THE FISH EAGLE SAFARI Adventure Camping (Tour Code: BWF)

10-NIGHT/11-DAY SAFARI

This adventure safari starts in Maun and ends in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. It explores the fascinating Okavango Delta water system and passes through some of the best wilderness areas of Botswana.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 3 nights Okavango Delta, mokoro excursions, optional scenic flight
- 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 10 night safari covers various wilderness areas in Botswana, known for their abundant wildlife and pristine landscapes. This adventure safari from Maun to Victoria Falls promises not only a visual feast of landscapes and wildlife but also an enriching experience. It's an opportunity to connect with nature in its purest form and create lasting memories of Africa's incredible biodiversity and natural wonders. The safari strikes a balance between land and water activities, providing a comprehensive experience with an opportunity to enjoy a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta.

Please note: As the safari starts the morning of Day 1, you will need to pre-night in Maun and purchase drinks for your safari the day before your safari starts. Your pickup time will be pre-arranged and communicated directly with you at your accommodation the day prior. Bush Ways Safaris can assist with pre-safari arrangements (accommodation, transfers).

Day 1 - 3: Okavango Delta, camping

The safari begins in Maun, where your guide will meet you at a pre-arranged meeting point.

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 taking you deep 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 on the edge of a lagoon.

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)

Maun – Okavango Delta: 75km, 2-2.5h

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 4 - 6: Moremi Game Reserve / Xakanaka/3rd Bridge and Khwai, camping

After an early breakfast, you will make your way to Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana, which features both floodplain and woodland habitats. The next three days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while delighting in the beauty of this region.

You will spend 3 nights exploring this wonderful Game Reserve, at two different campsites. Game drives in the early morning 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 7 : 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 ecosystem, which can undergo significant changes over time. The presence of waterholes, dry 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 8: 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)

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

Day 9: Northern Chobe National Park, camping Game drives to explore Northern Chobe and floodplain. (B, L, D)

Day 10: 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 11: END OF THE SAFARI

The safari officially ends after breakfast on Day 11, 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 ask the lodge reception for further details. (B)

Price includes:

Camping equipment and accommodation (spacious bow tents with mattresses), rooms at comfortable lodges in Khumaga and 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 and 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) **Profile:** Adventures maintaining the exhilarating spirit of the pioneer.

For our picture database, see:

Adventure Camping equipment: <u>https://goo.gl/photos/2bQWnpJtZFJwdxNm9</u> Vehicles: <u>https://goo.gl/photos/Dd2sTpACnmtw5SiH7</u>