

VICTORIA FALLS, CHOBE AND THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Zimbabwe, Botswana



7 day travel package
(deluxe 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.





Ilala Lodge

Price includes:

- meet, greet and airport transfer services at Victoria Falls airport
- road transfer between Victoria Falls and Kasane, connecting to Chobe Bush Lodge
- road transfer Chobe Bush Lodge to Kasane airport
- small aircraft flight: Kasane - Camp Okavango - Maun
- 6 nights' accommodation in 4 star lodges
- meals as listed
- game activities as hosted by game lodges
- local beverages (some premium excluded) at Camp Okavango
- 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: deluxe

Departs: daily

Trip code: VCODEL

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge

Day 3: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Bush Lodge

Day 4: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Bush Lodge

Day 5: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Camp Okavango

Day 6: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Camp Okavango

Day 7: Botswana, Maun - ends

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

Experience more of Southern Africa

Combine this package with our Love is in the Air combo, which includes three nights in cosmopolitan Cape Town and three nights in the highly regarded Sabi Sand reserve in Kruger National Park. Take your wildlife experience to new heights with a night in a private, luxury treehouse - the ultimate uninhibited wildlife experience.

Victoria Falls, Chobe and The Okavango Delta - deluxe

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. **Ilala Lodge - standard room.**

Ilala Lodge

The Ilala Lodge Hotel in Victoria Falls is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the Zambezi River, where it is the closest hotel to the Falls themselves. Victoria Falls is within easy walking distance for guests, as is Victoria Falls town centre. This popular lodge was once a country club affording its colonial décor and landscaped gardens an aura of days gone by. Wild animals, such as warthog and impala, often graze on the hotel lawns and restaurant diners can see and hear the majestic roar of 'the smoke that thunders' in the background. Guests can enjoy a la carte cuisine in The Palm Restaurant, featuring tranquil views and elegant colonial ambience. A second restaurant, Kubika, will whisk you away on a culinary adventure, serving delicious crocodile, kudu and ostrich dishes for the more adventurous eater. The pool and pool bar offer respite from the region's humidity and the thatched roofed main building creates pleasant areas to relax. Book early as this lodge is often full.

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 Banoka 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. **Ilala 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.



Ilala Lodge



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 Bush Lodge - luxury room (BLD).**

Chobe Bush Lodge

Located less than 10 minutes from the entrance to Chobe National Park, this modern mid-sized lodge has very spacious communal areas covered by a thatched roof leading to an outdoor pool. Each of the 38 spacious luxury en suite rooms have an open plan bathroom featuring a bath and shower, and a balcony or verandah. The lodge's four large family rooms consist of two separate bedrooms, each with en suite facilities. This popular lodge is one of the latest additions to Chobe with the river only a minute's walk away.

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 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 African skimmer and African fish eagles. **Chobe Bush 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 or 4WD game activity. 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 and enjoy a scrumptious dinner. **Camp Okavango - standard deluxe tent (FI).**

Camp Okavango

Enchanting Camp Okavango sits in the heart of the Okavango Delta on Nxaraga Island. The camp accommodates just 24 guests in African-style safari suites on raised teak platforms with private viewing decks. The communal areas include a sun deck with plunge pool and an expansive open-air patio where evenings around the fire can be enjoyed. For families the property has a family suite, which has two bedrooms allowing parents and children their own rooms. This recently renovated camp offers motorised boat and mokoro safaris, along with bush walks, seasonal fishing and the option to track larger game.

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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. **Camp Okavango - standard deluxe 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 and seasonal variations.
- 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.



Chobe Bush Lodge



Camp Okavango