

## THE ACCOMMODATED SAFARI (BWA)



### 11-NIGHT/12-DAY SAFARI

This accommodated safari forms a circular route around the Okavango Delta, starting and ending in Livingstone, Zambia. The Deluxe Accommodated Safari offers a great value trip through three countries - Botswana, Namibia and Zambia.

The Deluxe Accommodated Safari is an activity-packed safari allowing you to discover the diversity that Botswana and Namibia has to offer. Comfortable transportation between the lodges is done in an enclosed, air-conditioned mini bus. Accommodation throughout your journey with us includes lodges and bungalows.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 nights in North Eastern Namibian National Parks - Caprivi area
- Western Okavango Delta & mokoro excursions
- Optional Scenic flight over the Delta from Maun (rate TBA)
- 2 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 1 night Makgadikgadi Pans
- 2 nights Chobe National Park
- Optional visit to the Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia (US\$ 20, subject to change)



#### **Day 1: Susuwe/West Caprivi National Park, comfortable lodge**

The safari begins in Livingstone, Zambia, at 09h00. Parker's African Travel is happy to assist with pre-safari arrangements such as accommodation and transfers from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Kasane, Botswana. A full safari briefing by our experienced guide commences your adventure with us on arrival in Livingstone, after which we head west. Crossing the border into Namibia at Katima Mulilo gives us the opportunity to pause for lunch. Afterwards, we head further into the Caprivi Strip of Namibia to Camp Kwando or a similar lodge. This lodge has a lovely vista over the Kwando River, a tributary of the Chobe River, which forms the border between Botswana and Namibia. (D)

Day 1: Livingstone – Kwando/Susuwe: 340 km, 4-5 hrs driving (depending on border crossing) + lunch break in Katima Mulilo

#### **Day 2: Susuwe/West Caprivi National Park, comfortable lodge**

Stomachs full from an early breakfast, a game drive in the nearby Mudumu Game Reserve offers the prospect of seeing large game. Elephant, Kudu and other antelope are commonly seen in this area. Returning to the lodge in the late morning for lunch and a short rest before an afternoon boat cruise on the Kwando River. Upon returning to the lodge once again, feel free to enjoy a drink before a hearty dinner, then leisurely head off to bed lulled by the sounds of the African bush. (B,D)

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### **Day 3: Okavango Delta, comfortable lodge**

After an early rise the safari continues east along the Caprivi Strip until reaching Popa Falls located on the Okavango River. Stretching your legs, take a short walk through the bush in order to get a closer look at these rapids, the last of the great Okavango River before it enters the Delta.

From Poppa Falls we continue on our way to Botswana, entering Mahango Game Reserve just before the border. Situated on the flood plains of the Okavango River, Mahango Game Reserve is well known for its sightings of Red Lechwe, Sable and Roan Antelope amongst other wildlife.

Leaving this scenic reserve, a short stop at the border crossing back into Botswana sees us heading south to Nxamasere or a similar lodge for 2 nights. Nxamasere is situated right in the Okavango Delta. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Susuwe – Nxamasere: 350 km, ±5 hrs (depending on border crossing)

### **Day 4: Okavango Delta, comfortable lodge**

Early in the morning, enjoy a motorboat cruise through the papyrus-lined channels of the Delta to the mokoro station, where your day of exploration in the heart of the Okavango Delta begins. Mokoros are traditional dugout canoes, which have been used by the Bayeyi River Bushmen for centuries to negotiate the intricate pathways of this unique area. This full day excursion allows the opportunity to encounter a large number of bird species and view landscapes many people can only dream of. (B,L,D)

### **Day 5: Maun, comfortable lodge**

Inspired by the beauty of the Okavango, you will travel south to Maun. Arriving around noon in town, you can do bit of shopping for curios, safari drinks and necessities before lunch. Rest of the day at leisure. In the afternoon, you will have the option of taking a scenic flight over the Delta (45 min. Maun to Maun scenic flight, rate TBA). This magical experience provides another perspective of the Okavango Delta's distinctive water system. During the flight it is even possible to spot large game animals such as Elephant, Giraffe and Hippopotami.

Night at a comfortable lodge in Maun. (B,D)

Day 5: Nxamasere – Maun: 290 km, 4-5 hrs

### **Days 6-7: Moremi/Khwai, guest house**

From Maun the drive meanders through to the Khwai River area, on the border of Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana with very high concentrations of game. The next two days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Enjoy game drives in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets. Night at the Khwai Guesthouse in the Khwai Village. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Maun – Khwai area: 160 km, ±5 hrs (including Game Drive)

### **Day 8: Nata, comfortable lodge**

An early start will see us travelling back through Maun, and then towards Nata, on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Watching the landscape change from green swamplands to vast salt pans, our journey pauses along the way for lunch and sees us arrive in the late afternoon at Nata Lodge or a similar lodge.

(B, D)

Day 8: Khwai – Nata (via Maun) 480 km, 7-8 hrs (including shopping stop in town).

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### **Days 9-10: Kasane, comfortable lodge**

An eventful start to the day commences with a visit to Nata Bird Sanctuary, where depending on the time of year, it is possible to see large flocks of flamingos and pelicans feeding and nesting on the pans. The safari then heads North towards Kasane, a town on the edge of Chobe National Game Reserve, where we will stay 2 nights to explore the northern reaches of the park. Feel free to investigate the ins and outs of the town, a well-known tourism hub of Northern Botswana, in the afternoon.

Time is spent in Northern Chobe, a park which is incredibly rich in game due to the Chobe River providing water all year round. Large herds of elephant are frequently seen walking to and from the river. Due to the high density of herbivores in this area many predators, such as lions and leopards, can be found. While staying at The Old House or a similar lodge in Kasane, a game drive into the park in the early hours of the morning, and a river cruise on the Chobe River in the afternoon allows the discovery of this incredible area from both land and water. (B, D)

Day 9: Nata – Kasane: 320 km, 3-4 hrs

### **Days 11-12: Livingstone, Zambia, comfortable lodge**

Today the journey traverses the Zambezi River by ferry and then goes through to Livingstone on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls, (Visa required), where you will spend the night at a comfortable lodge. In the afternoon come face to face with the thunderous Victoria Falls and shop for curios with the roar of the water reverberating nearby. At Livingstone there are many activities to partake in which your guide can assist in organising. Please note that dinner on your last evening will be at your own expense. Spend your last night at Maramba Lodge or a similar lodge with the images of the last 2 weeks still fresh in your memory. The safari officially ends at 8h00 on Day 12. Bush Ways is happy to arrange post-tour accommodation, activities and transfers to Livingstone airport, Victoria Falls airport, Kasane, or any nearby lodges at an additional cost.

Activities in Livingstone include White Water Rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, Canoeing on the upper Zambezi, Elephant rides and Helicopter Flights over the Victoria Falls, please ask your guide for further details. (B)

Day 11: Kasane – Livingstone: 100 km, 2-3hrs (including border crossing)

#### **Safari price includes:**

All accommodation (rooms in comfortable lodges or luxury tents), all transfers and activities as per the itinerary, all meals that are indicated (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner), services of a Professional Guide, all Botswana and Namibian park fees for activities included on itinerary and transport in enclosed, air-conditioned or specialised safari vehicles.

#### **Safari price does not include:**

Entrance to the Falls, visas, airport transfers, tips, curios, optional excursions at the lodges (scenic flight over the Delta, activities in Livingstone/Victoria Falls, game drives, fishing etc), beverages (alcohol, soft drinks and bottled mineral water), Insurance to cover for cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation, any increase in National Park fees.

#### **ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATED SAFARIS**

The Accommodated safari offers travelers the opportunity to explore the most amazing wilderness areas of Botswana, Namibia and Zambia, simultaneously providing the comfort of permanent camps and lodges with the incredible privilege of being introduced to these fantastic natural wonders from beginning to end by one of our passionate guides.

This lodge-to-lodge mobile safari itinerary is around a 3-star standing and offers a lot of activities. Transportation between lodges is done in a comfortable, air-conditioned minibus. The activities are carried out in the various lodges where we are staying using the lodge game drive vehicles, boats and mokoros (traditional dugout canoes).

Maximum 10 guests. Departures are guaranteed from 4 guests confirmed on a tour.

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The accommodation used during this tour will therefore be:

- In Susuwe: Camp Kwando or similar
- In the Okavango Delta Panhandle: Nxamaseri or similar
- In Maun: Maun Lodge or similar
- In Moremi/Khwai: Khwai Guest House
- In Nata: Nata Lodge or similar
- In Kasane: The Old House or similar
- In Livingstone: Maramba River Lodge or similar

