

VICTORIA FALLS, CHOBE AND THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Zimbabwe, Botswana



7 day travel package
(standard accommodation)

This trip combines iconic Victoria Falls, Botswana's premier wildlife park, and the wilderness of the Okavango Delta. In Victoria Falls enjoy a sunset Zambezi River cruise and a tour of the Falls. In Botswana enjoy river and 4WD safaris in Chobe, then take a scenic flight into the Okavango Delta where you experience the Delta from ground level at your stunning private safari camp.





Price includes:

- meet, greet and airport transfer services at Victoria Falls airport
- road transfer between Victoria Falls and Kasane, connecting to Chobe Safari Lodge
- road transfer Chobe Safari Lodge to Kasane airport
- small aircraft flight: Kasane - Gunn's Camp - Maun
- 6 nights' accommodation in 3 - 4 star lodges
- meals as listed
- game activities as hosted by game lodges
- local beverages (some premium excluded) at Gunn's Camp
- Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls
- game park fees, Victoria Falls national park fee and river rainforest conservancy fee
- entrance fees, excursions in itinerary.

Price excludes:

- visas and flights (except Delta flights)
- international and domestic airport taxes that cannot be pre-paid (clients pay direct if applicable)
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- drinks (other than those listed), dining rooms tips, telephone calls, laundry and any items of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

FI - fully inclusive of all meals , local brand drinks and game activities

Victoria Falls to Maun

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Trip code: VCOSTD

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge

Day 3: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 4: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 5: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Gunn's Camp

Day 6: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Gunn's Camp

Day 7: Botswana, Maun - ends

This private package is also available in our deluxe and luxury accommodation categories.

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Combine this package with our Splendid South Africa itinerary which visits Johannesburg, the Greater Kruger and Cape Town. Experience a tour of Soweto in Johannesburg, go on safari at a private game lodge in the Kruger region and explore the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town, with several popular day trips included.

Victoria Falls, Chobe and The Okavango Delta - standard

Day 1: Victoria Falls

On arrival at Victoria Falls airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you spend two nights. After check-in formalities at the lodge and some time at leisure, you board your Zambezi River sundowner cruise in the late afternoon. The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the river. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game including hippo, crocodile and elephant, and sometimes even rhino, as well as enjoy the many different bird species. The cruise includes finger snacks, beer, wine, sparkling wine and soft drinks. The cruise offers great photo opportunities of Africa's spectacular sunsets.

Victoria Falls constitutes as one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The local people call it 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - the smoke that thunders and the falls are remarkable. There is a magic about them manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. Victoria Falls is 1708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s. The falls and the surrounding area have been declared national parks and a World Heritage Site, thus preserving the area from excessive commercialisation. **Bayete Guest Lodge - standard room.**

Bayete Guest Lodge

Family owned and managed Bayete Guest Lodge offers comfortable and affordable accommodation amidst a lush tropical garden in the residential area of Victoria Falls, only two kilometres from the entrance to Victoria Falls National Park. Recently renovated, the lodge offers 25 comfortable rooms and a thatched-roof family cottage. Each air-conditioned room features mosquito netted draped beds, en suites and complimentary Wi-Fi. The airy décor creates a relaxed ambience and a light filled atmosphere with many rooms featuring French doors opening to the gardens. Central to the lodge is the large teardrop swimming pool, which is hugged by the Caldecott dining boma and the Ingwezi Bar. Further facilities include a gym, television room and activity desk. This popular lodge appeals to travellers who prefer the intimacy and genuine hospitality of a guesthouse.

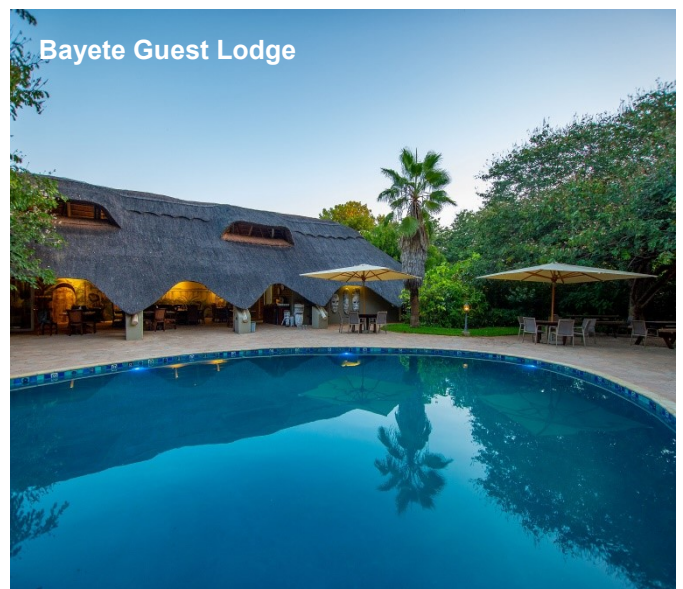
Day 2: Victoria Falls

This morning you will take your guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the Falls. Walkways allow you to stroll amongst the Falls themselves. Lookout spots offer impressive views of Batoka Gorge and the rushing white-water of the Zambezi River. Further along the path is Knife Edge Bridge, which offers a unique panorama depending on the time of year. Your guide will keep you entertained with stories of local tribal history and the escapades of early explorers, as well as an account of the flora and fauna. The afternoon is at leisure to try one of the many excursions on offer in the area, simply relax or perhaps enjoy the famous high tea at your hotel on its garden terrace.

Bayete Guest Lodge - standard room (B).

Day 3: Chobe National Park

This morning after breakfast you meet your transfer driver at reception and transfer to Botswana. This usually takes around two hours depending on the road conditions and the number of travellers at the border. Your driver will assist you with the border crossing, which is very simple. At Kasane airport you will meet your Chobe Bush Lodge transfer driver and transfer to your lodge, which is nearby.





Mokoro safari - Okavango Delta

At the lodge you will discuss the activities available; these are usually safaris in the style of the region. Boat safaris, which allow you to view animals on the riverbanks and 4WD game drives within the national park. This afternoon you set off on your first safari game viewing activity. After the game activity you return to the lodge for a starlit dinner. **Chobe Safari Lodge - luxury room (BLD).**

Chobe Safari Lodge

On Botswana's far northern border lies the Kwando, Linyanti and Chobe river system forming a series of lakes, islands and floodplains. This area forms the Chobe National Park, which is one of Botswana's premier game parks. Located in the gateway town of Kasane, Chobe Safari Lodge is a sprawling lodge with social areas that lead down to the Chobe River, where guests can enjoy the regions famous sunsets. The lodge has undergone extensive renovations in recent years and now boasts a new dining, swimming and bar area, an extensive spa treatment centre and thatched roof entrance. Chobe Safari lodge offers stylish accommodation, in economical rondavels, river view, garden view and family rooms. It has all the facilities of a four-star resort at a three-star price and is great value for those wishing to visit the Chobe River and Chobe National Park.

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Today you have a full day on safari in the Chobe region. This typically includes a river safari on the Chobe River and a 4WD game drive in Chobe National Park. A river cruise offers unique game viewing and bird sightings on the river and riverbank. Whereas a game drive includes up-close sightings in Botswana's premier game park from the comfort of an open sided safari vehicle.

Chobe National Park has about 100,000 elephant, one of the biggest concentrations in Africa. It is also notable for huge herds of buffalo and zebras, lechwe, Chobe bushbuck and puku antelope. Where there are buffalo, lions are never far away and there is a good chance of seeing large prides here who hunt after dusk. Hyena and leopard also hunt at night, while cheetahs are diurnal predators. Chobe is rich in bird life with the Pel's fishing owl a favourite, along with the strangely beaked African skimmer and African fish eagles. **Chobe Safari Lodge - luxury room (BLD).**

Day 5: Okavango Delta

After a morning game drive (time permitting) and breakfast you transfer to Kasane airport. On arrival you will be met and escorted to your seat on a charter flight into the Okavango Delta. Your scenic flight over the Delta's waterways is a spectacular way to appreciate the size and scope of the world's largest inland delta.

The Okavango Delta is the only inland delta in the world. Instead of flowing into the sea, the annual flood of fresh water spreads over 15,000sq km of the Kalahari sand in a maze of lagoons and channels. On arrival at the airstrip near your remote camp you will be met and transferred by road to your accommodation. Enjoy lunch and some time at leisure before you meet the lodge's rangers and other guests for tea, coffee and cake.

Following afternoon tea you set off on an afternoon game activity. Depending on weather, water levels and seasonality, you can choose whether you wish to take a mokoro, boat walking safari. Mokoro's are traditional dugout canoes which allow you to view water-based wildlife closely as you glide through the water propelled by a poler at the rear. Return to camp around sunset for a scrumptious dinner. **Gunn's Camp - standard tent (FI).**

Gunn's Camp

Overlooking Chiefs Island and bordering the Moremi Game Reserve, Gunn's Camp is one of the last few remaining luxury, vintage safari camps. Set under leafy palms and African ebony to blend naturally with its unique surroundings, Gunn's Camp achieves a fine balance of comfort without isolating guests from the sights and sounds

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of the wilderness. Accommodation at Gunn's Camp consists of six fully furnished, deluxe meru tents with en suite bathrooms featuring standalone baths and outside private showers. Each tent has been traditionally furnished with an eclectic mixture of solid wood and African furniture and offers a lounge area as well as private veranda. Set on raised platforms overlooking the Delta plains, Gunn's Camp is ideal for guests looking for a more intimate and personalized safari experience. Activities at the camp include mokoro trips, bush walks and motorboat sunset safaris.

Day 6: Okavango Delta

Enjoy morning and afternoon game activities today. The Delta is home to an abundance of wildlife including wild dog, cheetah, lion, zebra, elephant, hippo and buffalo, plus a plethora of birdlife. **Gunn's Camp - standard tent (FI).**

Day 7: Maun

If time permits enjoy a final game activity this morning, followed by breakfast. After check-out transfer by road from the lodge to the airstrip. At the airstrip you will be escorted to your seat on a charter flight flying from the Okavango Delta to Maun. On arrival in Maun connect with your onward arrangements. **(B).**

Passenger information:

- This pre-prepared travel itinerary is a travel package, it is not a fully guided group tour throughout. There are shared service day tours and shared service game drives included within the itinerary.
- *This is Africa*, and our travel partners, may have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability.
- The sequence of activities and activities hosted by game lodges may vary to those listed in the itinerary due to availability, seasonal variations and water-levels.
- Times mentioned within the itinerary are estimated only and can be affected by local conditions.
- Very strict luggage rules apply to light aircraft flights in the Okavango Delta. Passengers are only allowed to bring one piece of soft luggage, at a maximum weight of 15 kg. Hand luggage is restricted to one piece of soft luggage with 5 kg maximum weight. Bags must be soft and not have wheels or be ridged. Passengers who do not adhere to these rules will be asked to leave their luggage at the airport. Unfortunately an additional luggage fee cannot be organised due to strict weight constraints which apply to light aircraft. Please ask us for full conditions.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this package.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and government taxes may change without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- Please request our full cancellation policy if required.

