



10 Day Best of Botswana 2010 ACS0848

Route: Livingstone to Livingstone (accommodated)

This trip departs from Livingstone in the morning. Should you wish to explore Livingstone, an earlier arrival should be planned and accommodation booked through us.

Departure Point: Zambezi Waterfront, Plot 1909 Sichango Road, Livingstone.

Check-In Time: 07h00

Departure Time: 08h00

Pre-Departure Meeting: Briefing held at check in

Included in the tour price:

Itinerary as specified, fully equipped safari vehicle, services of trip leader and driver, all accommodation as specified, all catering equipment and scheduled National Park entrance fees. Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D), No Meal (NM) where specified. Meals not shown will be to the clients account. Occasionally breakfast and lunch may be combined into a brunch where necessary e.g. mornings with early game drives.

Excluded in the tour price:

International airfares, arrival and departure transfers, travel and medical insurance, personal spending money, visas, passports, vaccinations, personal taxes (including departure and border taxes) all optional activities, unscheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees, gratuities, restaurant meals and all other items of a personal nature. All drinks, even on days with full board basis.

Please Note:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices are subject to change without prior notice. Your supplier endeavours to maintain the standard of accommodation on this trip, but may have to substitute in some cases due to availability at the time of travel.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.



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Livingstone is where this trip begins. A small town in Zambia, home to the majestic Victoria Falls and many optional excursions such as elephant back safaris, bungee jumping and white water rafting down the mighty Zambezi River. Crossing into Botswana, we head south to the gateway of the Okavango Delta before exploring its myriad of waterways and palm fringed islands by mokoro (traditional dug-out canoe). Further north we discover the hidden delights of the Moremi National Park and the predators of the Savuti, before heading into the world famous Chobe National Park. This mobile safari is a mix of wildlife and adventure not to be missed.

DAY 1 – Kasane

We depart Livingstone at 8:00am and head for the border to Botswana, where after border formalities, we cross the Zambezi River by ferry, on our way to Kasane. Kasane is a pleasant town situated on the edge of the Chobe National Park and the Chobe River. This afternoon we begin exploring the National Park from the River on a scenic boat cruise. Elephant, hippo and many bird species including the regal African Fish Eagle and Pied Kingfisher can be viewed from the boat while we watch another glorious African sunset. (L / D) CHALET

DAY 2 – Makgadikgadi Pans / Nata

This morning we are greeted by the sound of the resident Hippos! After breakfast, we make our way south to the Makgadikgadi Pans (weather permitting) where we get our first glimpse of the semi-arid Mopane woodland scenery. The Makgadikgadi Pans are rumoured to be the largest salt pans in the world and present a rare sight of a completely flat, white, vegetation free area, surrounded by plant life only on its edges. (B / L / D) TENTED CAMP

DAY 3 – Maun

Today we travel to the Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. The town has many shops, markets and modern facilities such as internet cafes. We spend the afternoon at leisure preparing for our trip into the Delta tomorrow. (B / L / D) TENTED CAMP

DAY 4 – Okavango Delta

After an early breakfast we depart via 4x4 vehicles to the Delta Region. We drive to a mokoro (local dugout canoe) station where we meet our local guides & polers who will escort us on today's excursion. The Okavango Delta is a huge expanse of water that has travelled from the Kavango River from the Angolan highlands, and fans out onto the upper Kalahari region to form the largest inland Delta in the World. Studded with exotic islands, the Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life as well as many other animals unique to Southern Africa. We explore the channels and waterways by traditional

means in a mokoro – this is the local form of transport used to traverse the many waterways of the Delta. In the late afternoon we have the option to observe the Delta from above by taking part in an optional scenic flight. (B / L / D) TENTED CAMP

DAYS 5 & 6 – Moremi Game Reserve

We head off early for the Moremi Game Reserve. Moremi lies on the eastern side of the Okavango Delta and is home to many different species of Wildlife. It is here that Lion, elephant, buffalo and many other species are often sighted. The Game Reserve itself covers a little over 1000km² and was declared a protected area in 1961 when the widow of Chief Moremi the 3rd feared that the wildlife was under threat due to hunting. We game drive within the park to seek out some of the resident wildlife. (B / L / D) TENTED CAMP

DAYS 7 – Savuti

Continuing on through the wilderness, we game drive further north-east into the Savuti region. The Savuti is well known for the prides of lion that make it their home. Tonight we enjoy the sounds of the wilderness from deep within the heart of Botswana. (B / L / D) TENTED CAMP

DAY 8 - Chobe National Park

Once through the Savuti, we once again reach the Chobe National Park, entering from the southern side and exploring the more remote inner section of the park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned its large elephant herds. (B / L / D) CHALET

DAY 9 - Livingstone

This morning starts with an early morning game drive into Chobe National Park to explore the river front area by vehicle. We return in the late morning, and make our way back to Livingstone via the Kazangula Ferry. We have the late afternoon at leisure to relax along the banks of the Zambezi. (B / L) CHALET

DAY 10 – Trip Ends

After breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime. For those wishing to explore Livingstone, we recommend adding a few days prior to, or after this trip. (B)



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Below is a selection of Optional Excursions available before, after or on this trip.

Please Note - these prices are approximate and are subject to change

- where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

Zambia, Livingstone - Elephant Back Safari	US\$150
Zambia, Livingstone - White Water Rafting on the Zambezi	US\$120
Zambia, Livingstone - Jet Boating on the Zambezi	US\$ 95
Zambia, Livingstone - Bungee Jump	US\$ 90
Zambia, Livingstone - The Flight of Angels - Micro Light/Helicopter	US\$110
Botswana, Maun – Scenic Flight over the Delta	US\$ 80



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