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Family Botswana and Zambia Safari Adventure

BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA - TRIP CODE FOA

FAMILY

Why book this trip?

Join us on a journey through one of the last untouched wilderness in Africa visiting Botswana and Zambia. Starting at the majestic Victoria Falls, explore the game parks and reserves of Moremi in search of spectacular and varied wildlife, stay on board a private houseboat in the tranquil oasis of the Okavango Delta and visit Chobe National Park, especially famous for elephant, lion and cheetah.

- **Moremi Game Reserve** - The big wildlife of Africa in a huge unspoilt wilderness.
- **Okavango Delta Panhandle** - Two nights on a houseboat exploring the Okavango Delta
- **Chobe National Park** - Look for the huge herds of elephants in the park



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 11
Lunch: 6
Dinner: 6



TRIP STAFF
Explore Tour Leader
Boat Crew
Camp Crew
Driver(s)
Local Guide(s)



TRANSPORT
4WD
Boat



ACCOMMODATION
2 nights comfortable boat
3 nights simple camping
2 nights comfortable hotel
4 nights simple lodge



TRIP PACE:
Moderate



GROUP SIZE:
8 - 12

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in Livingstone

Arrive in Livingstone. Often referred to as the adventure capital of Zambia, Livingstone offers a variety of land, air and water-based activities in the surrounding area.

For those arriving on time our Leader plans to meet you in the hotel reception at 6pm for the welcome meeting and for those that wish, there is the chance to go out for dinner. There are no other activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in Livingstone at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into Livingstone's Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International airport (airport code LVI), which is 8km, around 15 minutes' drive from the hotel. Should you miss the welcome meeting, your Leader will inform you of any essential information as soon as you catch up.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, perhaps you might choose from a host of adventurous activities including whitewater rafting, canoeing and cruises on the Zambezi River. Full details are listed in the \ budgeting and packing\ section.



ACCOMMODATION:
Bushfront Lodge (or similar)

Grade: Simple Lodge





SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Witness the wonder of Victoria Falls on the shores of the Zambezi River with optional rafting

Visit one of the natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls, known locally as The Smoke that Thunders. The Zambezi River plummets over a sheer cliff wall spanning more than 1,600m and drops approximately 100m into the abyss below. Like David Livingstone before us, we become aware of the falls long before we see it. Plumes of water vapour rise like smoke into the sky creating small clouds, all accompanied by a deafening roar.

This afternoon is left free to take advantage of the many activities that Victoria Falls offers including an optional half day game drive into Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to search for white rhino, trying out whitewater rafting on the Zambezi, enjoying a scenic helicopter flight over the falls or perhaps experiencing a cultural village trip. Alternatively you may want to take advantage of the more sedate attractions such as the National Museum or the Railway Museum (or to give it its full title, The Zambezi Sawmills Locomotive Sheds National Monument!)



ACCOMMODATION:
Bushfront Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Simple Lodge



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Boat across Zambezi, continue to Chobe National Park. Game drives around the park in search of herds of elephant

Leaving our lodge this morning, we take a local boat across the Zambezi River and base ourselves just outside the Serondela area of the Chobe National Park. During our stay in Kasane, there will be time to enjoy a late afternoon game drive into Chobe National Park.



ACCOMMODATION:
Kwalape Safari Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Simple Lodge



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Morning game drives with afternoon game viewing by boat

The northern Chobe area of Serondela is the heart of elephant country. Up to 35,000 elephants live here, the largest number in any African park. On our game drive this morning we hope to watch huge herds in and around the great Chobe River, which also teems with hippo and crocodile as well as a variety of fish including the tiger fish (freshwater barracuda). This afternoon our mode of transport switches to a boat as we take to the water and view the wildlife from a different perspective. The Chobe River is one of the Zambezi's main tributaries, and home to an abundance of wildlife. The area is also famed for its beautiful scenery and magnificent red and gold sunsets.



ACCOMMODATION:
Kwalape Safari Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Simple Lodge



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5 - Drive across the Caprivi Strip to our houseboat on the Okavango Delta

Taking advantage of an early start this morning, we head west via the Caprivi Strip in Namibia, to reach our houseboat on the waters of the Okavango River where we arrive in the mid afternoon. The mighty Okavango is the third largest river in Africa and its delta area covers 16,000 square kilometres of crystal clear channels, a myriad of ephemeral lakes and ever changing islands. The river flows south east from the Angolan highlands over 1,000 km away, taking up to 6 months to reach the delta area which floods on an annual cycle.



ACCOMMODATION:
Houseboat (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Boat



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 6 - Explore the waterways of the Okavango Panhandle on a private houseboat

During our time on the river, there will be an excellent possibility of seeing game as we cruise past submerging pods of hippos, while crocodiles bask in the shallows and on the riverbanks. Birdlife in the area is prolific and local fishermen are often seen aboard their traditional dugout canoes, known locally as mokoros. We include a boat trip to experience the areas of the Delta that are harder to reach, cruising into channels where hippos and crocodiles are usually sighted. We return to our houseboat in the golden light of the late afternoon where we can enjoy a traditional 'sundowner'. This is a home away from home where you can enjoy the surroundings of this part of Africa.



ACCOMMODATION:
Houseboat (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Boat



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 7 - Visit Tsodilo Hills, believed by locals to be the birthplace of mankind. Continue to Maun

Leaving our houseboat this morning, we make our way to the intriguing Tsodilo Hills. The San Bushmen believe that this was the site of the first creation and so it is considered a holy and sacred place. The area has an astonishing 3,500 rock paintings over 350 different sites which all celebrate this event. There are four mountains that jut out of the expanse of the surrounding land and the San Bushmen believe that the bigger rock, the male, has a wife and child, but that he left his wife for a younger wife who now lingers in the background. After our visit here we drive to the town of Maun, located on the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and the gateway to the Moremi Game Reserve.



ACCOMMODATION:

The Sedia Riverside Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & LUNCH

DAY 8 - Drive into the Xakanaka area of the Moremi Game Reserve

We drive into the Moremi Game Reserve and to our camp. Tucked into the north-eastern sector of the Okavango Delta, Moremi is thought to be the country's most beautiful game area and is rated as one of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuaries. It covers an enormous wilderness area composed of permanent swamps, islands, forest and dry land. Exceptional though the geography of the Delta may be, it is the amazing wildlife of the waterways that draws many visitors and we plan to do a late game drive this afternoon before our first night's camping experience.



ACCOMMODATION:
DWNP Public Campsite (or similar)

Grade: Simple Camping



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 9 - Game drives in Moremi in search of Africa's unique wildlife

With a number of game drives planned for today, we get the chance to experience one of Africa's most natural and unspoiled wonderlands in the park with hippo, crocodile and a great variety of birds all seen in the Delta, as well as the elusive sitatunga antelope. This place is an ornithologist's paradise with fish eagle, kingfisher, heron, stork, egret, weaver and bee-eater all regularly seen.



ACCOMMODATION:
DWNP Public Campsite (or similar)

Grade: Simple Camping



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 10 - A second day of viewing game on the flood plains

We spend our time on game drives in search of the wildlife of the region, with the larger mammals like elephant, giraffe and zebra being spotted on the flood plains as well as predators such as lion, leopard and wild dog.



ACCOMMODATION:
DWNP Public Campsite (or similar)

Grade: Simple Camping



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 11 - Drive back to Maun with evening cultural show

We take a leisurely drive back to Maun with the afternoon free for optional activities or just to relax at our hotel. Tonight allows for a cultural evening where we can sample hand made crafts directly from budding artisans, enjoy folklore stories from a local storyteller around a crackling fire and meet local children as part of a grassroots project that builds life skills.



ACCOMMODATION:
The Sedia Riverside Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 12 - Trip ends in Maun

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Maun.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Maun at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you need to depart from Maun International airport (airport code MUB), which is 10km, 15 minutes from the hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Country information

Botswana

Climate

Botswana's regional characteristics, from fertile areas in the east to waterless desert in the centre and south, and a vast delta in the north-west, make for extremes of temperatures and highly variable rainfall. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	3 Pin Round	Christians. Anglicans, Methodists	English, Setswana

Namibia

Climate

With a staggering 300 days of sunshine each year, Namibia is a year-round destination, although some may prefer to avoid the heat of high summer. The cold Benguela current keeps the Atlantic coast of the Namib Desert cool and rain-free for most of the year, with a thick coastal fog that lends a mysterious edge to the area. January and February are the hottest months, when daytime temperatures in the heart of the Namib can exceed 40°C (104°F), but nights are usually cool. Winter nights can be fairly cold, but days are generally warm and pleasant.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+1	3 Pin Round	Christian	English, Afrikaans, German

Zambia

Climate

The main rainy season is from January to March. Rain is widespread and generally falls in the form of a thunderstorm in the late afternoon; grass tends to be long and there is more water about so game is more dispersed. Otherwise it is dry, with low humidity for most of the year. Temperatures reach around 29°C during the day with quite cold nights throughout the year. Early dry season is the most pleasant time for temperatures and the best for bird watching. For game viewing though the late dry season is better

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	3 Pin Flat	Christian & Indigenous	English, Bemba.

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your Family adventure. Whilst the basic tour price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities or take time to relax, the choice is yours. At certain destinations along the way there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in; your Explore Leader will be able to give advice on which are the most suitable for your family.

Livingstone:

Day 2: Whitewater rafting half day low water US\$ 160 per person, full day low water \$170 per person strict minimum age of 15 years applies. Transfers to/from your hotel are included. Half day includes lunch and soft drinks, full day includes lunch and dinner and soft drinks. Minimum age of 15 yrs. Rafting grade 5.

Rafting note: River conditions are determined by seasonally predictable fluctuations in water levels. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. High water is from about February to July and there can be a closed season between March and June depending on the seasons rains. Please note the minimum age for rafting is 15 yrs.

Day 2: Upper Zambezi canoeing, half day (morning only) US\$ 115 per person, full day US\$ 140 per person. Full day canoeing includes lunch and soft drinks. Minimum age of 12 yrs.

Day 2: Zambezi River cruise on MV Makumbi; breakfast 1hr 30min cruise US \$50 (plus US \$10 park fee) per person. Lunch 1hr 30min cruise US \$55 (plus US \$10 park fee) per person; Sunset 2hr cruise US \$55 (plus US \$10 park fee) per person.

Day 2: Livingstone island tours from US\$ 105 per person including transfers.

Day 2: Cultural village tour US\$ 50 per person including transfers.

Day 2: Livingstone helicopter ride 30mins US \$360 per person (plus US \$6 aviation fee)

Day 2: Game Safari approx. 2hrs US\$ 60 (plus US \$10 park fee) per person.

Clothing

Clothing should be lightweight. However, a wind/waterproof jacket, a warm fleece or sweater and thermal underwear for night time are strongly advised, as night time temperatures and early morning game drives can be very cold, especially in winter (April to August). Brightly coloured and white clothing is not suitable for game viewing.

Footwear

Lightweight trail boots or robust trainers with good grip and sandals for relaxing in.

Luggage

15Kg

Luggage: On tour

The limit is one barrel bag or soft holdall (suitcases are not permitted due to transport restrictions) per person and a reasonable amount of photographic equipment. A daypack is essential for everyday use.

Equipment

Bring a head torch, a water bottle, a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent. Binoculars are essential for game viewing and a 300mm lens is recommended for photography. Biodegradable soap is useful. Don't forget your swimming costume and a towel.

Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per family member per week as a guideline.

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$30.00 per family member for group tipping.

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

Botswana

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track

may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£8.00	£15.00	£1.50	£0.75

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Botswana Pula

Recommended Currency For Exchange

We suggest that you take your spending money is cash as US Dollars. Please note that the banks and Forex Bureaus do not accept US Dollars pre-2002. NB: you may find it useful to bring smaller denominations of US Dollars for tips.

ATM Availability

Cash can be drawn out on credit cards from ATM's in Kasane and Maun

Credit Card Acceptance

Limited. Some lodges may accept credit cards, however the service is very sporadic.

Travellers Cheques

Not recommended

Namibia

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£15	£20	£1.5	£0.8

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Namibian Dollar. South African Rand is legal tender in Namibia.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

USD are readily exchanged in Namibia and GBP to a lesser extent. Take your money in a combination of ATM cards and cash

Where To Exchange

On arrival.

ATM Availability

Cash can be drawn on credit cards from ATM's in Windhoek and Swakopmund.

Credit Card Acceptance
Limited.

Travellers Cheques
Are difficult to exchange and should be used as back up

Zambia

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£8	£20	£1.5	£1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency
Zambian Kwacha

Recommended Currency For Exchange

We recommend taking your money in US\$ cash (only accept post 2006 US\$ notes) Avoid the lower and higher (US\$1, 5 & 100) denomination notes, as they are difficult to change. Please note that it is difficult to convert local currency back to US\$'s so please ask your Tour Leader for guidelines on how much to exchange

Where To Exchange

Your Tour leader will advise you.

ATM Availability

In the cities and larger towns, the larger banks have ATMs.

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards have limited use in Zambia, and incur a 5% bank charge.

Travellers Cheques

Can be difficult to exchange.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

4WD, Boat

Accommodation notes

On this tour we have opted for simple, basic and clean accommodation that provides value for money and a warm welcome. We have selected an interesting variety of accommodation options including a mixture of lodges, camping and a houseboat.

The accommodation at Livingstone is at a small, relaxed lodge with cottages dotted about lush gardens. At Chobe we stay in a basic lodge with swimming pool and bar area situated close to the banks of the Chobe River with views of the surrounding bush.

Our exclusive houseboat on the Okavango Panhandle has two decks. The lower deck features en-suite cabins and an upper deck with a bar/dining area and open seating area at the rear. Its remote location is fantastic for bird watching and wildlife observation.

Our campsite in the Moremi Game Reserve offers a perfect camping experience; simple enough to give the feeling of really camping out in the African bush, yet with the modern comforts we all hate to do without, such as 'proper' toilets, bucket showers and even beds for our two man tents. The camp can be visited by wildlife such as elephant that wander through the camp as they pass through the site. The family tents include; camp beds, mattresses, sheet/sleeping bags and pillows which are all provided. Camp assistants take care of camp chores whilst camping.

Family swimming

Available at all lodges

Botswana

Food and drink

Dietary requirements: Most restaurants and hotels in Botswana do not have a wide selection of vegan and vegetarian choices. There is usually a choice of salads and one main vegetarian and/or vegan main dish on the menus, but choice will be limited especially in more remote locations. If you have specific dietary requirements we do recommend for you to bring some food with you.

Namibia

Food and drink

Dietary requirements:

It's very important that you let us know of any dietary requirements at least 60 days prior to the departure of your trip because your Leader will pre-plan menus and shop for the majority of the food prior to departure. In Namibia there is very limited availability for specialist food products along the way and leaders will need to pre-advise accommodations of any specific requirements so they can ensure they have options. Please note, without prior notice or if your requirements change while on the trip Explore cannot guarantee all requirements will be catered for.

If you have a specialist diet, including but not limited to vegan, gluten free, lactose intolerant and/or coeliac, we strongly recommend you bring some snacks with you as options will be limited, particularly in rural parts of Namibia where specialist food products in supermarkets are very limited and restaurants will often have one or two alternative options on their menus. With prior notice our leaders will always ensure there is a meal for you, however, we must stress we cannot guarantee variety or choice.

Zambia

Food and drink

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Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Travelling with Minors via South Africa (including transits) and entry into Botswana and Namibia Regulations affecting all children aged under 18 years that are travelling to, from or via South Africa have been updated (Nov19). The law states that visa exempt children travelling for tourism purposes with one or both parents and/or an adult who is not a biological parent require to present a valid passport for each child on arrival. We strongly recommend you to refer to the South African House website for full information and to travel with a copy of these requirements.

Please refer to the FCO website for information on travelling with minors to Botswana:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/botswana/entry-requirements>

Please refer to the FCO website for information on travelling with minors to Namibia:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/namibia/entry-requirements>

Botswana: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. All passports must have at least 6 months validity remaining from date of entry into Botswana.

Namibia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

UK passport holders will need a minimum of 1 blank page in your passport for your permission to stay stamp acquired on arrival. Other nationalities should consult their embassy or consular office.

Zambia: Visas are required for UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. British citizens can obtain these on arrival, all other nationalities should consult their consulate. All passports must have at least 6 months validity remaining on entry and also have two consecutive blank pages in their passports which lie side by side when the passport is open (i.e. a left and a right hand page).

Please refer to the Zambia Department of Immigration website for visa on arrival fees:

<http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm>

South Africa: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, US and Canadian citizens.

New Zealand passport holders do require a visa. If you are transiting you may need a transit visa, Please consult your airline to determine if you will need to pass through South African immigration to transit for your onward flight and your local consulate for full visa information.

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office for visa and/or transit visa information. All visitors should ensure their passport is machine readable and has two blank pages when entering and leaving South Africa. The South African Immigration officials will not allow child/ infant pages to be used for this purpose and visitors without the stipulated blank pages will be denied entry.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have

selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Ability to swim

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

Botswana

Vaccinations

We do recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may wish to immunize themselves against meningitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling. Immigration/Borders in Botswana are requesting a Yellow Fever certificate if you have previously travelled within/via an endemic country. Please note that any travellers who have visited Ebola affected countries during the last 30 days will be denied entry into Botswana. These countries are: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Liberia

Namibia

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we do recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid and polio. Please note that all travellers aged over 9 months old that have travelled from or have transitted via a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission, will need to present a Yellow Fever certificate at immigration/borders in Namibia for inspection. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may wish to immunise themselves against meningitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Zambia

Vaccinations

For yellow fever all travellers aged over 9 months old that have travelled from or have transited for more than 12 hours via a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission, will need to present a Yellow Fever certificate. Please note there is a low risk of exposure to yellow fever in Zambia and we recommend for your to discuss this with your doctor/health centre. We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, and polio. Malaria is present in the region so consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Family information



Wild camping



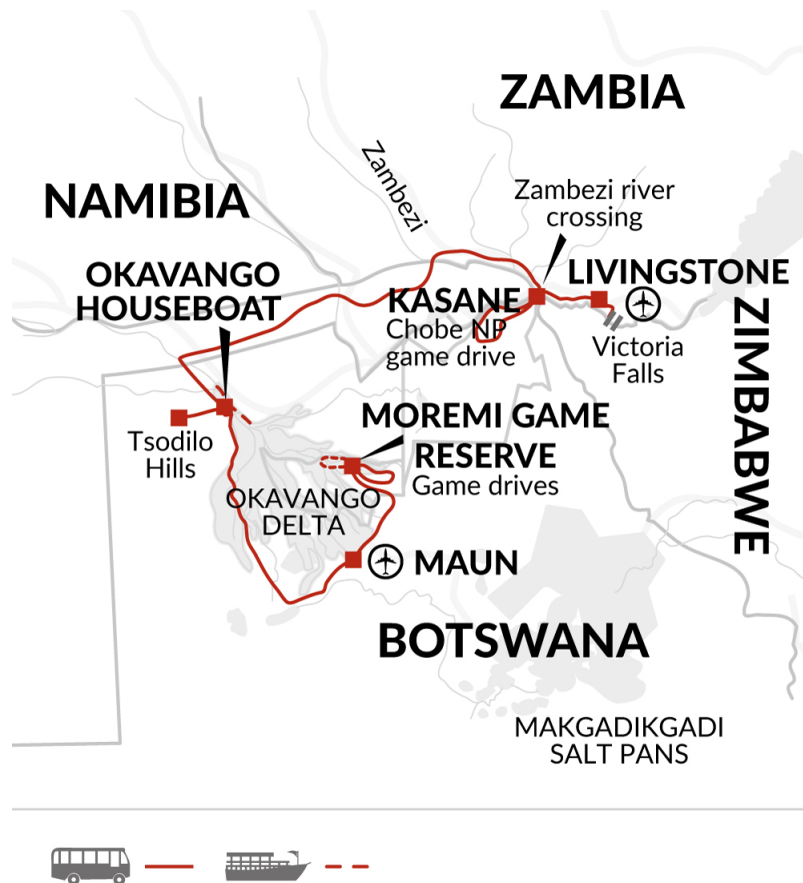
Typical safari vehicle used in Botswana

On this tour we have opted for simple, basic and clean accommodation that provides value for money and a warm welcome. We have selected an interesting variety of accommodation options including a mixture of lodges, wilderness safari camp and a houseboat that allows us to focus on the abundant wildlife within the spectacular inland delta of the Okavango, Chobe National Park and Moremi Wildlife Reserves on the eastern edge of the Delta.

Triple Rooms: This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on a selected number of night stops within the holiday. If you would like this option, a discount may be applicable on the cost of the trip - please ask our Sales team for further information.

Average Age: As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 14 years old.

Minimum age: This trip is suitable for children of all ages from 7 upwards. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5 if travelling with older siblings, please speak to our reservations team for details.



Why book this trip

Families who are looking to view a wide range of wildlife need look no further than our adventure around Botswana. The country boasts a number of premium game viewing locations including the famous Chobe National Park and Okavango Delta which is combined with visiting a wonder of the world, the Victoria Falls. A wide range of accommodation awaits including a houseboat and a number of meals are included which all contribute to a good value game orientated holiday.

Reviews



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