

Full Itinerary

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JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 3

DESTINATION:

Botswana Walking Safari

DURATION:

11 days

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

PICKUP LOCATION:

Maun International Airport [MUB]

OVERVIEW

Nothing beats the thrill of seeing wildlife on foot or by canoe. Without the sound of an engine, your senses are heightened and the adrenalin pumps a little bit faster!

This walking safari in Botswana offers a completely different dimension to experiencing the wilderness. Suited to fit, spirited adventurers able to walk 10 to 15km per day, walking through the bush allows for a very quiet approach to game and birds, as well as being able to stop for the smallest of plants or creatures that may be missed when travelling in vehicles. There is no set itinerary as such, it will depend on weather conditions, water levels and wildlife movements. At all times your guide will keep your safety in mind, first and foremost. This trip encompasses three exceptional wildlife areas of Botswana - making up one unique, mind-blowing adventure!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

Day 1 - Mashatu Game Reserve

Day 2 - Mashatu Game Reserve

Day 3 - Mashatu Game Reserve

Day 4 - Okavango Delta

Day 5 - Okavango Delta

Day 6 - Okavango Delta

Day 7 - Okavango Delta

Day 8 - Okavango Delta

Day 9 - Selinda Reserve

Day 10 - Selinda Reserve

Day 11 - Maun and home

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - MASHATU GAME RESERVE

You will be met by a Big Safari Company representative at Maun International Airport and transferred by charter flight to Mashatu Game Reserve.

Mashatu is a large, privately owned reserve, with diverse habitats which provides refuge to an amazing array of wildlife. It is referred to as Land of Giants, being home to the biggest herd of elephants found on private land on the entire African continent! All of Africa's predators, numerous antelope species and bird life abound in the reserve.

Included meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Mashatu Lodge

Optional activities: bushwalks, horseback safaris and cycling safaris

DAY 2 - MASHATU GAME RESERVE

Mashatu Lodge is elevated around a waterhole and offers excellent game viewing opportunities from within the camp itself. The dining area, stunning day lounge and bar provide diverse lookouts from which to enjoy and appreciate the view. The camp's beautiful rooms have expansive en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning and a private lounge area overlooking the surrounding bush. Facilities within the camp include a swimming pool, an air-conditioned lounge and dining room and enclosed African boma.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mashatu Lodge

Optional activities: bushwalks, horseback safaris and cycling safaris (pre-booking required)

DAY 3 - MASHATU GAME RESERVE

Mashatu offers day and night game drives conducted by professional, experienced guides. A wide range of other optional activities are on offer here include walking safaris, birding, cycling safaris on mountain bikes and horse riding safaris. In addition, there are historic and archaeological sites nearby, most notable are the Motloutse Ruins and the Pitsani Koppie sites as well as specialist photographic safaris making use of wildlife hides to get close to the action.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mashatu Lodge

Optional activities: bushwalks, horseback safaris and cycling safaris (pre-booking required)

DAY 4 - OKAVANGO DELTA

You will be met at Maun Airport for your transfer to the Buffalo fence on the edge of the camping concession area, a drive of approximately 30 minutes. Thereafter we leave the vehicles behind and you can either walk to camp or board a traditional dugout mokoro canoe and wind your way through the tranquil waterways of the Okavango Delta, following hippo and elephant channels.

Once settled in, enjoy a stroll to take in the splendour of your camp environment with a sundowner. (The mobile camp will move depending on each day's itinerary.) A delicious dinner is served under the African sky. Be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the bush – elephants feeding close to your tent and even perhaps, lions calling.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ride Botswana - Walking Safaris in the Delta

DAY 5 - OKAVANGO DELTA

Following an early breakfast, head out on your morning walk. If fortunate you may encounter elephants swimming in deep water channels, see herds of red lechwe antelope skipping through shallow waters and amazing birdlife will be present just about everywhere. In the heat of the day you can seek out a safe, clear, natural pool for a swim and return to camp for a tasty lunch.

Traditionally African siesta time follows during the heat of the afternoon to recharge for your early evening walk. The colour of the light changing into a classic Delta sunset will take your breath away. An alternative to the evening walk is to take a leisurely mokoro sunset cruise. Feast on another delightful bush dinner before retiring.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ride Botswana - Walking Safaris in the Delta

DAY 6 - OKAVANGO DELTA

Free to choose any direction for the day, your Professional Walking Guide will plan your day's route with you to search for game, birds or even simply immerse yourself in the incredible solitude found here. Secretive predators are a favourite to search for or simply set out for the nearby hippo pools to be entertained by their antics and unusual calls.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ride Botswana - Walking Safaris in the Delta

DAY 7 - OKAVANGO DELTA

A final breakfast at sunrise is followed by farewells. Your luggage will be loaded onto mokoros for transfer to the Buffalo fence and again you have the option to either transfer this route by mokoro or on foot. Your safari vehicle will then take you back to Maun Airport for your onward flight to Kwando Splash Camp, deep in the heart of the Okavango Delta alongside the Moremi Game Reserve.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kwando Splash Camp

DAY 8 - OKAVANGO DELTA

Tents at Kwando Splash Camp are set upon individual decks with spectacular views over a pan which attracts a variety of wildlife. Splash Camp's main area has a lounge, bar, curio shop and plunge pool. Meals are served al fresco in the boma area in front of the camp looking towards the lagoon.

Both day and night game drives and bush walks are conducted by experienced guides and trackers. Game viewing in the area is considered phenomenal and it is a true birders' paradise. Also on offer are boat cruises, mokoro excursions and fishing (seasonal & depending on water levels)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kwando Splash Camp

DAY 9 - SELINDA RESERVE

After breakfast transfer to the airstrip for your flight to the Linyanti - a safari addict's bush nirvana. One of the most remote and exclusive pockets of Botswana, this pristine wilderness is what great game viewing and wildlife documentaries are made of. It is not just for ticking off the big game; it also has a knack for delivering lesser-spotted bucket list items, whether it's a rare bush pig or that long-searched-for wild dog. Together with the Chobe Riverfront, it homes the highest density of African elephants in the world.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Selinda Explorers Camp

DAY 10 - SELINDA RESERVE

Selinda Explorers Camp is in a remote, treasured location on the famous Selinda Spillway - a crucial gathering point for wildlife. The camp focuses primarily on the traditional safaris of walking and canoeing. In addition, day game drives and night game drives are available to explore this wildlife hotspot, with huge herds of elephants and buffalo, lion, wild dog, sable and roan antelope all frequently spotted.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Selinda Explorers Camp

DAY 11 - SELINDA RESERVE

Depart the camp after breakfast for your flight back to Maun for your onward international connection home.

Included meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transfers as specified
- Accommodation, meals and local drinks as specified
- Safaris and activities specified
- Park & conservation fees and guided activities
- English speaking guide

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Botswana visa
- Travel insurance
- Drinks (unless specified)
- Phone calls
- Laundry
- Personal purchases
- Tips and gratuities
- Any COVID-related testing

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Vaccinations are recommended for Botswana. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- US Passport holders require a visa to visit Botswana.
- Passengers weighing over 100kg should please advise us at the time of booking as we may need to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for your safety and comfort.
- There are strict luggage restrictions of 20kg per person. Only soft bags will be accepted as hard suitcases or bags with wheels cannot fit into the light aircraft.
- Please let The Big Safari Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Cancellation 90 - 0 days prior to departure: cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Safari Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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