

THE LION SAFARI

Adventure Camping
(Tour Code: BWL)

14-NIGHTS/15-DAY SAFARI

This adventure safari covers some of the best wilderness areas in Botswana, from the magic of Nxai Pan through the unique Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve to the famous Chobe River. Starting in Kasane and ending at the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, it offers unbeatable value for money.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1 night Kasane, sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River
- 2 nights Nxai Pan National Park
- 1 night campsite, Maun outskirts
- 3 nights Okavango Delta, mokoro excursions and optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta
- 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 3 nights Chobe National Park
- 1 night at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, optional visit to the Falls

This camping safari provides a well-rounded and diverse experience, combining different ecosystems and wildlife habitats for an enriching journey through the heart of Botswana. Travelers are likely to encounter a wide array of flora and fauna while enjoying the natural beauty and serenity of these remarkable African landscapes.

Day 1: Kasane, camping

The safari officially begins in Kasane, Botswana, at 13h00. Bush Ways Safaris is happy to assist with pre-tour arrangements such as accommodation and transfers from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Kasane, Botswana, if required. On arrival in Kasane your guide will give you a full safari briefing and take you shopping for your safari drinks. The first highlight of your safari will be a sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River. Camping will be in Kasane at a public campsite with permanent ablutions. (L, D)

Day 2 - 3: Nxai Pan National Park, camping

Rising with the sun, your route takes you 500 kilometres south to Nxai Pan National Park where sweet grasses host a variety of wildlife. You will stop en route for a picnic lunch before reaching your campsite. You will explore Nxai Pan and enjoy the plains which are often dotted with grazing herds of impala and springbok. You will also visit the magnificent Baines Baobabs. These regal trees, immortalised by the explorer Baines' painting, are situated on the edge of an expansive saltpan. Camping will be at private designated campsite with bush ablutions. (B, L, D)

Kasane – Nxai Pan: 500km, 8h

Day 4: Maun outskirts, camping

After enjoying an early morning breakfast, you will leave Nxai Pan and continue your safari to the outskirts of Maun - the gateway to the Okavango Delta. You will pass by Maun for drinks shopping, essential for the remainder of your safari. You will spend the night at a campsite just on the outskirts of Maun with permanent ablution facilities. (B, L, D)

Nxai – Maun: 210km, 4-5h

Day 5 - 7: Okavango Delta, camping

Your adventure will then take you to the southern tip of the Okavango Delta, a special corner of paradise. Once you have reached the edge of the Okavango Delta by the Gomoti River, you will meet your polers from the local community with their mekoro (dugout canoes). Quietly cruising along river channels and floodplains, you will enjoy the spectacular landscape of this unique region during the tranquil transfer taking you deeper inside the Delta. You will spend three days exploring this beautiful area with mokoro excursions and guided nature walks

on the islands and floodplains of the Okavango, camping wild with bush ablutions on a small island for two nights and one night lagoon side.

On the afternoon of the third day, you will have the option of taking a 30min flight in a helicopter with doors removed, allowing magnificent views from above. Rate TBA by your guide/agent. This experience must be booked during the safari, and payment made in USD cash only. The flight over the Okavango gives you an eagle's eye perspective of the area and it is even possible to spot large game animals such as elephants, giraffes and hippopotami. (B, L, D)

NOTE: You will leave your main luggage in the trailer and will need to pack a smaller bag (small backpack, hand luggage) with what you need for the 2 nights on the island. Transfers from the mainland to the island where you will stay are done on dugout canoes (mekoro) which cannot accommodate large bags. Your main luggage will safely remain in the vehicle that will be parked in a secured area while you are on the island.

Day 8 - 10 Moremi Game Reserve / Xakanaka/3rd Bridge and Khwai, camping

After an early breakfast, as the sun rises you will make your way to Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana which covers swamp and dry areas. The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. You will spend 3 nights exploring this wonderful Game Reserve, at two different campsites. Game drives in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets will be the norm. Camping will be in private designated campsites with bush ablutions. (B, L, D)

Okavango Delta –Moremi: 90km, 5h (transfer and game drive)

Day 11: Southern Chobe National Park (Savute / Zwei Zwei), camping

Chobe National Park, with its diverse and striking landscapes, will be your next destination. As you continue your search for wildlife, you will traverse the drier region of Savute where bull elephants dot the plains. The Savute region is known for its dynamic ecosystems, which can undergo significant changes over time. The presence of waterholes, river channels, and marshes can attract a diverse range of animals, making each game drive a thrilling and unpredictable adventure. Camping will be in private designated areas with bush ablutions. (B, L, D)

Moremi – Savute : 120km, 7-8h (transfer and game drive)

Day 12: Northern Chobe National Park, camping

You will then head northwards to the Chobe River where your game drives will meander along the banks of the river, following the call of the majestic African Fish Eagle. Enjoy a wide variety of animals including puku and Chobe bushbuck, as well as stunning birdlife in this unique river environment. Transfer / game drive from Southern Chobe National Park to the Chobe River floodplain. Game drives to explore Northern Chobe National Park. (B, L, D)

Savute - Chobe River: 170km, 5-6h (transfer and game drive)

Day 13: Northern Chobe National Park, camping

Game drives to explore Northern Chobe and floodplain. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe comfortable lodge

After a short morning game drive your guide will take you to the Kazungula border where you will meet the transfer vehicle for your lodge in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Visa required). You will spend the night at a comfortable lodge. In the afternoon there will be time to visit the thunderous Victoria Falls and shop for curios. Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense. (B)

Chobe River – Victoria Falls: 100km, 3h (excluding border crossing)

Day 15: END OF THE SAFARI

The safari officially ends after breakfast on Day 15, at the lodge.

Bush Ways is happy to arrange post-tour accommodation, activities and transfers to Victoria Falls airport or lodges or Kasane, Botswana, at an additional cost. Activities in Victoria Falls include white water rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, canoeing on the upper Zambezi and helicopter flights over the Victoria Falls, please the lodge reception for further details. (B)

Price includes:

Camping equipment and accommodation (spacious bow tents with mattresses), room at a comfortable lodge in Victoria Falls, all transfers and activities as per the itinerary, all meals that are indicated (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner) and filtered drinking water, tea/coffees, services of a Professional Guide and Camp Assistant, all Botswana park fees for activities included on itinerary and transport in specialised safari vehicles. Okavango Air Rescue.

Does not include:

Restaurant meals (Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe), entrance to the Falls, visas, airport transfers, tips, curios, optional excursions (scenic flight over the Delta and activities in Victoria Falls), beverages (alcohol, soft drinks), Insurance to cover for cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation, sleeping bag (and small pillow) on all camping sectors, any increase in National Park Fees.

ABOUT OUR ADVENTURE CAMPING SAFARIS

Description: camping safari requiring a minimum participation from the guests, i.e.: setting up the tent and packing it / carrying their bag from/to vehicle at campsites. The rest of the camp chores are carried out by our team made up of one guide and one camp assistant.

Equipment: Tents are 2.1m x 2.1m x 1.75m. A 5cm high density foam mattress is provided for each guest. Ablutions are shared and bush ablutions set up by our team when staying in game reserves and national park campsites.

Vehicle: 4x4 safari vehicles custom-built by Bush Ways - custom built trailers.

of guests: Max 12 pax – No minimum pax required, safari is guaranteed once Bush Ways has accepted and confirmed a departure.

Itineraries: We have 6 different Adventure Camping Safari programs: Leopard safari (17 days), Lion safari (15 days), Fish Eagle safari (11 days), Jackal safari (11 days), Buffalo safari (8 days), Kalahari safari (7 days)

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