



**EXPLORE!**

**Tailormade Botswana Camping Adventure**  
11 days

Botswana - Trip code TMBW5

## Tailormade Botswana Camping Adventure

### Wildlife in Botswana, up close...

Botswana's deltas, channels and tributaries are the perfect playground for river safaris in unique dug-out canoes and walking safaris in its wildlife reserves allow you to explore how this fascinating eco-system works. On this great-value camping adventure safari you'll be in the company of expert guides, getting as close to the wildlife and wilderness as you possibly can. While the itinerary here runs with a minimum of two passengers and a maximum of 12, it can also be adapted for a more private experience. Finish your trip with a night in Victoria Falls, either the Zimbabwe or the Zambia side.

### Enriching tailormade journeys – for you

This bespoke journey features some of our favourite spots in Botswana. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches; maybe an extension to Victoria Falls or a canoe trail. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on **01252 883 184**.

## Trip highlights

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

### TRIP PACE:

#### Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

# Itinerary

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

## DAY 1 - Fly to Maun

Fly to Maun.

 None

## DAY 2 - Arrive in Maun

Arrive into Maun and check into your hotel. Maun is a dusty frontier town on the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta. Your afternoon here is free to relax or maybe take a stroll around Maun and begin to immerse yourself into the ways of Africa.



**Accommodation: Thamalakane River Lodge** (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available

 None

## DAY 3 - Moremi Game Reserve

Following an early breakfast you will meet your guide and set off to the Okavango Delta. Moremi Game Reserve is home to a wide variety of animals and birds including lions, buffaloes, elephants, leopard, storks, wattled cranes and many species of kingfishers and bee-eaters, you're likely to spot many animals en route to your campsite too. You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy a mokoro (dug out canoe) ride along a channel of the Khwai River to view game from another perspective.



**Accommodation: Mobile camping - Non-participatory** (or similar)



Standard Campsite

 Breakfast Lunch Dinner

## DAY 4 - Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi covers much of the eastern side of the Okavango Delta and combines permanent water with drier areas, creating unexpected contrasts and a unique environment. The wildlife varies between large herds of elephants and buffaloes to cheetahs, hyenas, wild dogs, giraffes, leopards, lions and jackals, plus a full range of antelope including the rarer red lechwe. The birdlife is vast and varied, and ranges from elegant water birds to a huge variety of ducks, geese and heron. Today you enjoy early morning and afternoon game drives in the park, heading back to camp for lunch and some time to relax.



**Accommodation: Mobile camping - Non-participatory** (or similar)

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Standard Campsite

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Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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## DAY 5 - Journey to Savuti

Today you head to Chobe National Park, where you will spend the next two nights in a wilderness campsite in the Savuti region, exploring the desert-like landscape on game drives. Never has there been a better time to visit Savuti, as the waters from the Savuti Channel reach the marsh for the first time in 30 years. During morning and late afternoon drives your guides will take you to the marsh, the Savuti Channel and the hills. Savuti has a very healthy population of leopard who live on the hills and the best time to see them is either first or last light and they leave their stony refuge to hunt.



**Accommodation: Mobile camping - Non-participatory** (or similar)

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Standard Campsite

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Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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## DAY 6 - Game drives in the Savuti region

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives within the Savuti region of Chobe National Park. You may spot zebra in large herds or impala, wildebeest, giraffe, tsessebe, buffalo and elephant.



**Accommodation: Mobile camping - Non-participatory** (or similar)

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Standard Campsite

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Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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## DAY 7 - Continue to Chobe Riverfront

Today you journey north, deeper into the national park and set up camp along the Chobe River, exploring the riverbanks and surrounding flood plains on game drives along the way. Look out for African fish eagles swooping for their prey and large herds of elephant cooling off at the riverbank.



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Standard Campsite

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Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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## DAY 8 - Chobe River game drive and boat cruise

Today you have morning and afternoon game drives in the national park. You will also be able to enjoy an afternoon boat cruise on the Chobe River, a relaxing alternative to game drives, a boat cruise allows for a different perspective to view game and offers spectacular photographic opportunities as the sun sets across the water.



**Accommodation: Mobile camping - Non-participatory** (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

## DAY 9 - Livingstone and afternoon tour of Victoria Falls

After an early morning game drive you will leave Chobe National Park, cross the Zambezi River by ferry and drive to Livingstone, Zambia where you will spend one night in lodge accommodation. In the afternoon there will be time to visit the thunderous Victoria Falls and shop for curios.

If you prefer, you can also stay on the Zimbabwe side in the town of Victoria Falls. Please speak to one of our tailor-made consultants for further information.



**Accommodation: Avani Victoria Falls Hotel** (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

## DAY 10 - Fly to the UK

Time to depart Africa for your flight to the UK.



Breakfast

## DAY 11 - Arrive in the UK



None

# Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Phelps,  
Regional Specialist for Botswana

Call on 01252 883 184.

## What's included?



### Included meals

Breakfast: 8  
Lunch: 7  
Dinner: 7



### Transport

Flight  
4WD  
Mokoro  
Boat



### Trip staff

Safari guide  
Camp crew  
Cook



### Accommodation

6 nights standard campsite  
2 nights premium hotel

## 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. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

##### Time difference to GMT

+2

##### Plugs

3 Pin Round

##### Religion

Christians. Anglicans, Methodists

##### Language

English, Setswana

# Budgeting and packing

## Country Information

### 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**

£8.00

**Dinner price**

£15.00

**Beer price**

£1.50

**Water price**

£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

# Transport, Accommodation & Meals

## Accommodation notes

**Booking a Single Room**

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

**Standard**

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our Simple style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

**Thamalakane River Lodge**

Thamalakane River Lodge, on the banks of the Thamalakane River is in a quiet locations, 19 km outside of Maun. The spacious, en

suite stone chalets overlook the river. There is an outdoor swimming pool and a la carte restaurant.

#### Mobile camping - Semi-participatory

Your mobile camping safari is semi-participatory which means you are expected to assist with setting-up and taking down the camp. The camp chef will be on-hand to prepare and cook all meals. You will camp in private, designated campsites with shared facilities, in two-man dome tents, however you will need to bring your own sleeping bag.

#### Maramba River Lodge

Maramba River Lodge offers comfortable en suite safari tents. Nestled within mopane and mahogany trees with views overlooking Maramba River or the waterhole, the camp is a good base from which to explore Livingstone. The lodge has a swimming pool and outdoor dining area where guests can enjoy the views over the river.

#### Premium

On premium level tailor-made tours you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Standard level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

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#### Mobile camping - Non-participatory

This mobile camping safari is non-participatory and fully staffed to ensure your adventure goes smoothly. Your camp will be set up for you on arrival with three metre walk-in dome tents, en suite toilet and bush shower tent. Hearty home made meals will be prepared for you with a selection of drinks included.

#### Avani Victoria Falls Hotel

A uniquely designed property with the look and feel of an old walled city. Each room has a private balcony and the restaurant and bar surround a cool, landscaped pool area.

## Essential Information

### FCO 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](#)

### 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 now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. 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.

## 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. For a list of Yellow Fever affected countries please refer to: <http://www.who.int/ith/2015-ith-annex1.pdf?ua=1>. 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

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