

Abercrombie & Kent



BOTSWANA: ROMANCE UNDER THE STARS

Duration: 10 Days/9 Nights

Relive the ambience of a bygone era on this journey through the riverine forests, expansive delta and spectacular game-filled bush land of Botswana. The euphoria continues as you admire and enjoy your beautiful surroundings and the array of wildlife that comes to the water's edge.

Programme Overview

Johannesburg, Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park

Highlights

Bush walks, Game drives and Night game drive
Special sundowners
Private romantic dinners and bush breakfast
Helicopter ride over Moremi Game Reserve for a different perspective
Flight of Angels and adventure activities at Victoria Falls
Special spa treatments

A&K Advantage

Chef's table experience at Johannesburg
Specially organised star bath at Sanctuary Baines' Camp
Philanthropic activity of interacting with semi-habituated elephants
Mokoro excursion at Sanctuary Baines' Camp
Victoria Falls Tram & Bridge Champagne Sunset Tour
River breakfast on a safari boat on river Chobe
Four course farewell dinner at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Private arrival and departure airport transfers
The services of an A&K Representative

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG—Chef's table

On arrival at Johannesburg, you are met by an A&K representative and privately transferred to your hotel. The boutique hotel is situated on 10 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.

Explore Johannesburg's shopping destinations at your pace which are located at a short distance from the hotel. You may also visit the Africa Craft Market of Rosebank, renowned for quality African artifacts and crafts.

Enjoy a chef's table for a very special dinner experience showcasing the freshest ingredients and a creative presentation.

Overnight: Saxon Boutique Hotel & Spa

Meal Plan: D

Day 2

JOHANNESBURG—MAUN—OKAVANGO DELTA—Bush walk, sundowner and a special star bath

This morning you will be flown to Maun and privately connected to your camp, which is located on the banks of the Boro River in the Okavango Delta. The labyrinth of waterways, wetlands and islands is a pristine paradise for some of Africa's greatest concentration of wildlife and birdlife. You will be checked-in to an elegant African-themed suite, which is set amongst the shady trees and water delta, with a wooden deck offering sprawling views over the river and lagoon.

Relax in the day and freshen up by the evening for a private guided bush walk along with your armed professional guide. A bush walk is one of the few better ways to acquaint you with nature. Get close to the game and smaller beasts as you explore their habitat.

During your bush walk, stop over at a specially identified location for a private and a romantic sundowner in the company of your loved one.

On return, you will be surprised with a romantic "star bath," a freestanding traditional Botswana-style zinc bathtub set out on your private deck, surrounded by lanterns. Unwind whilst sipping some sparkling wine and enjoy the spectacular views of the shimmering waters of the Boro River under the sparkling stars.

Overnight: Sanctuary Baines' Camp

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 3

OKAVANGO DELTA—Bush breakfast, philanthropic activity of interacting with semi-habituated elephants & a night game drive

A bush breakfast awaits you. Take the time to sit back, enjoy the views, smells, colours and the gentle breeze. Bush breakfasts are a chance to enjoy a full breakfast in the middle of the plains, surrounded by wildlife.

This morning you will interact with three semi-habituated elephants of the camp - Jabu, Thembi and Morula. You will have the exclusive opportunity to observe them closely in their natural environment as they feed, take mud baths and swim, whilst learning about them and discovering their unique personalities. After a few safety tips from your mahout (trainer), you are encouraged to touch each of the elephants and lead one of them while it gently rests the tip of its trunk on your hand. You may even get a "kiss" on the cheek from one of your new friends. The elephants are fed pre-cut fodder, and you can observe them eating and playing together after their lunch.

At a picnic spot under large shade trees, sit down, relax and enjoy your lunch in the company of the elephants.

As the day draws to a close, watch the spectacular sunset across the river as you enjoy a nice drink alongside your loved one.

Later, you hop on an open 4x4 private vehicle for the night game drive.

At night, you have a chance to get close to nature - and each other - when you roll your bed onto the deck for the unique opportunity to sleep under the stars.

Overnight: Sanctuary Baines' Camp

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 4

OKAVANGO DELTA—Game drive and a mokoro excursion

Enjoy an early morning game drive in a private 4X4 vehicle. Game-viewing options flourish at Baines' Camp. Resting on 260,000 acres in a private concession neighboring the famed Moremi Game Reserve, the area is superb for viewing wildlife by land in open safari vehicles. There's a good chance of seeing lions, leopard, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, impala, zebra, wild dog, hyena and hippo that gather around the banks of Chobe River.

After breakfast you have time at leisure.

Evening you will be taken on a serene mokoro excursion. Slowly glide through the waterways of the delta in your poled mokoro (dugout canoe). You may sight some game or any other animal that may come to the bank of the river for a drink.

A private candle lit dinner will be served on your deck under the African stars on your return.

Overnight: Sanctuary Baines' Camp

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 5

OKAVANGO DELTA—MOREMI GAME RESERVE—Game drive, special sundowner and dinner

After breakfast and a short game drive you will be aboard a private charter to fly to the Moremi Game Reserve. You will be assisted with check-in at Sanctuary Chief's Camp, which is situated on the previous hunting grounds of the Batawana Tribe on Chief's Island and is rated as one of the top safari destinations in Botswana by Conde Nast Traveller. The camp overlooks the seasonal Pajjo Channel within the Moremi Game Reserve, an area renowned for its abundant wildlife and large variety of bird life. Sanctuary Chief's Camp is made up of 12 luxury bush pavilions - each with a spacious seating area and game-viewing deck with a hammock.

Afternoon, you leave on a custom-built open private vehicle for a game drive. Game viewing in Moremi is nothing short of spectacular. In addition to 400 species of birds, ostrich, antelope, crocodile, wildebeest, kudu and hippo are common here. However, the area has been dubbed the "predator capital" of Botswana, boasting of leopard, cheetah, painted wild dog, spotted hyena and a large resident pride of lion. Game drives conducted in custom-built open vehicles offer an ideal viewing.

Halt at a chosen vantage point for a spectacular view of the sunset. Enjoy the outstanding view of the setting sun on the horizon along with your sundowner drinks.

Late in the evening proceed to the bush where a private and secluded clearing has been prepared for a sophisticated dinner in the middle of the wilderness. Under the African starlit sky enjoy a delicious, warm and private candlelit dinner.

Overnight: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 6

MOREMI GAME RESERVE—Game drive, couple spa and helicopter ride

Savor a lavish English and continental breakfast as you enjoy stunning views over the floodplains.

Depart for a game drive and you may sight roaming lions that prey on the thousands of antelope, zebra, buffalo and also healthy populations of wild dog. Sanctuary Chief's is the ideal place to spot the big 5 - possibly even the rare rhino.

Post lunch you have an exclusive appointment at the mini spa for a special private romantic couple's treatment.

After a revitalizing spa treatment join your private guide for a helicopter excursion to get a different perspective on the wildlife.

A specially prepared romantic dinner is also in store for you tonight.

Overnight: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 7

MOREMI GAME RESERVE–CHOBE NATIONAL PARK–Game drive, sundowner cruise and special dinner

After a sumptuous breakfast, bid the staff farewell and depart on a private charter to Chobe National Park. The name "Chilwero" means "place of high view" in the local Setswana language, and true to its namesake, Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero is positioned high above the Chobe River and is an award-winning lodge. The lodge offers unparalleled panoramic views across the islands and floodplains, stretching as far as Namibia. Your cottage features either a private garden or a sala (balcony) with a hammock, ideal for cuddling and casual game viewing.

Relax with a glass of champagne lazing around the pool.

The lush riverfront region is home to 450 species of birds, elephants, giraffe, wild dog, sable, Cape buffalo, Puku antelope and rare sitatunga with their splayed feet that run on swamps. In the savannah, zebra, wildebeest, warthog, impala and kudu are plentiful. Explore the area on a thrilling game drive in an open sided 4X4 private vehicle.

Follow up your game drive with a sundowner cruise, which is a great way of seeing animals up close as they come out of the shade to graze in the cooler evenings, but also give you a chance to offer a toast to the end of yet another beautiful day. Sip on a cocktail while watching an African sun set over the still waters of the Chobe River.

Enjoy a romantic dinner served in a special private candlelit setting under the African starlit sky.

Overnight: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 8

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK–VICTORIA FALLS–CHOBE NATIONAL PARK–Flight of Angels, Victoria Falls Tram & Bridge Champagne Sunset Tour and adventure activities

After breakfast, depart on a private helicopter flight over the mighty Victoria Falls for a "Flight of Angels" and soak in the breath taking sight of the gorgeous gorges and the Victoria Falls. The flight provides a delightful view of the Devil's Cataract, Eastern Cataract and swirling mist.

The afternoon is open for adventure activities for you, which include white water rafting, bungee jumping from the bridge, a canoe safari, or a micro flight for the brave at heart.

By the evening enjoy the Victoria Falls Tram & Bridge Champagne Sunset Tour. The Bungee Flying Squad will make an electrifying demonstration of stunts before the champagne refreshment. You will be introduced to the history of the bridge in a short, theatrical presentation. Relax and appreciate the stunning views of the magnificent African sunset overlooking the gorges and the falls as you'll soon hear the tram toot to signal you about its departure.

Savour a gourmet dinner around a bonfire at the camp.

Overnight: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 9

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK–River breakfast, bush walk, spa and farewell dinner

Enjoy an intimate and a leisurely river breakfast on the safari boat. Soak in the stunning views of the morning activities as you cruise along lazily and appreciate the beautiful sights.

Explore the park on foot along with your private armed guide and return in the evening to relax with cocktails at your private garden.

A special farewell dinner is organised for you. Chef Phinias will specially prepare a four course dinner that will be served in an elegant candle lit setting with a private butler service.

Overnight: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 10

DEPART CHOBE NATIONAL PARK–JOHANNESBURG

After nine exhilarating nights in Botswana it is time to depart. After breakfast you will be privately transferred for your onward connections.

Meal Plan: B

Possible Extension:

3 Days MOZAMBIQUE

Day 1

JOHANNESBURG–MOZAMBIQUE–At leisure

You will be transferred by a private charter to Ponto do Ouro airstrip. On arrival you will be welcomed by an A&K representative who will accompany you on your private transfer to White Pearl Resorts and assist with check-in to your beach-pool suite. The resort is nestled in a sheltered bay on Mozambique's Lagoon Coast, located amongst the dunes on timber stilts; it is sensitively designed to take advantage of the beautiful natural setting, as well as protecting the delicate eco-systems brewing underneath.

Relax, stretch on the beach, sip on some chilled cocktails at the beach bar or in your private pool overlooking the ocean and soak in the tranquil beauty at offer.

Take a stroll on the pristine beach and soak in the spectacular picturesque views of the ocean. You may also go on a guided bush walk to explore the surrounding flora and fauna.

Feast on fresh gourmet dinner in a private setting by the ocean on the beach with private butler service.

Overnight: White Pearl Resorts

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 2

MOZAMBIQUE–Turtle walk and adventure activities

This morning enjoy a bubble bath with magnificent views of the ocean, followed by an intimate breakfast in the privacy of your sun deck.

White Pearl Resorts, Ponta Mamoli is one of the richest turtle nesting sites in southern Mozambique. Loggerhead and Leatherback Turtles head to this stretch of coast each year between November and February to lay eggs. Along with the Southern Mozambique Marine Turtle Nesting Monitoring, Tagging and Conservation Programme, the resort works to monitor and protect these majestic and docile creatures. Go on a turtle walk and explore their world!

Relish on an invigorating picnic on the beach. The special customised luxury basket with a variety of signature treats is a feast for your five senses on a sunny afternoon.

Evening is at leisure to explore the adventure activities on offer at the resort, which include, horse riding, snorkeling, reef diving and dolphin safari.

Specially arranged romantic candle lit dinner under the starlit sky in the open private deck will be set up for you.

Overnight: White Pearl Resorts

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 3

DEPART MOZAMBIQUE

After Breakfast you will check-out and will be privately transferred for your onward connections.

Meal Plan: B