

As Africa's leading conservation and ecotourism company, we are proud of our ongoing commitment to protecting the continent's varied wildlife including its large herbivores such as elephant.

Many conservation research projects have been undertaken in recent years to gain a greater understanding about elephant ecology along with improved information about their seasonal habitat preferences, resource selection strategies and movement patterns. These are absolutely critical if effective long-term management strategies are to be implemented in the viable long-term conservation of large mammal species.

By choosing to travel with Wilderness Safaris, guests are assured that their travel dollars are put to good use assisting with the ongoing protection of these vast and pristine wilderness areas and ensuring the long-term conservation of a range of species, including elephant.

To experience an incredible elephant safari in Botswana's extraordinary Okavango Delta, Wilderness Safaris has crafted this six-day itinerary to Savuti and Abu Camps.



The first three days will be enjoyed at Wilderness Safaris **Savuti Camp** overlooking the productive Savute Channel. The camp is surrounded by flowing water and high concentrations of wildlife, and comprises seven large en-suite canvas-and-thatched rooms. A professional guide will lead you on twice-daily game drives and will give you an insight into the exciting elephant research being conducted in the area —looking at the possible impact that large herds have on the vegetation and other animal species. Elephant and plains game are seen in abundance in the concession and other species seen may include roan, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. Savuti Camp is also a birder's paradise and the area has been internationally recognised as an IBA (Important Bird Area).

After a short charter flight from Savuti, guests will arrive at the luxurious **Abu Camp** where they will be able to immerse themselves in a range of extraordinary elephant interaction experiences for the next three days. Abu Camp's more significant reason for being is to operate as a centre of excellence for elephant conservation and research and to be ambassadors for these critical issues. As a guest of Abu Camp you are invited to meet the Abu elephants, get a glimpse into their world and learn about their lives. Becoming a part of an African elephant herd is an extraordinary privilege.



Rates start from approximately **USD** 7 985.00 per person for the six-night itinerary. Please see below for further details and costs; please note that Terms & Conditions apply.



ITINERARY DETAILS

DAY 1

Savuti Camp: Fly with Wilderness Air Botswana from Maun to Savuti Camp

Room: 1 x Tented Room

Arrival: Day 1
Departure: Day 4

Included: FI rate includes accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks –

excludes premium imported brands and champagne.

Set deep in the wilderness on the prosperous Savute Channel, Savuti Camp is surrounded by flowing water and high concentrations of wildlife. For many years the channel was dry; however since the waters returned in 2008, abundant game has congregated and adapted in its wake. Facing the thrilling waterway and raised off the ground, one of the seven large en-suite canvas-and-thatched 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.

Did you know?

- Savuti Camp is involved in elephant research and the possible impact that large herds have on the vegetation and other animal species.
- Other than the ancient watercourse the now-flowing Savute Channel the concession is made up of mopane woodland and 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. Nearby platforms and hides also present excellent wildlife opportunities.
- 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).

Day 4

Abu Camp: Fly with Wilderness Air Botswana from Savuti Camp to Abu Camp

Room: 1 x Tented Room

Arrival: Day 4 Departure: Day 7

Included: FI rate includes accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks –

excludes premium imported brands and champagne.

Note that a maximum of 10 guests can be accommodated on the elephant activity at any one time. This number is comprised of 4 guests maximum riding the elephants (2 guests on each of two elephants) and 6 guests maximum walking alongside the elephants. If one of the elephants is pregnant or nursing a young one, this number may reduce for a period, however, the overall elephant experience will be managed on the ground by the camp.

As a guest of Abu Camp you are invited to meet the Abu elephants, get a glimpse of their world and learn about their lives. Becoming a part of an African elephant herd is an extraordinary privilege that we will share with you. Blending in seamlessly with the natural surroundings, settle into your luxurious tent shaded by lofty trees. Each of the six spacious rooms exhibits its own distinctive elegance with an en-suite bathroom with indoor and outdoor shower, an outdoor copper bath, and a generous elevated deck. Our lounge and dining tent have breathtaking views over the scenic lagoon. Other features include a well-stocked library and study, gym and swimming pool.

Did you know?

- The whole premise on which Abu Camp is based is that of elephant research.
- You can sleep in our Star Bed near the elephant boma and be lulled to sleep by the rumblings of the elephants.
- The concession varies from seasonally inundated floodwaters, channels, palm islands and riverine forests to the dryer Kalahari "Sandveld Tongue".
- Along with elephant activities we offer day and night game drives, guided walks (on request), seasonal mokoro rides and scenic flights (by arrangement).
- Expect to see buffalo, hippo, red lechwe, zebra and giraffe. The dominant carnivores in the area are lion and hyaena with occasional sightings of leopard and wild dog.
- For bird enthusiasts, some 380 different species can be found here.

DAY 7

Itinerary End: Depart from Abu Campwith Wilderness Air Botswana to Maun Airport