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Botswana Explorer Safari

A Luxury Tented-Camp Adventure Deep into the Okavango Delta & Kalahari Desert

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Trip Details:

Days
9 Days / May–Sep

Price
From $14895 (+Air)

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This immersion in the Botswana bush reveals the essence of wilderness, protected by a conservation-minded country that leads the continent in habitat stewardship. An ancient landscape occupied by the San people for more than 100,000 years, Botswana today is a stronghold for elephants, home to Africa's largest population of 130,000, as well as endangered species such as lion and wild dog. Sprawling savannas, mopane woodlands and the vast Okavango Delta sustain a multitude of wildlife that thrives within this mosaic of ecological diversity. From our traditional canvas camps that are exceptionally comfortable without extravagance, explore widely varied habitats on game drives, bush walks and dugout canoe excursions. And when night falls, gather around the campfire to revel in each day's wonders, as the stars glitter overhead and animal calls resound in the darkness.

Trip Highlights

Explore Diverse Ecosystems Where Wildlife Reigns

Traverse Botswana's widely varied habitats as we delve deep into the most remote, wildlife-rich reaches of the Okavango Delta and Kalahari Desert

Stay at Remote & Intimate Camps on Private Reserves

Experience rustic bush luxury at our small safari camps surrounded by untouched wilderness—including Nat Hab's own private tented camp

Travel with the Finest Safari Expedition Leaders

With interpretation from your expert naturalist safari guide, thrill to close encounters with charismatic predators, huge elephant herds and much more

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Botswana Explorer Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Maun / Makgadikgadi Pans National Park
Day 2	Kalahari Desert
Day 3	Maun / Northern Okavango Delta
Days 4–5	Northern Okavango Delta
Day 6	Northern Okavango / Khwai Private Reserve
Days 7–8	Khwai Private Reserve
Day 9	Khwai Private Reserve / Maun



Day 1

Maun / Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Watch elephants from a floating hide on the Boteti River

- View elephants and other wildlife at close range from a floating hide
- Stay at a classic tented camp overlooking the Boteti River on the edge of the Kalahari Desert
- Look for crocodiles, oryx, springbok, lions, cheetahs and other wildlife drawn to the river

On arrival in Maun, our Expedition Leader meets you at the airport before our overland transfer to the western edge of Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Our classic tented safari camp overlooks the Boteti River in the Kalahari Desert—360,000 square miles of sandy, semi-arid savanna that sustains a proliferation of wildlife. Following afternoon tea, watch wildlife from a floating hide where we often view scores of elephants at close range. The river is a lifeline flowing through these parched environs, and it attracts Africa's second-largest zebra and wildebeest migration. It's common to see lounging crocodiles—our camp's namesake. And we frequently see other animals stopping for a drink in front of camp, too, including oryx, springbok, Kalahari lion, cheetah, hyena, jackal and ostrich.

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Day 2

Kalahari Desert

Discover Kalahari wildlife and San traditions

- Search for zebras, giraffes, gemsbok and springbok on a 4x4 wildlife drive
- Walk with San guides who share traditional knowledge of plants, animals and the desert
- Dine beneath star-filled skies around the campfire

Explore the western sector of the national park by 4x4, where a multitude of game ranges across a landscape of scrub, palms, riverine trees and grassy plains. Within the Kalahari Desert, the immense reach of Makgadikgadi is traversed by zebra, giraffe, springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest and more. The animals make their way across the desolate expanse in search of water, arriving into the park's remote western reaches to congregate by the river. We also explore on foot with local San people, who reveal as much about their Indigenous culture as the native plants and wildlife we observe. At day's end, return to camp for dinner under the stars, followed by time for sharing stories around the fire.

Day 3

Maun / Northern Okavango Delta

Fly into the waterways of the Okavango Delta

- Travel by light aircraft to Nat Hab's secluded Explorer Camp—Okavango North
- Enter a UNESCO-listed landscape of lagoons, channels and palm-fringed islands
- Look for lions, leopards, elephants, hippos and other wildlife from a private bush camp

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive back to the airport in Maun, then fly by light aircraft to our private safari camp in the northern Okavango Delta. The delta has grown over millennia as millions of tons of sand were carried down the Okavango River from its source in Angola. The shimmering emerald landscape creates a verdant contrast with the surrounding desert as the river fans out over the Kalahari sands to create the world's largest inland delta—5,800 square miles of swampy marsh, clear channels, lagoons and islands. A planetary marvel, its meandering waterways are filled with hippo, crocodile, red lechwe, wattled cranes and more. In 2014, the Okavango Delta became the 1,000th destination to be officially inscribed on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. From our secluded bush camp base in the heart of this vast wilderness, we're in prime position to encounter lion, leopard, cheetah, elephant, hippo and much more.

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Days 4–5

Northern Okavango Delta

Search for wild dogs and big cats across the northern Okavango

- Explore winding channels by boat when water levels permit
- Search for endangered African wild dogs near one of the delta's top denning areas
- Track lions, leopards and elephants with expert local guides

Embrace the natural rhythms of the delta's varied habitats as we explore via 4x4 wildlife drives and, when water levels permit, excursions by boat and mokoro, the traditional poled canoe of the delta. Within this unspoiled watery expanse in the heart of Southern Africa's interior, surprise encounters with nature await at every turn. Wake to the call of an African fish eagle before setting off into a labyrinth of lush waterways fringed with palms and papyrus. Our guides have a deep, long-cultivated intimacy with this environment, and their ability to track and spot wildlife is second to none.

We set out to explore from our remote camp, which rests under a stand of large leadwood trees, surrounded by tawny grasslands interwoven with shimmering channels and lagoons, mopane woodlands and ilala palm islands. It's ideal for terrain for the Okavango's famous elephants, which are thrilling to see on land or in the water. The rich mosaic of habitats provides ample food for a large array of browsers and grazers, including African buffalo and the regal sable antelope. And where the prey go, predators follow: This corner of the Okavango has some of the highest concentrations of lions in the delta. It is also well known for a thriving population of endangered African wild dog, with a top denning area close to camp. We may also spot leopard, cheetah and hyena among the predators on patrol. Birdlife in the region is equally remarkable, with more than 350 recorded species, including the endangered wattled crane, Hottentot teal, carmine bee-eater and Pel's fishing-owl.

Explore the diverse range of habitats on all-day excursions including traditional 4x4 game drives, picnic lunches in the bush, and night drives in search of nocturnal species. After the Milky Way emerges in the night sky, return to camp for dinner, and fall asleep to the sounds of the bush, with nothing but a layer of canvas between you and the African wild.

Day 6

Northern Okavango / Khwai Private Reserve

Enter a community-owned reserve along the Khwai River

- Fly to the private Khwai Concession bordering Moremi Game Reserve
- Watch elephants gather along the life-giving Khwai River
- Look for lions, leopards, sable antelope and African wild dogs

After a final morning at our secluded camp, fly to the private Khwai Concession. This massive wildlife sanctuary bordering the famous Moremi Game Reserve is a community-owned concession encompassing riverine woodlands, floodplains, mopane forest and open grasslands. The Khwai River is a lifeline for the region, and elephants abound. We're likely to see waterbuck, reedbuck and many antelope species, including the water-adapted red lechwe, along with lion, leopard and spotted hyena. Khwai's varied habitats also support the majestic sable antelope and packs of African wild dog. In addition, more than 450 bird species have been recorded in the area.

Days 7–8

Khwai Private Reserve

Explore Khwai's wildlife-rich habitats at an unhurried pace

- Discover the reserve on wildlife drives, walking safaris and mokoro excursions when water levels permit
- Watch for elephants, buffalo, antelope and prolific birdlife across floodplains and forests
- Learn how community-led tourism protects wildlife corridors and supports local livelihoods

Private game reserves managed by local communities protect threatened species and keep wildlife corridors intact, opening our passage into an unbroken sanctuary of marshes, sand-covered plains, and acacia and mopane forest. Explore Khwai's vast territory on morning and afternoon wildlife drives, walking safaris and poled mokoro (when water levels permit). This serene time on the water gives local polers a chance to share theirdeep knowledge of this ecosystem and how it has sustained their peoplefor generations. Wildlife abounds, including elephant, buffalo, herds of plains game and countless bird species. Khwai's community-based concession has been a conservation triumph, bridging safari tourism with Khwai village life and enhancing economic stability for the local people.

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Day 9

Khwai Private Reserve / Maun

Search for wildlife one last time before leaving Botswana

- Take a final wildlife drive or watch for animals around camp
- Fly by light aircraft to Maun for onward connections

Depending on the precise timing of our flight departure this morning, we will make a final quest for wildlife on the Khwai Reserve, or we'll look for animals around our tranquil camp. By late morning, we fly back to Maun by light aircraft to connect with onward flights.

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Botswana Explorer Safari Accommodations

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Meno a Kwena

Situated between the Okavango Delta and the Central Kalahari Game Reserve near Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, this stylish camp overlooks the Boteti River, a magnet for wildlife.



Nat Hab's Explorer Camp—Okavango North

Enjoy solitude and unparalleled wildlife viewing from our authentic mobile safari camp in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Eight new spacious canvas tents offer vintage atmosphere and exceptional comforts.

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Little Sable Camp

Maximizing its location amid nearly half a million acres of protected land teeming with Botswana's famous wildlife, this totally renovated tented camp offers understated style and classic safari ambience.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/botswana-explorer-safari/accommodations.

Experience Botswana at Its Most Authentic

Botswana Explorer Safari

This exclusive adventure in some of Africa's last true wilderness is not your standard safari. We deliver a remote nature experience focused on close-up wildlifesightings in an intimate context—you're likely to see animals roaming right on the edge of our classic tented camps! Here's what makes this safari stand out:

1 **A Compact Itinerary Designed for Variety**

Our itinerary is carefully crafted to showcase varied wildlife habitats over just nine days. From the flooded marshlands of the Okavango Delta with its lions, leopards and elephants to the semi-arid savanna of the Kalahari Desert teeming with zebra and wildebeest, you'll find some of wild Africa's most impressive animal encounters.

2 **Travel with Two Outstanding Guides**

Traveling with two highly qualified guides—our own Nat Hab Expedition Leader who's with you from start to finish, plus an excellent local naturalist guide at each camp—we're able to divide our group into two vehicles for a quieter, low-impact presence while ensuring you get in-depth interpretation every moment you're out on safari.

3 **Private Reserves Get You Farther "Out There"**

Enjoy the advantages of remote locales and exclusive activities. Avoiding more heavily visited national parks, we concentrate on uncrowded private reserves. Our intimate tented camps are located in isolated settings amid abundant wildlife, which we encounter not only on traditional game drives, but also on guided bush walks and night drives in search of nocturnal creatures—activities not allowed in the national parks.

4 **Stay at Our Own Private Botswana Explorer Camp**

Our own mobile safari camp, set in a remote location surrounded by untouched wilderness, is for Nat Hab guests alone. Steeped in vintage safari atmosphere, it offers supreme comfort without sacrificing the wonder of being isolated in the wild. It features eight ensuite canvas tents with dark wood and iron campaign furniture, Oriental rugs and lantern light for romantic illumination under the stars.

5 **An Open "Window" Seat for Everyone**

You'll have an unimpeded view no matter where you sit in our chartered top-quality safari vehicles. They have open sides (no glass to interfere with your view) and nine cushioned passenger seats—one in front next to the driver, followed by two rows of three seats each and a pair of seats at the back. On wildlife drives, we limit our capacity to no more than seven travelers in each vehicle for maximum comfort, viewing and photo opportunities.

6 **The World's Finest Safari Guides**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalists on the planet! Our Botswana Explorer Safari includes your own private Expedition Leader, ranked among the most highly trained guides in Africa and renowned for providing exceptional service. Our Safari Expedition Leaders average 15 years of guiding experience, with additional training support provided from WWF's leading scientists. **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

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7 **A Maximum of 13 Travelers**

A small group is essential for an authentic safari experience. With a maximum of just 13 guests plus our Expedition Leader and local guide—always divided into two vehicles—you'll have a sense of being totally secluded in nature.

8 **We Stand By Your Safari with Our Quality-Value Guarantee**

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, which states that we promise to meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

9 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

10 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
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Group Size
Limited to 13 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 15 - May 23, 2027	**$14895** +internal air	
May 24 - Jun 1, 2027	**$14895** +internal air	
Jun 8 - Jun 16, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Jun 25 - Jul 3, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Jul 12 - Jul 20, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Jul 18 - Jul 26, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Jul 29 - Aug 6, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Aug 12 - Aug 20, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Sep 23 - Oct 1, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices not confirmed for 2028		
May 15 - May 23, 2028	**From $14895** +internal air	
May 23 - May 31, 2028	**From $14895** +internal air	
Jun 10 - Jun 18, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Jun 21 - Jun 29, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Jul 2 - Jul 10, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Jul 12 - Jul 20, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Jul 23 - Jul 31, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Aug 3 - Aug 11, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Aug 16 - Aug 24, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Sep 8 - Sep 16, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Sep 22 - Sep 30, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/africa/botswana-explorer-safari/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations in intimate safari camps, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, premier open-sided 4-wheel drive Land Cruisers or Rovers, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

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Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

We have designed this family safari for those guests whose African dreams include the most remote wildlife experience available and who don't require over-the-top accommodations to accomplish that goal. On these trips changes to the itinerary may occur in order to take advantage of conditions unique to the season. Depending upon availability, itineraries may run in a different order.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Maun, Botswana. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials. You must arrive in Maun by 1:45 pm on Day 1 in order to join the group for the first scheduled activities.

You may depart Maun anytime after 1:30 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Nat Hab Air Team can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



Botswana Explorer Safari Extensions

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Madagascar Explorer

Look for rare and endemic flora and fauna on a compact itinerary revealing a mix of contrasting ecosystems—primary rainforest, pristine beaches, ancient baobabs and coastal mangroves

$13895 (+air)



Cape Town Extension

Discover one of the world's most entrancing cities and its natural environs. Survey the view from Table Mountain, explore the Cape Peninsula, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, see penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour the Winelands.

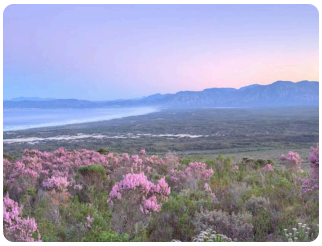
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Victoria Falls Extension

Explore spectacular Victoria Falls as an idyllic extension to your Botswana safari while you reside in luxury at the closest possible spot to the plummeting sheet of water and enjoy time along the Zambezi River.

$1995



Wild Cape Coast Extension

From our luxury ecolodge base on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, explore pristine coastal wilderness including the rare Cape Floral plant kingdom and Stony Point penguin colony.

$3595



Namibia Desert Extension

Namibia's towering sand dunes, arid canyons and desert-adapted wildlife offer a distinct contrast to other southern Africa safari destinations—look for endangered black rhino, desert elephant and more.

$7395 (+air)



Sabi Sand Extension

An exclusive safari experience on a 160,000-acre private reserve that's one of Africa's best places to spot the famous Big Five—choose among intimate luxury camps and secluded boutique lodges.

$5495

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