



BOTSWANA





WHY BOTSWANA

Natural riches, a low human population density, a visionary government and the highest GDP per capita on the African continent have combined to make Botswana perhaps the most rewarding country in Africa in which to experience a big game safari.

This landlocked nation is comprised largely of the Kalahari Desert and, as a result, its 600 000 square kilometres (231 000 square miles) are home to only 1.8 million people. Far from desolate and barren however, Botswana is productive and vibrant with a rich contrast between the white sands of the Kalahari and globally unique features like the Okavango Delta – a shimmering green and blue gem known as the "jewel of the Kalahari."

The Okavango is complemented by the Linyanti and Chobe regions in the north of the country on the Namibian border. Here, huge herds of elephant and other game such as zebra are drawn from the woodlands and grasslands of the interior right to the national border, where dense woodland gives sudden and distinct way to the waters of the Linyanti Swamps. Further south is the vast Central Kalahari where mythical destinations such as Deception Valley are equally prolific after the life-

giving summer rains and herds of springbok and gemsbok are followed along the valley floors by the area's lion and cheetah.

While the emphasis of a Botswana safari is typically on large mammals – and there are plenty of these – it is often the sense of wilderness and pristine functioning ecosystems that has the most significant impact on visitors. Nearly 40% of the country has been set aside as national parks and wildlife reserves!

The importance of visitors and tourism to the sustainability of these areas cannot be overstated. Approximately 60% of all the people who live in northern Botswana are employed in some aspect of the wildlife and tourism industry, which is now the second largest contributor to the GDP of the country. A visionary ecotourism policy, carefully nurtured by the government over the past 30 years, has had a spectacular impact on the sustainable conservation of all the animals and plants that live here. A case in point: white and black rhino, poached to extinction in Botswana some time ago have, thanks to a joint project between the Botswana government and Wilderness Safaris, been returned to their integral place in the hierarchy of wild Botswana.

Aitse go tsamaya ke go bôna (Indeed ... to travel is to genuinely discover and experience)

Tswana proverb



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Okavango Delta - Combination

Abu Camp; Jao Camp; Vumbura Plains; Duba Plains; Kwetsani Camp; Little Vumbura; Seba Camp; Tubu Tree; Little Tubu

Lush, landscapes of wetland and dryland, wide variety of large mammals, stunning scenic vistas



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Okavango Delta - Water

Camps: Jacana, Xigera

"True Okavango," lagoons, reedbeds, channels, papyrus swamps, spectacular birding and specialised creatures like sitatunga, reed frogs and pygmy geese

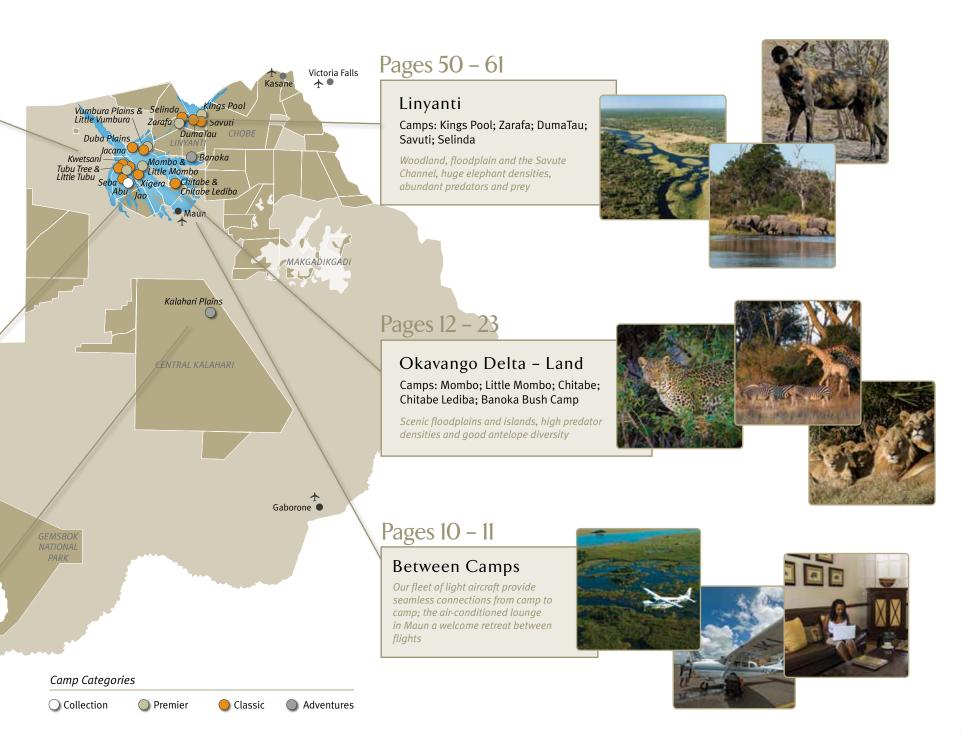


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Central Kalahari

Camps: Kalahari Plains Camp

Deception Valley, the "green desert," blackmaned male lion, cheetah and hundreds of springbok and oryx





Why Travel with Wilderness Safaris?

Today we have so much choice when it comes to travelling, it's often difficult to make a decision on the country in which to travel, let alone deciding with whom to travel. Wilderness Safaris makes the choice easy. Not only do we have camps and lodges in nine countries across Africa, but we have been based in Botswana for some **30 years**. It is here that we started our love affair with the wilderness and where we offer our guests exclusive access to wilderness areas and wildlife of unparalleled quality.

- Wilderness Safaris offers our guests exclusive access to more than 3 million hectares (8 million acres) of Africa's best wildlife areas. This equates to 3 ooo hectares (8 ooo acres) of private land per guest, creating a unique sense of seclusion, comfort, privacy and space. Experiences in our private concessions far exceed those in public access national parks.
- Our areas cover many habitats, encompassing parts of nine of Africa's eleven biomes, thus allowing for incredibly diverse and all-round experiences, whether in the savannah, the rainforest, the desert or the ocean.
- Whether travelling as a couple, a family or on your own and in order to satisfy individual needs and personalities, our properties range from high-end luxury to more affordable options.
- Our dedicated team with 30 years' experience of designing perfect safaris works hand in hand with your travel agent – an Africa specialist in their own right – to design a journey that suits your budget and bucket list.

- We have our own bush airline Wilderness Air creating a seamless
 journey that allows you to move from one place to the next on your
 itinerary without hassles.
- We offer complete, tailor-made services throughout southern Africa
 including logistics, sightseeing and accommodation in our camps as
 well as an extensive list of other accommodation and of course our
 own set-departure guided journeys known as Explorations.
- We operate a touring and transfers business Wilderness Touring

 in the tourism hubs of Cape Town (South Africa), Victoria Falls
 (Zimbabwe), Livingstone (Zambia) and Windhoek (Namibia).

At Wilderness Safaris, we create journeys, not holidays. A journey is an immersive experience, one that changes how you view the world in general and the wild places of Africa in particular.



Awards



TRAVEL+ LEISURE





2013

- Travel + Leisure Top 500 Hotels in the World (Botswana)

 Mombo & Little Mombo
- Condé Nast Traveler Gold List Mombo & Little Mombo

2012

- Travel + Leisure Global Vision Award (Leadership) Wilderness Safaris
- WTTC Tourism for Tomorrow Awards (Global Tourism Business)
 Wilderness Safaris (Finalist)
- Outside Magazine Active Travel Awards (Best Travel Company)

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- Wilderness Safaris (runner up)
 Condé Nast Readers Choice Awards (Top Resorts & Safari Camps in Africa)
- Mombo & Little Mombo (7th)
 Condé Nast Traveler Gold List Mombo & Little Mombo; Savuti;
 Little Vumbura
- Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards (Best Lodge & Resort in Africa & the Middle East) Mombo & Little Mombo (7th)
- The Robb Report 100 Resorts Abu; Zarafa
- World Travel Awards (Botswana's Leading Luxury Camp) Mombo & Little Mombo

Why we do what we do

- The environment is at the heart of our beliefs and values. Our quest is to come to understand the wilderness better, to respect it, to care for it and to share it with our guests.
- We are serious about what we do and believe fully in our vision of contributing meaningfully to African conservation.
- Our vision is encapsulated by "the 4Cs," a concept that suggests that our organisation aims to be truly sustainable by committing to the four dimensions of Commerce, Conservation, Community, and Culture:
 - Commerce deals with our ecotourism offerings and products and is perhaps the most critical element to sustainability in the modern world.
- Conservation is divided into Environmental Management Systems i.e., building and managing our camps in the most eco-friendly way possible, and Biodiversity Conservation i.e., the understanding, management and protection of the wildlife and ecosystems with which we are involved.
 - Community is all about the people at the heart of our business:
 Internal Community our staff across all our regions, and External
 Community comprising the rural communities that either own the land on which we operate or live adjacent to these areas.
 - Culture is a multifaceted element that governs respect for the culture of all employees as well as the remote rural communities surrounding the conservation areas.
- Our non-profit trusts the Wilderness Wildlife Trust and Children in the
 Wilderness help us drive this vision. The Wilderness Wildlife Trust
 funds projects addressing the needs of existing wildlife populations,
 seeks solutions to save threatened species and provides education
 and training for local communities. Children in the Wilderness is an
 environmental and life skills educational programme that focuses on
 the next generation of rural decision makers the children of Africa.

Our Camps and Explorations

In Botswana, our camps are typically small, intimate safari bases in superb locations, ranging in size from just three units (with a total of six beds) to 14. Here we want our guests to be immersed in Africa: while lying in bed to hear the roar of the lion, the calling of frogs, the sigh of the wind.

In order to satisfy individual needs, we have several categories of accommodation as explained at right.

Of paramount importance to us is that our camps have as little impact on the environment as possible. This is relevant not only during the building process, but also during day-to-day operating and takes into account all elements of environmental impact, from the visual and aural implications, to effects on soil, the water table, vegetation, game movement, and so on.

All of our camps undergo rigorous in-house and independent environmental impact assessments (EIAs) prior to construction. Wherever possible renewable energy for our electricity and water heating requirements is provided through photovoltaic solar arrays. Waste water treatment, recycling and fuel storage, as well as our procurement, are also all carefully considered and all of our camps undergo comprehensive bi-annual audits, making them some of the most sustainable and responsible in Africa. We believe that — more than just comfort and lifechanging experiences — our camps provide the luxury of space and a clean conscience.



Premier Camps

Our Premier camps comprise our most elegant and stylised accommodation. These camps combine exclusive luxury and superbly designed architecture with the warm comforts of home and personal service.

- Jao Camp Kings Pool Little Mombo
- Mombo Camp Vumbura Plains Zarafa Camp



Classic Camps

Our Classic camps are luxury tented camps, all offering superb facilities and accommodation, the en-suite bedrooms being slightly smaller than those of our Premier camps.

- Chitabe Camp Chitabe Lediba DumaTau
- Duba Plains Jacana Kwetsani Savuti Seba
- Selinda Tubu Tree Little Tubu Xigera



Adventures Camps

Larger camps than our Premier or Classic camps, the units are generally tented, extremely comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and all the amenities to make you feel at home. Note: activities at these camps may be at extra cost.

• Banoka Bush Camp • Kalahari Plains Camp



Explorations

Our fully serviced Explorations create a sense of exclusive camping in Africa. A variety of travel modes and activities explore mostly private concessions and wildlife areas exclusive to Wilderness Safaris guests. Accommodation ranges from tailor-made camp sites to luxurious Wilderness Safaris camps.

- Botswana Summer Encounter
- Great Wilderness Journey
- Green Desert Expedition
- Migration Routes
- Selinda Canoe Trail



Wilderness Collection

The Wilderness Collection is a portfolio of progressive and innovative destinations in iconic areas of Africa and its islands. Not necessarily 'safari camps,' they share a commitment to global sustainability and use responsible tourism experiences to highlight the Earth's plight and how discerning travellers can make a difference. Refined and elegant, each location is dedicated to unashamed, but sustainable, luxury and exceptional guest experiences.

Abu Camp





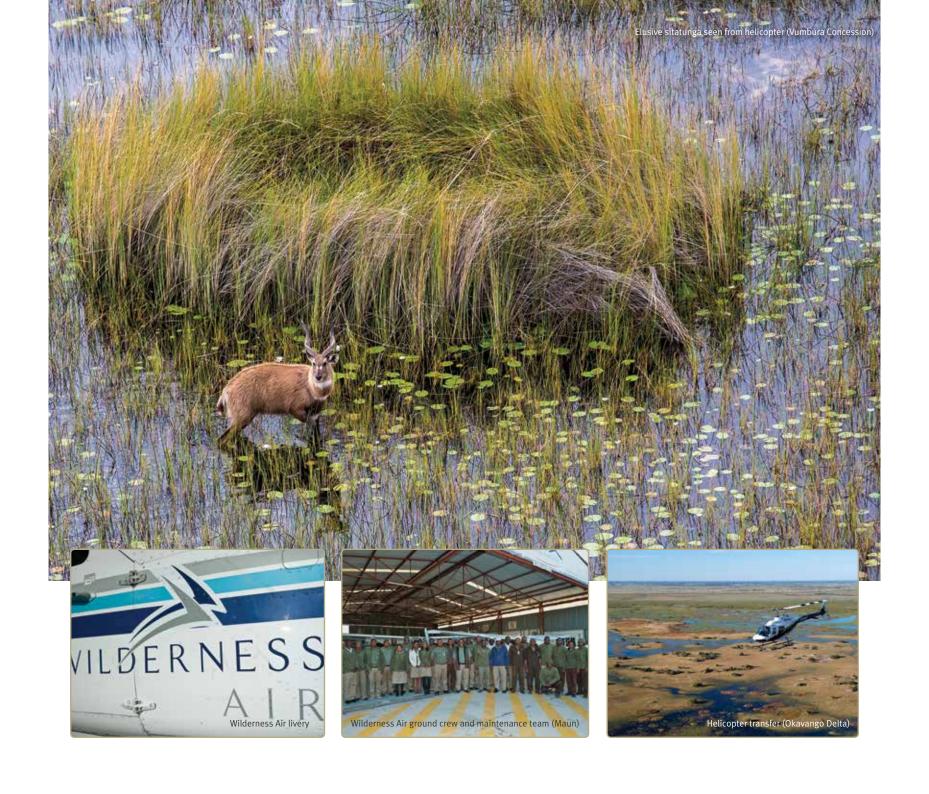




From the moment you arrive in Africa, to your departure and every point in between, Wilderness Safaris people are ready and waiting for you.

We want to ensure as seamless and smooth an experience as possible and in Botswana, this first takes the form of a "meet and greet" at the Maun International Airport where a representative of Wilderness Safaris welcomes you, before taking you through to your next flight or transfer, or to the comfortable airconditioned lounge in our nearby office where you can relax between flights.

Aside from being the main access point to the wilderness areas of northern Botswana, Maun is also our national operational base and the hub for Wilderness Air, our own "bush airline." Wilderness Air is a key element of your safari experience, flying you between remote bush camps and then back to centres like Maun, Kasane or Livingstone for onward connections. The service is more than a simple connection however; rather, the aerial transfers between camps allow a totally different impression and appreciation of the country below – from the densely matted papyrus flanked waterways of the Okavango Delta and their secretive sitatunga inhabitants, to the majestic grandeur and scale of Victoria Falls.



THE OKAVANGO DELTA - LAND CAMPS

While large parts of the Okavango Delta are covered in water, there are a series of very low-lying sandy ridges and islands that are just high enough to be permanently above the floodwaters and as a result harbour a different range of dry-land wildlife. These raised, tree-covered islands in their different shapes and sizes are common, ranging from a single termite mound, pointing its brown finger at the sky, to Chief's Island, the largest landmass in the Okavango.

Compared to the wetter areas of the Okavango Delta, this habitat is more familiar to those who dream of the Africa showcased in nature documentaries. It is on these plains that the larger mammals buffalo, zebra, wildebeest, and giraffe - move in their numbers. With such profusion of life, predators stalk the grass in the form of lion, spotted hyaena, leopard, cheetah and wild dog – being privy to any fragment of this ageless cycle is part of the thrill of a safari.

Safari in these parts of the Okavango takes the form of game drives in open four-wheel-drive vehicles that allow close approach to the wildlife. In the drier times of the year, when grass cover is reduced, walking on foot through these areas can be equally rewarding.

The productivity of this rich Okavango system is a result of yearround water availability, diversity of habitat and abundant fertile grasses which in turn are stimulated by both the summer rains and the winter floods. Quite simply it ranks as one of the world's top wildlife experiences.





Mombo Concession

45 000 hectares (111 000 acres); located on the northern tip of Chief's Island, Moremi Game Reserve. Habitats vary from productive grassy floodplains, low acacia woodland and forested islands of riverine vegetation to the edges of permanent swamp and even dry grasslands where vegetation and wildlife flourish.

Camp Categories











LAND CAMPS IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA





Mombo Camp

Lying on Chief's Island, the largest landmass in the Okavango, Mombo Camp's setting within an area steeped in nature's riches is echoed in the camp itself: rich, opulently furnished lounge, bar and dining areas shaded by large trees as well as each individual tented room all look out over a plain more often than not dotted with wildlife. A plunge pool, spa and gym all add to the sumptuousness of the camp's surrounds.

"The place of plenty" – for predators and plains game alike.

Highlights

Mombo Camp lies within the Moremi Game Reserve; its location and productive habitat mean that it offers arguably the best big game viewing in Botswana. Game drives uncover spectacular numbers of plains game such as zebra, red lechwe, impala, giraffe, warthog, wildebeest, greater kudu, elephant and buffalo. Such wealth of prey means that predators are abundant, with especially high densities of lion, giggling clans of spotted hyaena and movie star-quality leopard.







Little Mombo

Little Mombo lives up to its name: a smaller, more intimate version of Mombo Camp, yet with the same high standards. It is connected to its sister camp by a raised boardwalk, complete with a gym and inviting pool along the way. Sited under a shady canopy, it has three luxurious and spacious

Your own private camp in the Okavango's premier wildlife viewing area.

guest rooms under canvas, as well as its own dining room, lounge and plunge pool raised to look out over a floodplain enclave; plains game can often be seen in front of camp.

Highlights

Little Mombo, situated at the heart of the old hunting grounds of Chief Moremi, offers the identical abundant big game viewing as Mombo Camp. Highlights include sightings of large prides of lion, charismatic leopard, elephant herds, spotted hyaena, big herds of plains game like zebra, red lechwe and giraffe and a dazzling variety of birds.







Chitabe Camp

Raised on decks on a beautiful tree island in the south-east of the Okavango, Chitabe Camp looks out across a Delta floodplain that is transformed during winter from dry rushes to lush oasis, one of only a

The archetypal Okavango game-viewing destination.

few distinct habitats in this diverse concession. Back in camp, the thatched dining and lounge area provide beautiful views, while each tent exudes its own personality, aided by superb fine art wildlife photographs. A pool provides cool sanctuary in the heat of the day.

Highlights

On this classic safari experience, game drives take in the different habitats — the variety of these ensures that there is an equal diversity of wildlife, including big game such as elephant and buffalo, but also a range of plains game species like wildebeest, tsessebe and lechwe in numbers that support healthy lion, leopard and hyaena numbers, as well as regular visits by wild dog and cheetah.





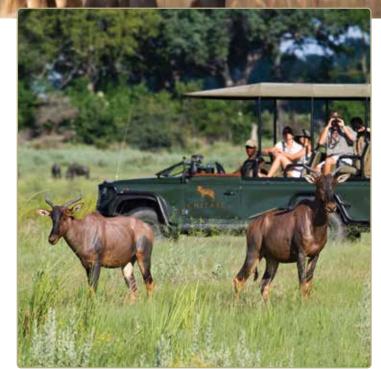
Chitabe Lediba

A *lediba* is a lagoon that has become a waterhole, where a variety of wildlife comes to drink. Chitabe Lediba's dining area, lounge, and pool all overlook just such a vista. The sister camp of Chitabe, it lies on the other side of the same tree island and echoes many of its sibling's qualities. The same well-appointed canvas tents are raised on decks with uniquely styled interiors, but the smaller nature of the camp offers a more intimate experience, ideal for small groups or families.

Intimate Chitabe Lediba is a perfect game viewing base for families or small groups.

Highlights

Chitabe Lediba sports that classic Okavango Delta scenery, from palm-dotted floodplains to open savannah and woodlands. This mix of Okavango (water) and Kalahari (land) makes for an excellent home to an abundant array of herbivores: giraffe, buffalo, red lechwe, tsessebe, impala and elephant, which in turn support the larger predators: lion, leopard, spotted hyaena, cheetah and the rare and charismatic wild dog.









Banoka Bush Camp lies spread out in a broad semi-circle along the banks of a lagoon – in itself part of the well-known Khwai River. Its wide, raised wooden decks – whether the spacious tented units or the main area that includes a lounge and dining area

Named in honour of the Banoka (River San), earliest settlers of the Okavango.

and inviting plunge pool – are shaded by canvas, yet open to the scenes of wildlife coming down to drink.

Highlights

The Khwai River is the north-easternmost 'finger' of the Delta, and meanders through an intriguing blend of floodplain, forest, reedbeds and woodland. Most activities focus on the Khwai River with wildlife drawn from the woodlands to its waters; sightings of elephant, buffalo, lion, lechwe and even wild dog are regular on game drive, while hippo, reedbuck and kudu are often seen from camp. Guests are also able to visit a local community – in this case, the Basarwa people of the Khwai Village.









THE OKAVANGO DELTA - WATER CAMPS

Flying over the central Okavango Delta is a surreal experience: Flat as far as the eye can see, the blue of waterlogged plains is banded by green reeds, papyrus and water-tolerant grasses — creating artistic blue-green swirls and circles. The water is so clear that it is possible to see all the way through to the white Kalahari sands at the bottom.

This water flows a thousand kilometres from its source in neighbouring Angola before spreading out into one of the largest inland delta systems in the world: an area of 15 000 km² filled with channels, lagoons, swamps and islands. Only after summer rainfall has ceased do the floodwaters arrive here, creating a fertile oasis in a desert.

This oasis is crammed with life, so that apart from the outstanding beauty of the wetland, it is also considered one of Africa's most important wildlife sanctuaries with a huge diversity of fauna and flora. Water-loving antelope from the rare sitatunga to the common red lechwe abound, while large mammals such as buffalo and elephant – and even lion and leopard – splash their way through the shallow channels.

It is perhaps the birds for which the Okavango's water areas are best known. Hallowed species such as Pel's fishing-owl and slaty egret are found alongside more commonly seen wattled crane and pygmy goose, while the specialised African skimmer (from which Wilderness Safaris takes its logo) may be seen on the larger lagoons and channels.

Central to a wet Okavango experience is a mokoro excursion — an idyllic connection to a bygone era that allows silent and tranquil progress across the waters of the region.





Jao Concession

60 ooo hectares (148 ooo acres); vegetation varies from picturesque floodplains with lush palm islands and riparian forest of the Jao Flats to Hunda Island, covered in acacia and mopane woodland—the largest expanse of dry land during the annual inundation.

Camp Categories

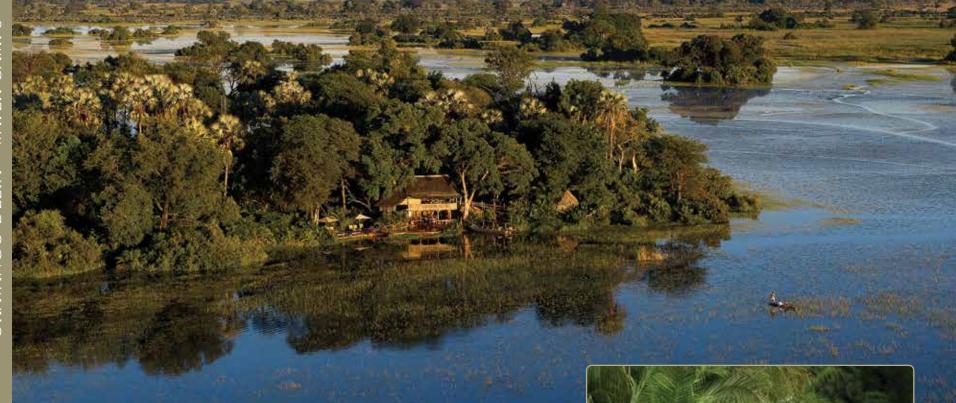








WATER CAMPS IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA **VUMBURA CONCESSION** KHWAI CONCESSION O Vumbura Plains & Little Vumbura KWEDI CONCESSION Duba Plains Banoka Bush Camp MOMBO CONCESSION Mombo & Little Mombo Kwetsani Tubu Tree & Little Tubu Jacana Xigera Seba O Abu CHITABE CONCESSION Chitabe Lediba ABU CONCESSION Xigera Concession **↑** ■ MAUN 6 ooo hectares (14 ooo acres); a wetland paradise within Moremi Game Reserve in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Situated on one of the Okavango's key waterways, it is surrounded by picturesque papyrus swamps and wooded islands.



Jacana Camp

Jacana Camp lies on a beautiful island that is surrounded by water for most of the year, making it a true camp of the central Delta. The dining area lies on an elevated wooden deck between two enormous sycamore fig trees, surrounded by dense wild date palms. Downstairs, there is a cosy lounge under thatch with a large deck, an open fire under the stars, and a plunge pool. Meals are often enjoyed outdoors under the stars.

Highlights

Whether from boat or mokoro, or simply looking out from your $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

deck, wildlife at home in (or drawn to) the blue waters is evident: herds of red lechwe, hippo, crocodile and spotted-necked otter are the obvious inhabitants, followed by elephant wallowing in the shallows and, if you're lucky, elusive sitatunga or predators like lion and leopard. True Okavango bird specials include Pel's fishing-owl and the endangered wattled crane.

A crystal-clear water wonderland harbouring the Okavango Delta's most elusive species.





Jacana Camp at a Glance

Category: Classic
5 Tents (including 1 Family Tent): Comfortable tents; en-suite bathrooms; outdoor showers

Experiences: Year-round mokoro and boating • Day game drives
• Seasonal catch-and-release fishing









Xigera Camp

In the heart of the Delta, in lush, verdant shade and surrounded by flowing channels of crystal-clear water, lies Xigera (pronounced Keejera) Camp, on the aptly named Paradise Island. Meals are enjoyed in the lounge and dining area overlooking one of the myriad channels, or under the stars in a traditional African boma. A star deck and plunge pool round out the experience.

Highlights

Being enveloped by water on all sides allows you to fully experience the inundation of the annual floodwaters that move slowly along channels and into lagoons during the winter months, before retreating as summer approaches. Water-loving red lechwe, spotted-necked otter, elephant and tsessebe – and the highest density of the elusive sitatunga antelope in the Delta – make their home here, as do predators such as leopard and spotted hyaena. Birders will delight in avian fishermen, such as Pel's fishing-owl, African skimmer and slaty egret.

The idyllic waterway- and papyrus-patterned heart of the Okavango Delta.



THE OKAVANGO DELTA - COMBINATION CAMPS

While some areas of the Okavango are very distinctly either land-or water-dominated, many fall into a blend between the two - a mix of dry land and watery habitats that give visitors access to representative parts of the overall Okavango experience. How much water or how much land varies, depending on the time of year and the exact location within the Okavango Delta.

These areas tend to lie on the outer fringes of the permanent swamp and as a result, have a mix of habitats that range from permanent water, open channels and lagoons, to seasonal floodplain, acacia woodland and scrub fringe and even dense mopane woodland. Consequently, activities in the camps in these areas are a diverse mix of game drives, walks, boating and mekoro – different vehicles used to access different areas and experience their associated wildlife.

It is for this reason that the camps in these areas are known as "combination camps."

In such camps – depending on both seasonality and the wishes of our guests – a three-night stay might be weighted more towards either wet or dry land experiences and activities. An early morning mokoro trip on lily-clad waters might be combined with an afternoon and evening game drive in search of predators, while the following day would see an extended fishing trip by boat. Walks might form part of a game drive or the entire activity.

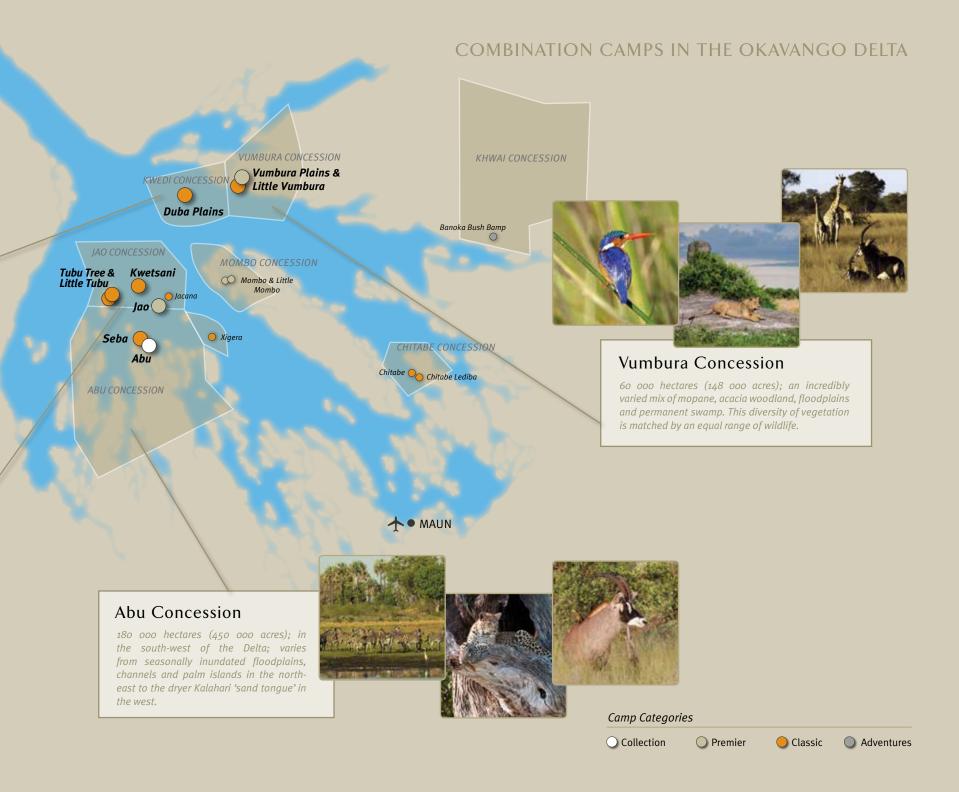


30 000 hectares (74 000 acres); in the northern reaches of the Okavango Delta. Large Duba Island is the main land mass in the area and is surrounded by channels, swamps and seasonally inundated floodplains with palm islands.



Jao Concession

60 ooo hectares (148 ooo acres); vegetation varies from picturesque floodplains with lush palm islands and riparian forest of the Jao Flats to Hunda Island, covered in acacia and mopane woodland – largest expanse of dry land during the annual inundation.





Abu Camp at a Glance

Category: Wilderness Collection

6 Villas: Individually styled canvas and timber retreats; en-suite bathrooms; outdoor bath; shaded deck

Experiences: Elephant interaction • Day and night game drives • Mokoro excursions (seasonal) • Guided walks • Star-bed sleep-out • Gym









Abu Camp

The light, airy villas of majestic Abu Camp nestle below ancient sycamore figs overlooking a permanent lagoon. Dappled shade and lush surrounds create an idyllic environment in which the sophistication of the lounge and dining area with well-stocked library and anticipatory personal service is at ease with a relaxed home-from-home experience. The same is true of the culinary offering, five-star haute cuisine side by side with pizza straight from the traditional oven.

The extraordinary privilege of being part of an African elephant herd.

Highlights

Encounters and activities with the Abu Elephant Herd provide magical moments whether in camp, or out in the natural splendour of the Delta. Abu's floodplains and islands host herds of red lechwe, zebra, giraffe and tsessebe, while clans of spotted hyaena, secretive leopard and even prides of lion are the predators in chief. Spend an evening curled up near the elephants in the unique "star-bed" while the herd slumbers below.



Jao Camp

Located on a large island in the heart of the Okavango, Jao Camp's individually handcrafted and luxurious tents look out onto the essence of the Delta – swathes of water, swaying reeds, leaping lechwe and dancing cranes. The main area is an elaborate two-storey wooden structure with lounge and dining area, two plunge pools,

A sophisticated and hidden Okavango Delta retreat.

a library, curio shop and boma for dining under the stars, complemented by an excellent wine cellar. An award-winning spa and gym epitomise luxury in the most remote, scenically splendid setting.

Highlights

Jao's position — amongst waterways and lagoons, yet close to dry Kalahari woodland — means you can enjoy both land and water experiences, depending on the time of year and the level of the waters that move ceaselessly through the area. Here, spectacular herds of red lechwe are followed by lion and leopard, while other game includes tsessebe, giraffe, elephant, hippo and crocodile, occasional sitatunga and regular spotted-necked otter.







Vumbura Plains

Vumbura Plains, tucked beneath a canopy of cool, shady, indigenous trees, seems to float on a sea of waving reeds, situated as it is in the midst of a large floodplain. The rooms are uniquely designed, spacious and raised off the ground on wooden decks to take in a wide-angled vista.

Highlights

Because the area is a mix of water and dry

land, wildlife is diverse, for example, water-loving lechwe can be seen splashing through the reeds from your deck, while the sable of the dry savannah is spotted on game drives. Lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah and buffalo along with all the plains animals and prolific birds provide an excellent all-round wildlife experience in an unspoilt region of the Okavango. Vumbura Plains is situated in a concession leased from remote rural communities organised under the Okavango Community Trust and aims to help bring the benefits of ecotourism to local people.

Eco-retreat of contemporary design offering the best of the Okavango's wildlife and activities.







Duba Plains

A small, tree-covered island, surrounded by floodplains that are seasonally inundated by water, is the home of Duba Plains, an intimate, exclusive camp shaded by tall ebony, fig and mangosteen trees. The main area, comprising dining room, curio store, swimming pool and fireplace, are all raised to take in the view across the adjacent Okavango channel.

Highlights

Duba Plains is the setting for the award-winning Joubert documentary *Relentless Enemies*, as well as *Big Cat Odyssey* and *The Last Lions* – all detailing the classic lion and buffalo interactions that can occur in the area. Coupled with this is fantastic viewing of uncommon small carnivores such as aardwolf, bat-eared fox and side-striped jackal. Herds of elephant feed on the islands, hippo concentrate in channels, tsessebe and wildebeest dot the plains, while red lechwe are found on the wetter floodplain fringe. Birdlife is abundant and impressive.

"Relentless
Enemies" – the
age-old and
endless drama
between lion
and buffalo.





Kwetsani Camp

Kwetsani is situated on an elongated island covered with palm, mangosteen and fig trees. The main area, including dining and lounge area, with its large wooden deck and cool thatched roof, is raised high above the ground and overlooks an expansive floodplain. A walkway leads to a plunge pool with loungers – a perfect spot to relax at midday.

Island tree-houses overlooking a picture-perfect, lechwe-dotted floodplain.

Highlights

Kwetsani offers excellent land and water activities dependent on annual inundation levels. Lion, leopard, lechwe and tsessebe are among the major game attractions, while hippo, sitatunga and crocodile reside in the deeper, permanently lily-filled lagoons. Incredible vistas of the surrounding floodplains dotted with lechwe, other plains game and even lion can be seen from the decks or from the comfort of your tent.



Little Vumbura

Little Vumbura epitomises island living in the midst of a water wonderland. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, this beautiful camp is shaded by the canopy of an ancient Okavango forest that covers the island. A plunge pool and reading area are raised to provide a fine view over the floodplains and a star-deck leads off over the water from the dining area.

Iconic and perennially popular Okavango island camp with great game viewing.

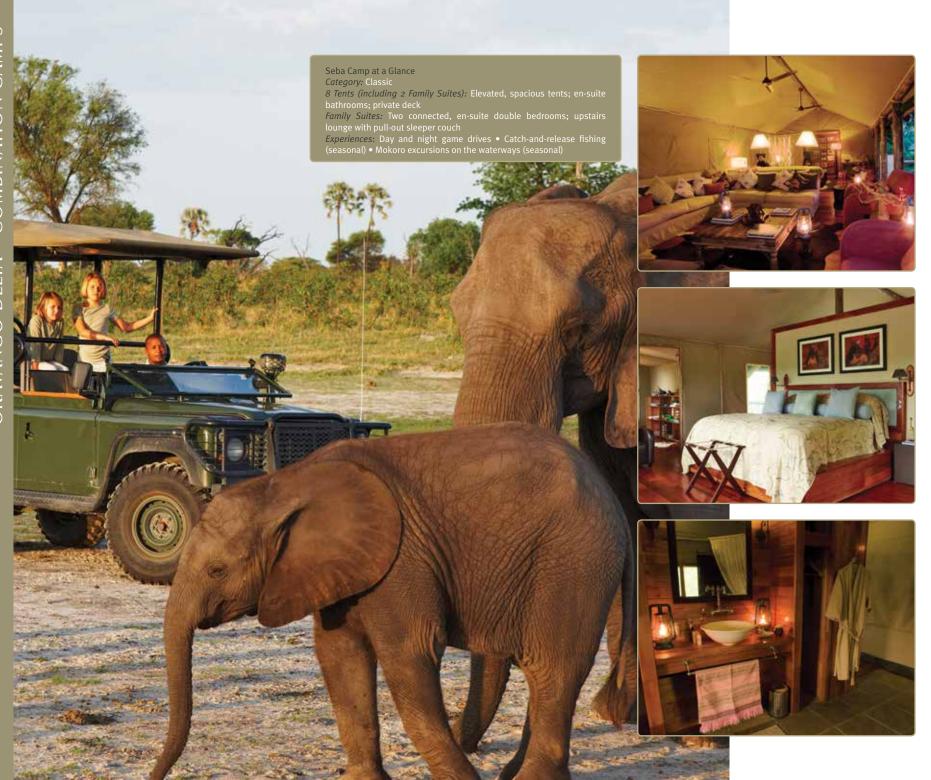
Highlights

Surrounded as it is by water and lying close to large channels, aquatic creatures are easily found, but general wildlife viewing is consistently good all year round, with lion, leopard, elephant, sable and buffalo along with extensive plains game. Little Vumbura is situated in a concession leased from remote rural communities organised under the Okavango Community Trust and aims to help bring the benefits of ecotourism to local people.











Seba Camp

Family-friendly Seba Camp overlooks a perennial lagoon with prolific birdlife and resident pods of hippo. Each tent celebrates the different ethnic groups of Botswana through vibrant décor, while the main area—including dining

Introduce your young family to the wonder and magic of wild Africa.

area, bar and lounge-library – is set on a raised saligna deck with floodplain views. There is ample space for children in the purpose-built family suites – including a built-in 'tree-house' and an elevated deck which has its own small swimming pool and sandpit.

Highlights

The large elephant population aside, a growing abundance of game graces the area: giraffe, zebra, impala, wildebeest, tsessebe and lechwe. Lion, leopard and hyaena are regularly found nearby, herds of buffalo are occasional visitors, and there are excellent opportunities to see the rare roan antelope.



Tubu Tree lies on the remote Hunda Island, the largest area of permanently dry land in this region of the Okavango Delta. As its name implies, it lies in the dappled shade of large trees, its raised dining and lounge, pool and open bar areas almost within the canopy of a marula tree and looking out over a grassy floodplain. The whole camp is connected by raised wooden boardwalks so that one can literally wander amongst the leaves.

Highlights

Tubu Tree's location and easy access to both water and dry-land habitats, ranging from dry Kalahari sandveld to mopane and riverine forest edging on permanent waterways, ensures varied and spectacular game viewing. There are good concentrations of zebra and wildebeest on the floodplains as well as elephant, red lechwe, tsessebe and giraffe. Leopard and spotted hyaena viewing is particularly good.

Remote leopard viewing enclave on the western floodplains of the Okavango.







Little Tubu

Little Tubu (opening June 2013) is located near its sister camp, Tubu Tree, on the isolated Hunda Island. Nestled amongst a broad swathe of trees overlooking a seasonal floodplain, Little Tubu offers an exceptional and intimate bush experience

Intimate and exclusive sister to Tubu Tree Camp.

for a maximum of six guests. Elevated walkways link the tents to the main dining and pool areas that are designed to blend seamlessly into the surrounding environment and maximise the spectacular views. A convivial bar area is built into a waterberry tree.

Highlights

Wildlife seen around Little Tubu includes elephant, Burchell's zebra, red lechwe, giraffe, tsessebe, and blue wildebeest on the floodplains. Kudu, impala, bushbuck and leopard are also seen in the forested areas. The variety of birdlife is impressive, with dry-land species seen on the larger islands and a multitude of wetland birds seen on the floodplains and waterways.



THE LINYANTI

To the north-east of the Okavango Delta, Botswana shares a border with a stretch of Namibia known as the Caprivi Strip. On the Botswana side of the border – a line marked by the meandering Linyanti River – lie the Selinda and Linyanti Concessions and the well-known Chobe National Park.

The area is unique in several ways: the Savute Channel, once dry and now a flowing river; the Selinda Spillway, a channel that links the Okavango and Linyanti systems; the productive Linyanti Marsh; and extensive mopane woodlands.

These four features, together with the many varied habitats within these areas – marshes, waterways, riverine forests, dry woodlands and grasslands – harbour one of the densest dryseason concentrations of elephant in Africa, one of the main attractions for travellers to northern Botswana. There are also significant concentrations of predators however, from large prides of lion, to the critically endangered wild dog, as well as leopard, spotted hyaena and cheetah. Its vast expanse also provides refuge for specialised antelope such as roan and sable. In short, it is one of Botswana's most important and expansive wildlife areas with natural migrations by species such as elephant and zebra taking place over long distances.

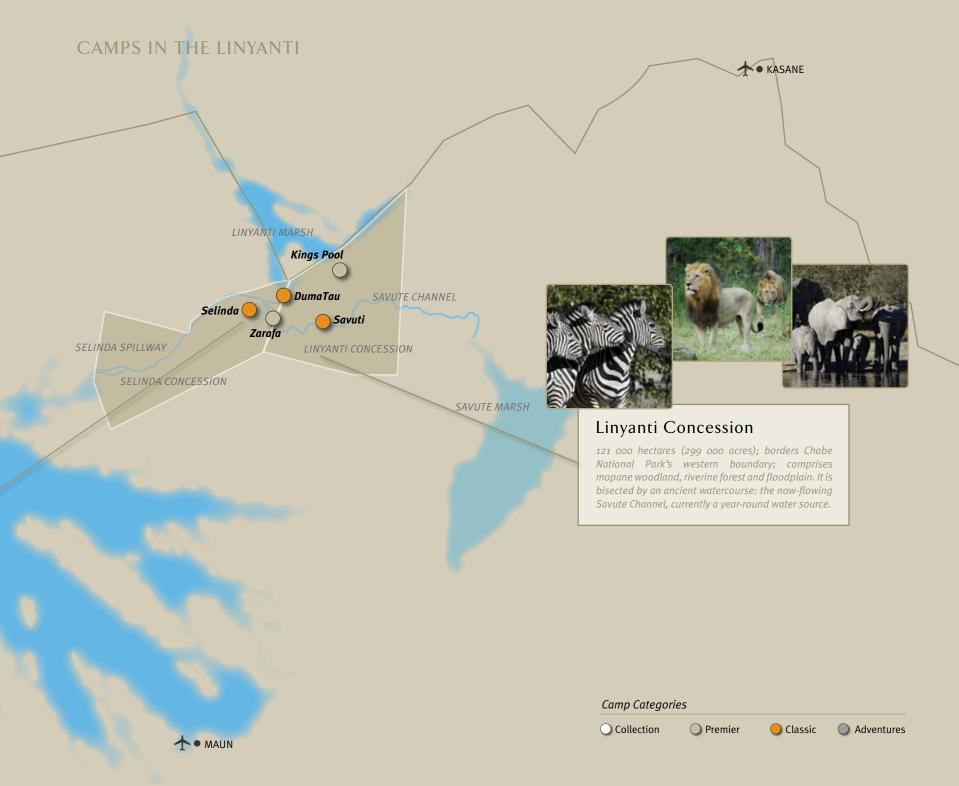
The prolific and diverse wildlife and spectacular scenery together form a wonderful contrast to the Okavango; in many ways, it is an essential complement to it. Adding this area to a Botswana itinerary makes for a varied and balanced experience of the country.





Selinda Concession

135 ooo hectare (333 ooo acres); woodland and forest mosaics and extensive floodplains and permanent Zibadianja Lagoon (source of the Savute Channel) where elephant dominate in the dry winter months.





Kings Pool

This stylish camp, named for Scandinavian royalty, overlooks the oxbow-shaped Kings Pool Lagoon. The lounge and dining areas are set on expansive decks that echo the natural spaces, and there is a pool, gym and an open-air 'kgotla' (boma) for fine evening dining under the stars. End the day with sundowners on the elegant, colonial-style *Queen Sylvia* as she cruises down the Linyanti River.

Highlights

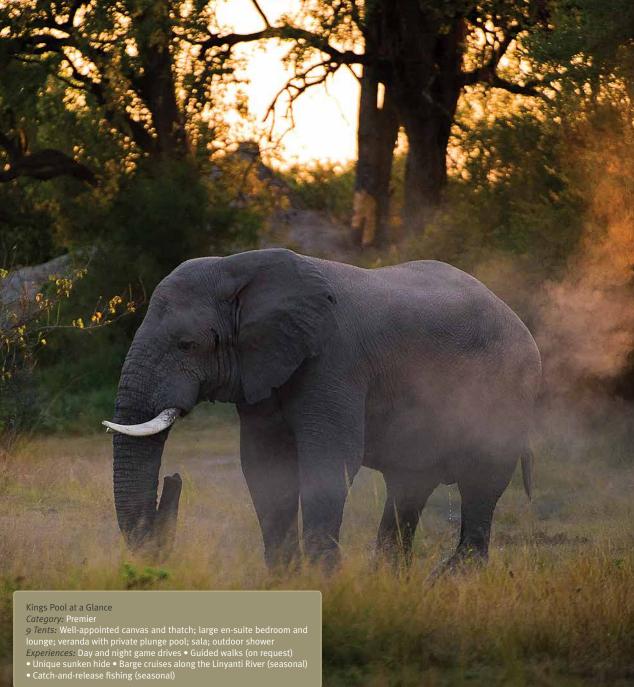
The area around Kings Pool is home to large elephant herds that traverse the area – especially in the winter months – together with wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, waterbuck, steenbok, warthog and roan. Predators such as lion, leopard, spotted hyaena and wild dog all follow. Two hides, one with the water at eyelevel, are perfect places to spend your siesta: elephant feet and trunks almost within touching distance.

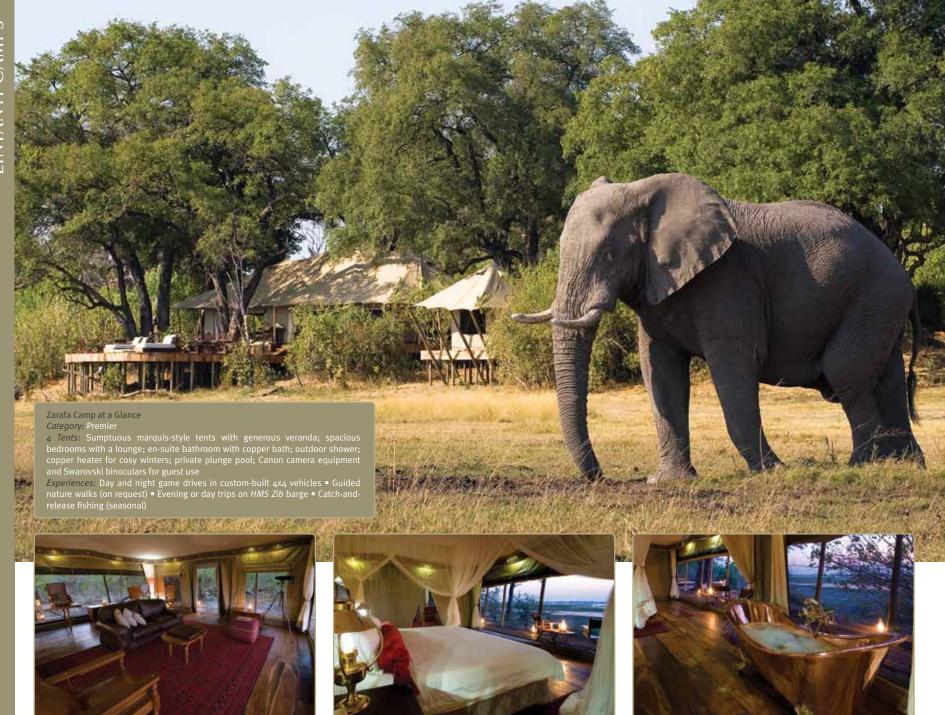
Historic safari base in the middle of Africa's highest density of elephants.











Zarafa Camp

Zarafa Camp is where extreme green blends seamlessly with flowing canvas and opulent luxury, the "campaign-style" furnishings of the tents and main area evoking that traditional safari ambiance. Lounge and dining facilities are under canvas or on the full-length deck, shaded by giant broad-leafed trees and fronting onto the idyllic Zibadianja Lagoon. The camp is run completely on solar power.

A blend of luxurious old-style expeditionary safari with 21st-century eco-consciousness.

Highlights

The area is dominated by a vast grassy floodplain, interrupted by slightly elevated palm islands and winding waterways that in the dry season attract a wide range of plains game – like kudu, tsessebe, zebra and giraffe – seeking to quench their thirst. Huge herds of elephant stay close to the permanent waters of the Lagoon during this time. Top predators are lion and spotted hyaena, together with regularly seen wild dog and even cheetah. All are complemented by varied and notable birdlife.







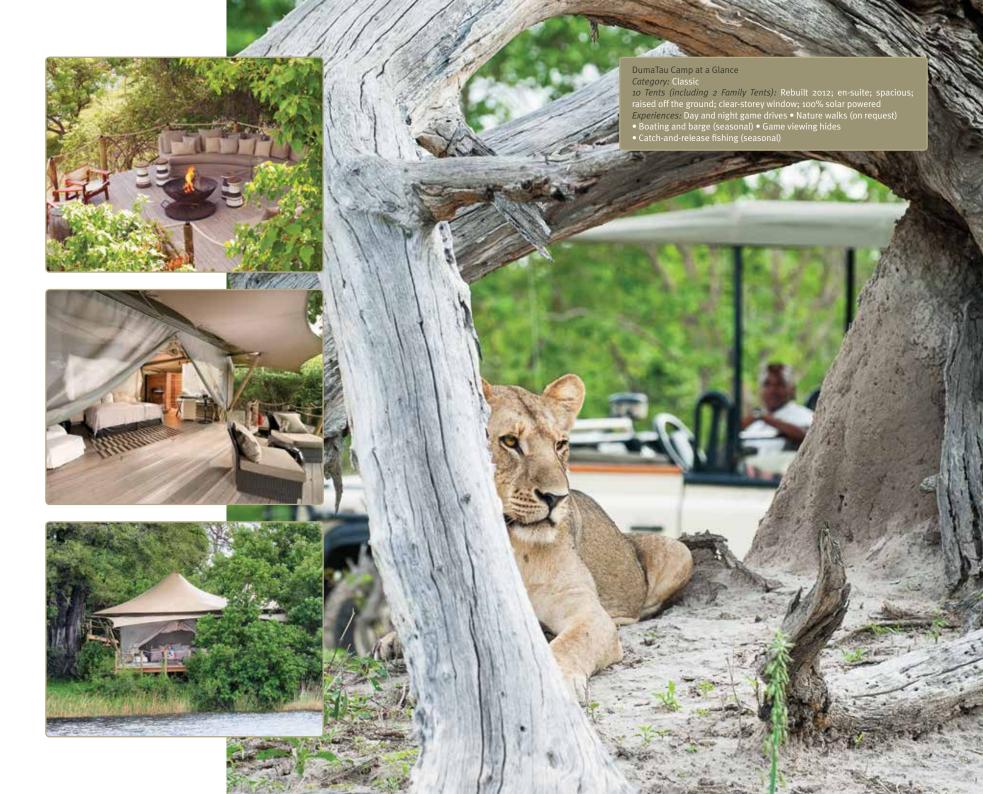
DumaTau

DumaTau means "roar of the lion," but the elephant reigns here. The camp is set on a lagoon on the Linyanti River between two "elephant highways," affording unparalleled viewing of these iconic mammals, along with other wildlife. Together with sweeping, dramatic views of the river, the architecture of the camp expresses the explorer aesthetic, as well as the idea of space. There is an airy dining and lounge area, and a guest bathroom, all taking advantage of the superb view of the lagoon.

Highlights

DumaTau is located close to the source of the Savute Channel, with access to the Linyanti Swamps, floodplains and extensive mopane woodlands, thus offering an excellent combination of land and river. During winter, large elephant herds traverse the area. Chances of viewing leopard, lion and wild dog are excellent, along with other large mammals like hippo, red lechwe, giraffe, waterbuck, kudu, impala and occasional buffalo.

Perhaps the best game viewing in far northern Botswana – from its newest and most stylish camp.



Savuti Camp

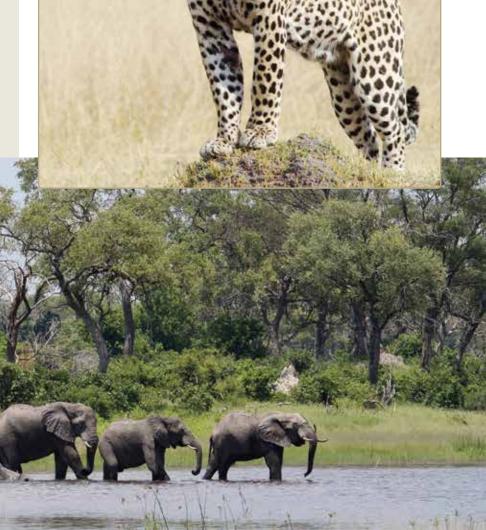
Savuti Camp is located right on the Savute Channel, which for many years was dry, a wide-open ribbon of grassland snaking through the adjoining woodland. In 2008, the waters returned, and abundant game has congregated and adapted in its wake. Savuti Camp is elevated off the ground,

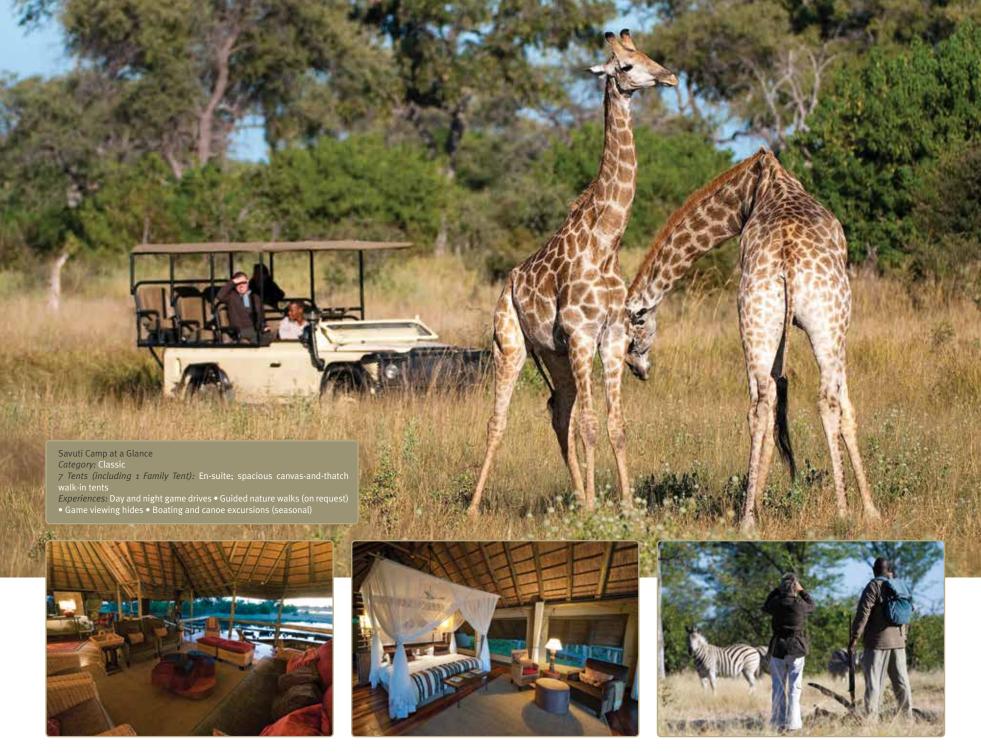
Experience "the Vanishing River" that reappeared!

thus taking front row seats to view the results of the amazing transformation of the resurgent Savute Channel. A thatched dining area, plunge pool and large viewing deck with fire pit extend outwards on raised wooden decks over the waters.

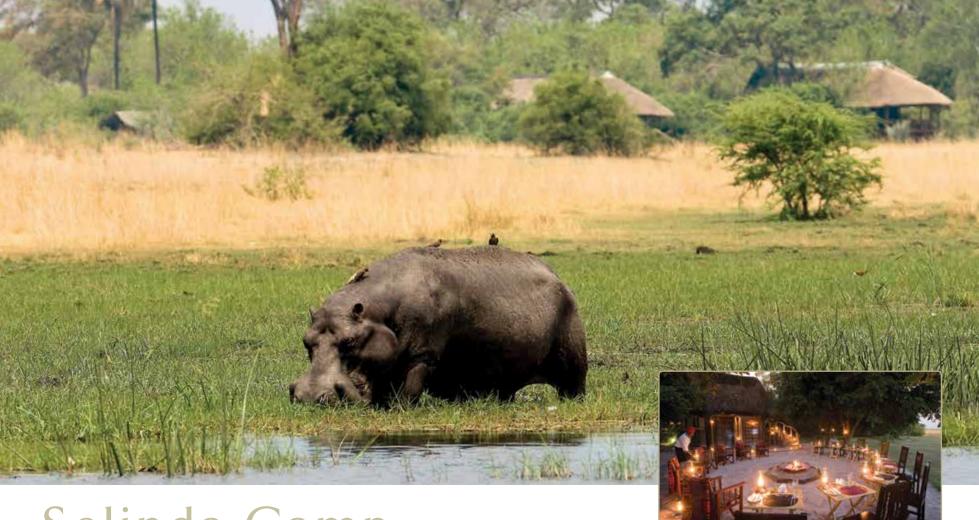
Highlights

Exploring the length of the Savute Channel and its associated woodlands is a highlight here. Game concentrations are high, particularly in the winter dry season, and apart from elephant and plains game, species such as zebra, roan, giraffe, lion, leopard and wild dog may also be encountered.









Selinda Camp

Selinda Camp is tucked away into natural vegetation looking out onto the surrounding palm-studded floodplains. The main area is attractive, cool and under thatch and comprises dining, lounge and bar areas with spectacular views. Set apart from the main area is the photo and art gallery next to the camp's 500-bottle wine cellar, open-air deck, plunge pool and traditional campfire area.

Highlights

The Selinda Spillway winds its way through the Selinda Reserve and forms a magnet for the wildlife of the region. The area is thus an all-year-round wildlife viewing destination with large concentrations of elephant – particularly in the dry season – as well as buffalo, red lechwe, giraffe, zebra, kudu, cheetah, wild dog, lion and leopard, with an excellent bird count of over 300 species.

A unique seasonal waterway linking the Okavango Delta with the wildlife-rich floodplains of the Linyanti marshes.

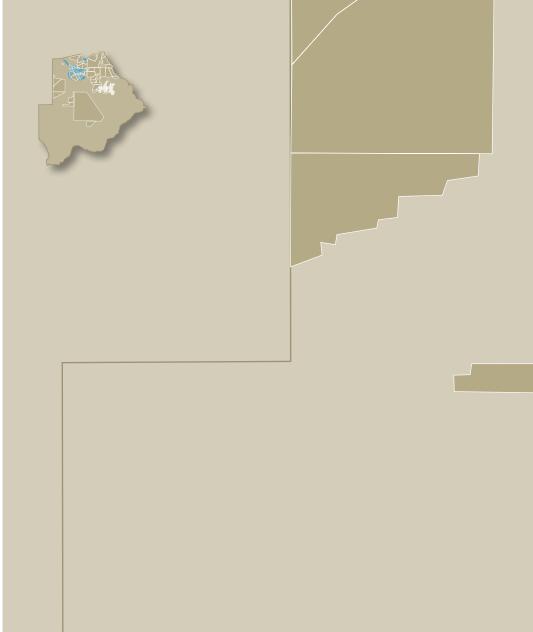
THE CENTRAL KALAHARI

South of the Okavango Delta and towards the centre of Botswana, emerges the vast Kalahari Desert, the largest unbroken stretch of sand in the world, extending from South Africa through to the Congo.

From above, its flat, apparently featureless surface appears barren in places, but in fact it is home to a full spectrum of plants, animals and people (the ancient San or Bushman clans) that have successfully adapted to life in this harsh environment.

The name is something of a misnomer, as it is no true desert, but a dry savannah with diverse ecosystems at its edges. At its core is the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, an enormous expanse of gently undulating fossil dunes covered in grasses and intersected by ancient river valleys where water no longer flows. Here, each year, in the ancient fossil riverbeds – Deception, Passarge, Letiahau, Okwa – and associated pans, the brief spring rains create the miracle of endless seas of nutritious grasses that attract large concentrations of gemsbok, springbok and red hartebeest, their newborn calves and lambs, followed inevitably by predators such as lion, cheetah and black-backed jackal.

The Kalahari as a whole, with its striking contrast to the verdant Okavango and Linyanti regions, adds significantly to Botswana's already overwhelming diversity. Here, one's eyes need a wideangle lens to take in the waving grass and gnarled acacia trees that stretch to a distant horizon at which the sky comes down to meet the earth.



CAMP IN THE CENTRAL KALAHARI



Passarge Valley

Deception Valley

Kalahari Plains

Letiahau Valley

Okwa Valley

Quoxo Valley

CENTRAL KALAHARI

Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Five million hectares (12 million acres); one of the largest protected areas in Africa. A vast flat expanse of scrub-covered fossil dunes interspersed with ancient river valleys; acacia savannah areas hold significant populations of predators. Impressive plains game populations move seasonally between dune and valley: in summer the flatlands are filled with wildlife whilst in winter they gather around waterholes. Over 220 bird species include many arid-west endemic species.



Kalahari Plains Camp

Kalahari Plains Camp, overlooking an immense grassy and fertile pan with endless horizons and beautiful skies, is raised off the ground to catch the breeze and take in sweeping views across the Kalahari by day and star-filled skies by night. Solar power provides electricity and hot water, and innovative insulated canvas walls and roof keep the temperatures inside comfortable. The lounge and dining area, also raised, are perfect for watching wildlife in front of camp.

Endless skies, ancient cultures, abundant summers and insightful winters.

Highlights

The Central Kalahari Game Reserve is famed for its outstanding wildlife. This region offers some of the best summer wildlife viewing in Africa; the desert springs to life attracting vast herds of antelope (principally springbok, gemsbok, red hartebeest and blue wildebeest) followed by abundant predators – including the legendary black-maned Kalahari lion and cheetah, offering perhaps Botswana's best viewing of this species. The unique culture and traditional lifestyles of the San Bushman people are celebrated here by San staff from the area.







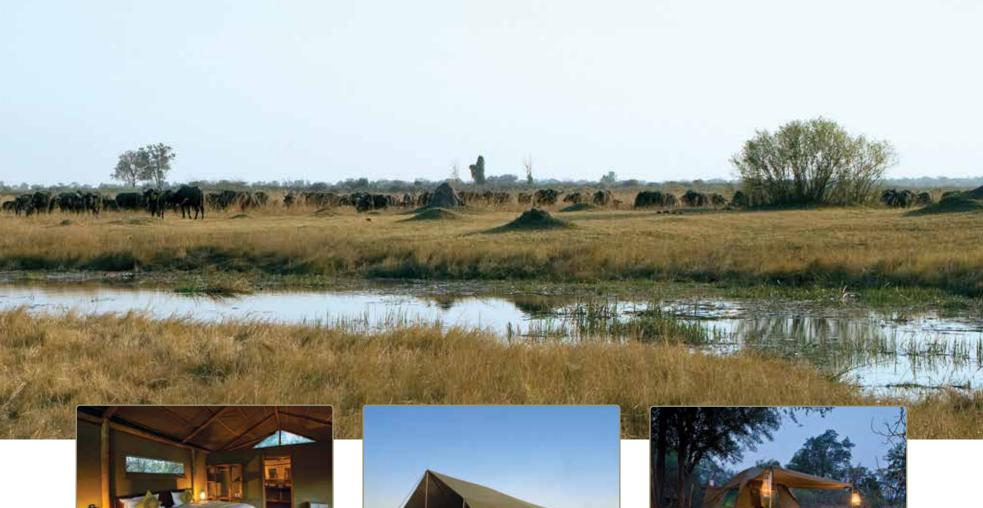


OUR EXPLORATIONS

Set out under the African sun to explore some of the continent's prime wilderness areas with our exclusive Explorations safaris. These spectacular guided journeys allow guests to discover remote and pristine areas in diverse private concessions while enjoying the most outstanding wildlife viewing. Our fully-serviced cross-country safaris cater for small groups (operating with a minimum of two and a maximum of eight guests) on a scheduled basis or are tailor-made for private groups. All of which allow for the most authentic African experience today.

The secret to a fantastic Explorations trip is your personal guide, who leads the safari from beginning to end. Our guides are passionate, experienced and highly trained local individuals who make the whole journey seamless and interpretive from start to finish. More than just talented naturalists, many are skilled photographers and can assist you in taking amazing wildlife images. These guides are also available to lead private tailor-made safaris and specialist trips in any of our concessions and camps – some even offering multilingual experiences.

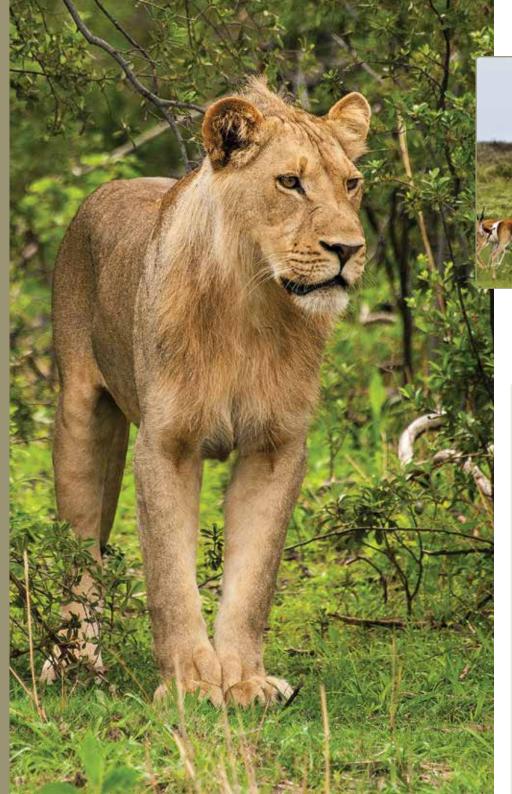
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Discoverer Camps are private camps that are set in secluded locations with outstanding wildlife viewing. Each camp enjoys creature comforts in semi-permanent wood and canvas tents with ensuite bathrooms. The main area is comfortable and intimate with lounge, dining room and outdoor boma as well as charging facilities.

Adventurer Camps are set up for the season and comprise either walk-in dome tents or mini-Meru tents, with en-suite hot bucket showers and toilet facilities. Hammocks and safari camper chairs are ideal for midday siestas. Dining under the stars and around the fire is part of an authentic safari experience.

Trails Camps are mobile camps that allow access to very remote locations. They are dome tents complete with en-suite bathrooms and bucket showers. Trails Camps immerse you in a true safari experience. This type of Exploration is the most active and is defined mainly by its unique mode of transport – be it on foot or by canoe.



Botswana Summer Encounter

This Exploration begins in the "fossil" river valley of Deception Valley, Central Kalahari Game Reserve, where the life-giving summer rains attract wildlife in large numbers. From here, continue through the fertile green islands and crystal-clear waterways of the Okavango to the wildlife-rich Linyanti and Chobe River systems, ending at the world-famous Victoria Falls on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River.

Experience
Botswana in
one of its most
abundant and
remarkable
seasons.

Brief Itinerary

Days 1, 2 & 3: Arrive in Maun and fly to Central Kalahari Game Reserve, then game drive to Deception Valley Trails Camp

Days 4 & 5: Overland to Maun (approx. 6 hours) and then fly to Xigera Camp, Okavango Delta

Days 6, 7 & 8: Fly to Linyanti Discoverer Camp, Linyanti Concession

Day 9: Fly to Kasane for Chobe River boat cruise; then road transfer to Toka Leya, Livingstone

Day 10: Guided tour of Victoria Falls; road transfer to Livingstone Airport



Great Wilderness Journey

Long ago, explorers made their pioneering way along the dusty paths of Africa, allowing the great continent to seep into their souls. This journey takes the time to experience and explore Botswana's scenic northern areas: from the Victoria Falls, the widest curtain of falling water in the world, to the game-rich floodplains of Linyanti and Chobe, ending in the lush oasis of the Okavango Delta.

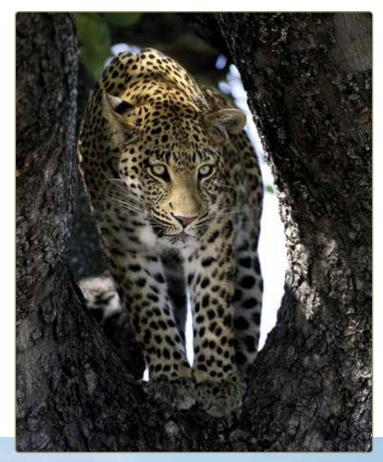
Explore remote and pristine northern Botswana in exclusive private areas.

Brief Itinerary

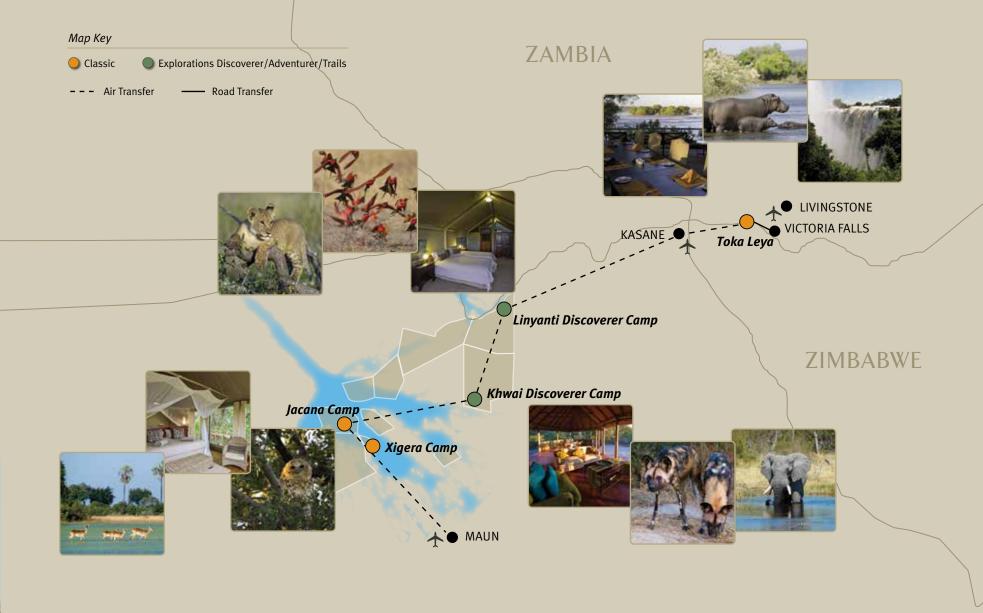
Day 1: Arrive in Livingstone, guided tour of Victoria Falls; then road transfer to Toka Leya Camp, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Livingstone

Days 2, 3 & 4: Air transfer to Kasane for Chobe River boat cruise; then fly to Linyanti Discoverer Camp, Linyanti Concession

Days 5, 6 & 7: Fly to Khwai Discoverer Camp, Khwai Concession, north-eastern Okavango Delta Days 8, 9 & 10: Fly to Jacana Camp or Xigera Camp, Moremi Game Reserve / Okavango Delta Day 11: Fly to Maun Airport







Great Wilderness Journey at a Glance

Type: Discoverer

Duration: 10 nights / 11 days

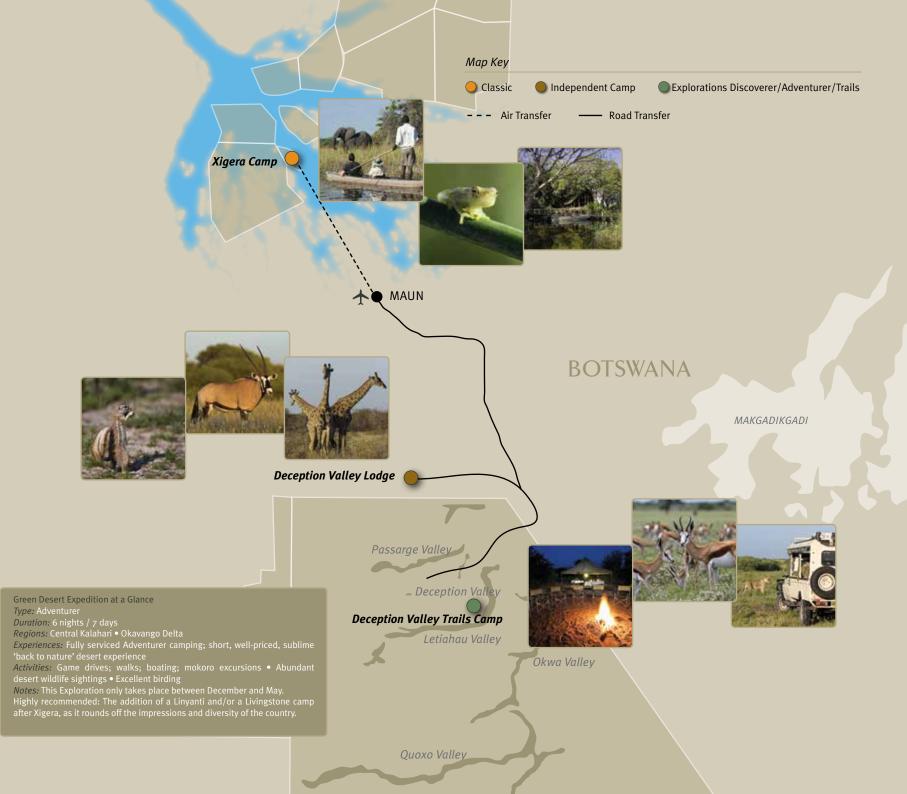
Regions: Victoria Falls • Chobe • Linyanti • Khwai • Okavango

Experiences: Three-night stays in private wilderness areas

Activities: Game drives, walks, mokoro and boating • Chobe River Boat

Cruise • Guided tour of Victoria Falls

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Green Desert Expedition

Discover the remote Central Kalahari's most productive season, when the limited rains it receives creates a short yet incredibly prolific wildlife-viewing period, with concentrations of desert species and their young in the ancient river valleys of Deception Valley. Then, in a stunning contrast, fly to the vibrant water wonderland of Xigera in the heart of the blue-green Okavango Delta.

Contrast the desert's most productive season with the alwaysfertile Okavango Delta.

Brief Itinerary

Day 1: Drive to Deception Valley Lodge, Kalahari, just north of Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Days 2, 3 & 4: Drive to Deception Valley Trails Camp, Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Days 5 & 6: Transfer by road to Maun and fly to Xigera Camp, Okavango Delta Day 7: Fly to Maun Airport







Migration Routes

This compact nature- and wildlife-focused route explores the richest wildlife areas of northern Botswana within the broad vistas of the Linyanti with its wooded deciduous forests and the crystal-clear waterways and fertile green islands of the Okavango Delta. Beginning with the thundering waters of the Victoria Falls, we cover these unique wild areas from the air, by vehicle, on foot and in mokoro.

Discover a wealth of wildlife along the rivers and faultlines of northern Botswana.

Brief Itinerary

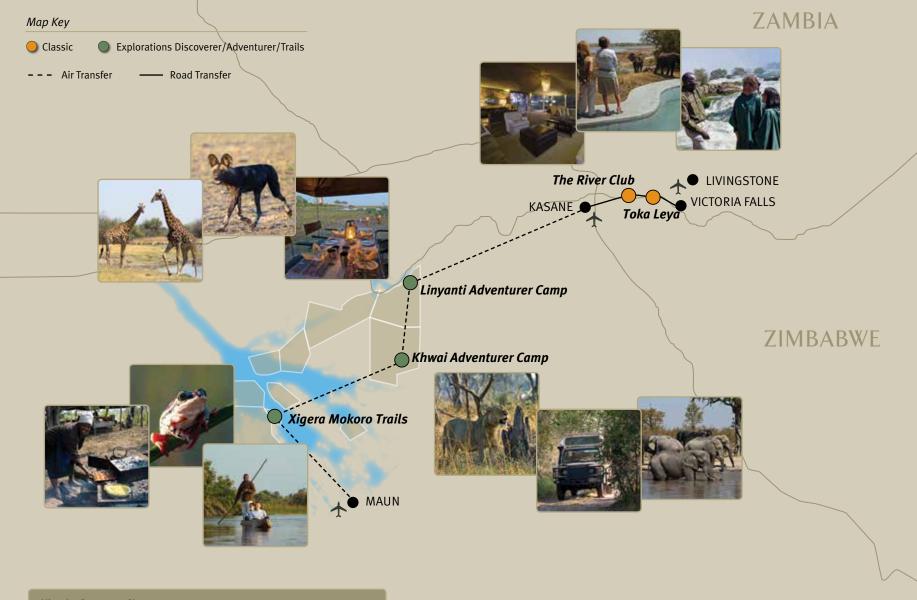
Day 1: Arrive in Livingstone, guided tour of Victoria Falls; drive to The River Club or Toka Leya Camp, Livingstone

Days 2, 3 & 4: Road transfer to Kasane for river boat cruise in the Chobe National Park; fly to Linyanti Adventurer Camp, Linyanti Concession

 ${\tt Days}\ {\tt 5,6\&7:}\ {\tt Fly}\ {\tt to}\ {\tt Khwai}\ {\tt Adventurer}\ {\tt Camp,Khwai}\ {\tt Concession,north-eastern}\ {\tt Okavango}\ {\tt Delta}$

Days 8 & 9: Fly to Xigera Mokoro Trails, Moremi Game Reserve, Okavango Delta

Day 10: Fly to Maun Airport



Migration Routes at a Glance

Type: Adventurer

Duration: 9 nights / 10 days
Regions: Okavango • Khwai • Linyanti • Chobe • Victoria Falls
Experiences: Specifically tailored to enjoy varied species of the Okavango Delta,
Linyanti savannah and Chobe • Mainly in areas exclusive to Wilderness Safaris guests
Activities: Game drives, walks; mokoro • Cross country road and air transfers showcase

BOTSWANA

Selinda Canoe Trail at a Glance

Type: Trails

Duration: 3 nights / 4 days
Region: Selinda

Experiences: A 'back to nature' experience, on water and foot • Nights are spent in fly camps (comprising dome tents with hot bucket showers and short-drop toilets) along the way

Activities: Canoeing; nature walks

Notes: This Exploration only runs between end April and mid-October.

Highly recommended: A night spent at either Selinda Camp or Zarafa Camp before or after the Trail.

LINYANTI SWAMP

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Start

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Explorations Discoverer/Adventurer/Trails

- - - Canoe Route

SELINDA CONCESSION





Selinda Canoe Trail

Paddle down some 45km (25 miles) of the Selinda Spillway in the heart of Botswana's isolated and unspoilt Selinda Reserve. Days are spent rowing eastwards along the Spillway in 5.5 metre (18-foot), stable Canadian-style canoes with cushioned seats, viewing wildlife and bird species along the banks. The area is well known for its wealth of life, while its beauty evokes remoteness and solitude.

A canoeing and walking adventure along the Selinda Spillway, replicating the explorers of old.

Brief Itinerary

Days 1, 2 & 3: Game drive transfer from Selinda airstrip to starting point on the spillway, paddling downstream, overnighting in true wilderness areas for three nights

Day 4: Transfer by road to Selinda airstrip for onward arrangements

More Than Just a Safari

At Wilderness Safaris, our delight is to share the wild places of Africa with our guests, while our ultimate goal is to help make a difference to Africa, its people and its wildlife. As a guest, you are helping us to do so.

There is much more that needs to be done, however, which is why, some 20 years ago, we created the **Wilderness Safaris Wildlife Trust**, an independent entity that supports a wide variety of wildlife management, research and education projects throughout Africa. These projects address the needs of our wildlife, seek solutions to save threatened species and provide education and training for local communities. This has made our journey more meaningful and we've reached more people and places than before.

Conservation of animals and plants is only as strong as the people who live in their vicinity. If they're not interested, protection is likely to exist only on paper. That's why Africa's future lies in her children, and why our pride and joy is our **Children in the Wilderness** programme, which aims to educate the youth of Africa, inspiring and helping them to appreciate and thus protect their magnificent natural heritage.

Every year, we close some of our camps for a week at a time and groups of 16 to 25 children between the ages of 10 and 14 are hosted here, given the opportunity to experience these wilderness areas and their wildlife. During camp, the curriculum covers environmental education, HIV/ AIDS and nutrition and life skills, and the importance of conservation. No less importantly, throughout the year, Eco Clubs are held at the local schools (i.e. schools situated near Wilderness Safaris areas), where we can visit the children in their own environment, providing opportunities for all learners who are interested in the environment to meet, learn, discuss and expand their knowledge of their natural heritage.

Our guests can be proud to be part of this life-changing journey.













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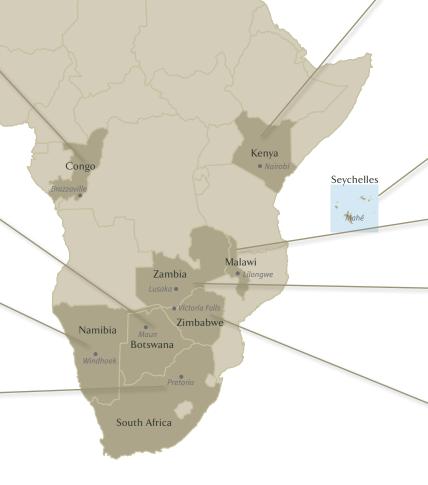
Namibia

The world's highest sand dunes, vast conservation areas, desert-adapted wildlife and nomadic traditional tribal cultures.



South Africa

The 'Rainbow Nation' and host to the Kruger Park, Table Mountain, diverse cultures and some of Africa's best tropical diving.





Kenya

The roots of 'safari', and home to the planet's largest large mammal migration and the burgeoning herds of the Laikipia Plateau.

Seychelles

Sandy white-beaches, warm-ocean Eden and tropical escape filled with unique species found nowhere else on Earth.



Malawi

The 'warm heart of Africa,' part of the Great Rift Valley and perhaps the world's most diverse freshwater lake.

Zambia

Known as 'the real Africa,' with space, wilderness and wildlife to match the claim, whether in Kafue or Victoria Falls.





Zimbabwe

Classic safari destination teeming with big game in Hwange and Mana Pools National Parks, as well as the majestic Victoria Falls.

Where Else In Africa?

Africa is vast. The so-called 'dark continent' is nearly one quarter bigger than all of North America (including Alaska, Canada, Mexico and the USA), and the entire European continent would fit into its land surface no less than three times.

It is also not as densely populated as is often believed. Population density is only 46% that of Europe and 35% that of Asia. Despite this, there are between 2 100 and 3 000 indigenous African languages and cultures, a diversity mirrored by the huge array of flora and fauna that occurs across the breadth of the continent.

This diversity of wildlife is unmatched anywhere else on the planet in terms of the range and numbers of large mammals—the megafauna. Africa plays host to more than 1 300 mammal species, while in comparison North America and Europe between them hold less than 600 species.

Vast intact savannah landscapes and ecosystems enable lion, herds of elephant, myriad plains game and even people to exist as they have done for thousands of years. The same is true of the rainforest and some of our closest relatives – chimpanzees and gorillas – as well as the deserts, off-shore islands and lakes.

The continent can be overwhelming in its multiplicity of destinations and experiences; to the left are a few of the highlights.



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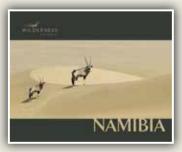


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