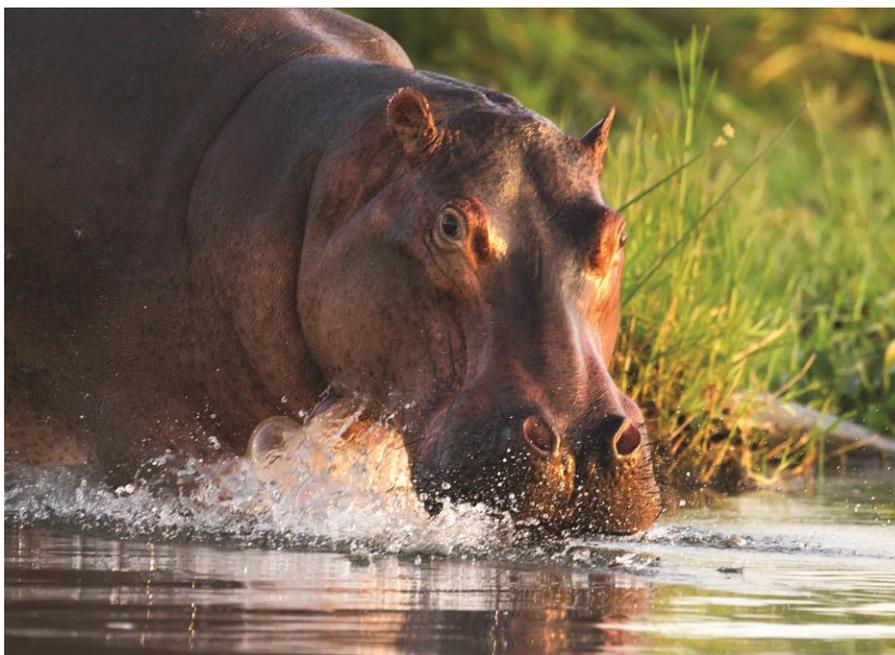


## **NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI TO BOTSWANA FOR THE ZELL GROUP**

**Safari to Victoria Falls / Savuti-Chobe / Khwai Concession / Moremi Reserve**

**Program highlights:**

- ❑ **This small (7 people) group, scheduled safari offers a selection of game viewing activities that include day and night game drives, walking safaris, and rides in mokoros (dugout canoes).**
- ❑ **You have the same highly trained guide throughout the safari.**
- ❑ **Utilize a charter flight from Moremi to Maun at the end.**
- ❑ **Your mobile tented camps are set up prior to the group's arrival and exclusive to the group.**
- ❑ **Begin with two nights in Victoria Falls.**



Day	Destination	Accommodation
12 Mar	Arrival Johannesburg Group Welcome meeting	City Lodge OR Tambo
13 Mar	Fly Johannesburg/Victoria Falls Zambezi River Cruise	Batonka Lodge
14 Mar	Victoria Falls Tour Falls + lunch at Vic Falls Hotel	Batonka Lodge
15-17 Mar	Chobe National Park – Savuti region Boat cruise on Chobe River Game drives	3 nights Chobe Mobile Tented Camp – Savuti region
18-20 Mar	Khwai Concession Game drives, night drives, guided walks and mokoros	3 nights Khwai Mobile Tented Camp
21-23 Mar	Moremi Reserve Game drives	3 nights Moremi Mobile Tented Camp
24 Mar	Fly Moremi- Maun Fly Maun/JOhannesburg	

- **Accommodations** are the rustic charms of mobile camps combined with the comfort of full service, a hot bucket shower and long drop toilet. The spacious canvas tents feature twin beds, en suite bathroom and hot water delivered upon request. There is full camp service.
- **Guides** – This safari is lead by wonderful Naturalist guides including **Lucus Tshupo , Gaeboelwe "Gee" Mange, Kabo "KB" Kgopa, Nkosi Sibanda, Shadreck 'Shadow' Tshegane**



#### UNIQUE POINTS ON THE TRIP

- Private campsites and exclusive areas
- Boat ride on Chobe River
- Varied overland transfers (water and land) and one charter flight
- Wildlife seen may include Red lechwe, sitatunga antelope, hippo, roan, sable antelope, giraffe, zebra, Lion, leopard, buffalo, waterbuck, kudu, tsessebe, impala, hyena, cheetah, wild dog

October 31, 2017

## ITINERARY

**12 Mar (Mon)**

### **JOHANNESBURG**

Arrival Johannesburg and make your way to the **City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport**. The hotel has 303 rooms and provides travelers with “home away from home” accommodation that is ideal for short layovers that require immediate access to the airport. The hotel has a fitness room as well as a deck with a pool and a large commercial area with a coffee shop.

This evening enjoy a welcome meeting at Tribe Restaurant at Emperor’s Palace (dinner and drinks for own account).

Accommodation: City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport (B) – *Standard Room*



**13 Mar (Tue)**

### **JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS**

Make your way back to Johannesburg airport for your scheduled inter-africa flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The world-famous Victoria Falls were discovered in 1855 by Scottish explorer, David Livingstone. As news of the falls spread it attracted traders and a small settlement, originally called “Old Drift” was established on the Zambian side of the falls. A bridge was built over the Zambezi Gorge as part of the Cape-to-Cairo railway in 1902 making it possible for people to visit the village of Victoria Falls. In 1906 the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel was built and put the thriving village on the map. It officially became a town in 1972. Today it is the jumping off or finishing point for many safaris and offers a variety of exciting activities such as world-class white water rafting and elephant-back safaris.



Afternoon Zambezi River Cruise. The **Ra- Ikane** is named after one of David Livingstone’s guide, who led him to the Victoria Falls. The boat was hand made to resemble a turn of the century riverboat.

**Batonka Guest Lodge** is set in a lush garden and a short distance to Victoria Falls town and main attractions. The lodge offers 22 elegant rooms with en suite bathroom, air conditioning, wi-fi, tea/coffee station and verandah opening out onto the surrounding garden. The main lodge features indoor and outdoor dining, an intimate lounge with fireplace, swimming pool and curio shop.

Accommodation: Batonka Guest Lodge (B)



**14 Mar (Wed)**

### **VICTORIA FALLS**

This morning is a good time to view the falls (park entry fee US\$30 per person payable direct).

Fortunately the area immediately around the falls has not been commercialized, and there are unobstructed views from many vantage points connected by paved paths. Be prepared to get wet as you walk through the rain forest surrounding the falls, a result of the continuous spray. A path called the Chain Walk descends from near Livingstone's statue into the gorge of the Devil's Cataract, providing an excellent vantage point.



Enjoy an optional lunch on the terrace of the historic Victoria Falls Hotel. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation: Batonka Guest Lodge (B)



**15-17 Mar (Thu-Sat)**

**CHOBE NATIONAL PARK – SAVUTI**

Transfer to the Kasane Airport where you will join up with your guide for the safari.

Head to Chobe National Park, where the group will spend the following three nights camping in an exclusive wilderness campsite in the Savuti region, exploring the desert-like landscape of game drives. Enjoy days of game drives as well as exploring some evidence of the Paleo-Lake Makgadikgadi that dried up some ten thousand years ago.

Depart and travel along the Chobe River where the group will enjoy a picnic lunch and boat cruise.



Game drive to your mobile camp which is set up prior to your arrival.

Unlike the vast majority of the country, Savuti is not flat landscape. Large outcrops of volcanic rock reach up out of the Kalahari sands, towering over the endless savannah. These hills provide habitat for a completely different array of small wildlife, birds and plants. The Savuti Marsh has been the stage for many of the most dramatic wildlife documentaries in Africa. The wide open country, good ungulate populations and particularly strong prides of lion and hyaena clans make for dramatic wildlife interaction and excellent viewing opportunities. The now dry Savuti Channel runs through this landscape linking the dry sand-veld, the waterholes, the hills and the grassland that was the Savuti Marsh.

**Accommodations** include Meru style tents measuring 3 x 4m high roof with a 3 x 3m en-suite bathroom and a 2 x 3m covered area in front of the tent. The tents are fitted with solid base camp beds made up with mattresses, sheets, duvets and pillows. The en suite bathroom features a long drop toilet and bucket shower. Showers can be ordered as hot, cold or warm and the water is heated in a bucket on the fire.

Each tent has an oil/paraffin lamp on the veranda and in the bathroom and within the tent itself, a LED rechargeable camp light is supplied along with a side table in the sleeping area and in the bathroom.

Accommodation: Chobe Mobile Tented Camp (Full Board)



**18 Mar (Sun)**

**MOREMI/KHWAI CONCESSION**

This morning the group will depart after breakfast and to the Khwai Concession

The Manuchira Channel is known as the Khwai River at its eastern most extremity. The day's journey follows this water course, with the track weaving from the riverside and floodplains into the mopane veld and the woodlands that make Khwai one of the most scenic areas of the Okavango. Pass the magnificent Dombo Hippo Pools in the morning stopping to enjoy the scenery and the antics of the resident hippo.

The western mopane veld is home to mostly breeding herds of elephant whilst the eastern reaches of Khwai is home to some impressive old bulls. The mature bulls revel in the cool waters of the Khwai and are far more approachable while drinking and bathing than the breeding herds. The river has an unusually high density of hippo as well as some huge crocodile. Leopard, cheetah, serval and lion are common predators along this route and both Xakanaxa as well as Khwai are included in the home ranges of 2 different packs of wild dog. General game includes southern giraffe, Burchell's zebra, tsessebe and red lechwe with roan and sable antelope being less common residents.

Accommodation: Khwai Mobile Tented Camp (Full Board)



**19+20 Mar (Mon+Tue)**

**KHWAI CONCESSION**

The Khwai River forms a boundary between the reserve and the community area. Spend two nights camping at an exclusive campsite in the community area, exploring the Khwai floodplains on game drives both during the day and at night. Water levels permitting, mokoro rides and walking safaris will also take place.



The highlight of your time in Khwai is exploring on foot with guided walking safaris or mokoro where you enjoy an up close and personal encounter with Botswana's flora and fauna. It is important to note that night drives and guided walks are not permitted within the national parks and reserves. These activities are conducted outside the boundaries of the Moremi Game Reserve in the Khwai community area.

Accommodation: Khwai Mobile Tented Camp (Full Board)

**21 Mar (Wed) MOREMI RESERVE – XAKANAXA**

Depart to Moremi, the most diversified of all the Botswana parks, in terms of wildlife and scenery, and many people feel it is the most beautiful. Located in the northeastern part of the Okavango Delta, Moremi contains over 1,160-square miles (3,000-km<sup>2</sup>) of permanent swamps, islands, floodplains, forests and dry land. The park's boundaries have been recently extended to the west and northwest, significantly enlarging its size.

Accommodation: Moremi Mobile Tented Camp (Full Board)



**22+23 Mar (Thu+Fri) MOREMI RESERVE – XAKANAXA**

Enjoy two days of game drives.



Moremi lies on the eastern extremity of the Okavango Delta. Habitats here range from wide-open floodplains, marshes, lagoons, papyrus fringed channels, vast reed-beds of *Miscanthus* and *Phragmites*, woodland and savannah. As a result of the extremely variable habitat the diversity of both wildlife and birdlife is excellent.

Accommodation: Moremi Mobile Tented Camp (Full Board)



**24 Mar (Sat)**

**MAUN/JOHANNESBURG**

This morning bid farewell to your guide will board your scheduled charter flight to Maun.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** There is a luggage limit of 44lbs (20kg) per person on the charter flight so pre-pack your luggage accordingly in a soft-sided bag.

Make your onward connecting inter-africa flight to Johannesburg.

**2018 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

**\$3,820.00 per person**

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**\$to be arranged**

**USA/Johannesburg/USA**

**INTER-AFRICA AIR:**

**\$ 495.00 per person (approx)**

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls - Maun/Johannesburg

**LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- 12 nights accommodations
- Hotel accommodation in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls as per itinerary (breakfast B)
- Historical Upper Zambezi River Cruise above Victoria Falls
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- All road and air charter transfers (Moremi/Maun)
- Park and guiding fees
- Bedding is provided
- Local drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks)
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**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Tips to staff and guides
- Drinks not included above (premium liquors and wines)
- Laundry (not available during mobile camping)
- Zimbabwe visa (@ \$30.00 to get on arrival at airport)
- Airport departure taxes
- Scheduled International air fares to Victoria Falls/from Maun
- Travel insurance

