenery and a true Okavango wilderness experience.

Accommodation consists of nine luxury safari tents in true traditional safari style, all with full en-suite semi open ablution facilities. Eight en-suite safari tents with overlooking views of the Pom Pom lagoon. The tents are uniquely positioned under the shade of the surrounding trees.

*Accommodation:* Pom Pom Camp  
*Meals:* All meals  
*Included activities:* Game activities (game drives, night drives, walks, mokoro, boat activities)  
*Website:* [www.pompomcamp.com/](http://www.pompomcamp.com/)

### **Day 8 & 9: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

#### **Pom Pom Camp – Lebala Camp**

After breakfast we will be air transferred by air to Lebala Camp.

Lebala means 'wide open spaces', and the camp is located in the Kwando Reserve's 232,000 hectares of private unfenced wilderness. Here, the southerly flowing Kwando River disappears into the vast marshland to the east, outside of the Kwando Reserve. Lebala sits on the floodplains of the Kwando River and the special ecosystem is home to a wide variety of Africa's plains game such as zebra, wildebeest, impala, giraffe, and tsessebe. The wonderful variety of wildlife also includes elephant, hippo, buffalo and the ever present predators of lion, cheetah and hyena. Lebala's location away from the dense mopane woodland to the east of the Reserve facilitates the ease of traversing the concession looking for big game.

The camp itself is comprised of eight custom designed tents, with unique mosquito net walls, allowing an unobstructed flow of cooling breezes and stunning views. Each spacious tent has its own viewing deck, bathroom and luxurious double outside showers.

*Accommodation:* Lebala Camp  
*Meals:* All meals  
*Included activities:* Walks & game drives  
*Website:* <https://www.kwando.co.bw/lebala>



### **Day 10, 11 & 12: 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

#### **Lebala – Chobe Bush Lodge**

After breakfast we will be air transferred to Kasane Airport and then Chobe Bush Lodge.

Chobe Bush Lodge is situated in Kasane directly on the border of Chobe National Park and within 150m from Chobe River. Right on our doorstep four African countries meet (Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia), Chobe Bush Lodge is therefore an excellent gateway location to Chobe, Victoria Falls and Caprivi.

Along with many species of big game, Chobe National Park boasts the largest concentration of elephant in Africa and their game drives and boat cruises offer visitors the opportunity to witness this amazing spectacle.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Chobe Bush Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>2 x Game drives &amp; 2 x boat cruises</i>
<i>Website:</i>	<a href="http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/chobe-bush-lodge.php">http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/chobe-bush-lodge.php</a>

### **Day 13 & 14: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

#### **Chobe Bush Lodge – Camp Nkwazi**

After breakfast at Chobe Safari Lodge we will be transferred by road to Camp Nkwazi.

Camp Nkwazi is nestled on the banks of the mighty Zambezi river, +- 20 minutes' drive from Livingstone and +- 25 minutes from one of the natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls. The river extends the length of the property and there are breath-taking views over the water with the sightings of a variety of game, rich and rare bird life with the likes of Fish Eagle, African Fin Foot, Pel's Fishing Owl, African Paradise Flycatcher, Horn-Bill, King Fishers, Bee-eaters etc. Fishing is good with the potential of catching a tiger or bream close to your chalet.

Camp Nkwazi is located close to the Mosi-Oa Tunya, Chobe and Kafue national parks and right opposite the Zambezi National Park.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Camp Nkwazi</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>1 x boat cruise; 1 x Victoria falls excursion; Craft market excursion; walks</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>Helicopter flights</i>



### **Day 15: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

#### **Livingstone Airport (departure)**

Today marks the end of our safari! After breakfast and an optional activity (time permitting), we will be transferred by road to Livingstone Airport for our departure flight.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>N.A</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Scheduled game activities &amp; transfer to Livingstone Airport</i>

*End of Safari!*

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### **Quoted price: 2019**

Days 1 – 15

*USD 9,300.00 per person sharing*  
*USD 1,000.00 single supplement*

#### **Notes:**

- The costing for the Tour Programme is based on a minimum of six (6) guests.
- This is a quotation and is valid for set departures for 2019 tours only.
- ~~No reservations have been made and all accommodation, flights and transport are subject to availability.~~
- Should any of the accommodation mentioned not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable venue, which might affect the final quoted price.
- Quoted price is also subject to availability, fuel/gas price and possibly exchange rate fluctuations.
- 20% non-refundable deposit is required on confirmation of safari.
- Full payment is required sixty (60) days prior to arrival.

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