



BRIEF ITINERARY

2 Nights Waterberry Lodge – Victoria Falls (Livingstone), Zambia

Activity guide: Walks along the Falls, river cruises, canoeing, rafting

3 Nights Kwando Lebala Camp – Linyanti Concession, Botswana

Activity guide: Game drives, night drives, season walking

3 Nights Footsteps Across the Delta – Okavango Delta, Botswana

Activity guide: Seasonal walking, fishing, boating

3 Nights Meno a Kwena Camp – Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Activity guide: Game drives, Bushmen cultural walks

Days 1-2 | Waterberry Lodge | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

At Victoria Falls, the earth splits open and swallows one of Africa's greatest rivers, the mighty Zambezi, creating the largest sheet of falling water on earth. As the water hits the narrow depths of the Batoka Gorge beneath, it blasts a cloud of mist skywards, lending the falls their local name 'mosi-oa-tunya' (the smoke that thunders). When the Zambezi is its fullest, the mist hangs a permanent raincloud above the falls, showering visitors on even the sunniest of days and visible for miles around.

Activities in Victoria Falls include white water rafting down the Zambezi Gorge, canoeing or sunset cruises on the upper Zambezi, elephant rides, and helicopter flights over the Victoria Falls. Or just simply walk along the edge of the



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Falls. You'll get a full-frontal view of three quarters of the falls' mile wide curtain of water from viewpoints and footpaths meandering through a rainforest kept hot and humid by the spray of the falls.

Waterberry Lodge is situated in a lovely, secluded position on the banks of the spectacular Zambezi River with views to the Zambezi National Park on the opposite bank. This small, friendly, informal lodge is famous for its staff, food, gardens and tranquil riverbank setting. Within easy reach of Victoria Falls (35 min) but away from all the hustle and bustle of Livingstone it's a perfect base for visiting the amazing Falls and enjoying the wide range of activities around Livingstone before heading off to explore Botswana or Zimbabwe.



The main double-story lodge area overlooks the Zambezi River and the game park beyond. Upstairs the main lounge is open to the high thatch with plenty of seating and boasts a well-stocked bar with magnificent views. Meals are served in the dining area or alfresco on the sun terrace that overlooks the river.

A large and welcoming swimming pool is set in the center of the gardens and also has a small plunge pool. The comfortable chalets are set in sweeping lawns - some on the riverbank and some overlooking a private dam. Several of the rooms have their own private decks for bird watching, private dinners or just relaxing.



In-house activities include a tour of falls, sunset cruise, daytime cruise, fishing, island picnics, guided birding, guided village walk and guided tour of the town and local markets (1 lodge activity included). All other activities offered in Livingstone can be organized at the lodge on arrival.

Overnight | Waterberry Lodge

Meals | Fully Inclusive of all meals, some activities, and laundry

Activities | Optional activities: Zambezi River cruise, scenic flights, guided tours (activities at extra costs)

Days 3-5 | Kwando Lebala Camp | Linyanti Concession, Botswana

The Linyanti is 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. Only private concessions are on offer here, where the rules are flexible and the crowds can't go. The Linyanti 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.

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Very few camps operate in the Linyanti. Each offers different habitats and landscapes with one common theme: a strong track record for game viewing during Botswana's drier winter months. Together with the Chobe Riverfront, the Linyanti has the highest density of African elephants in the world. Many camps also offer seasonally dependent water-based experiences, be it on a spillway, river, lagoon or channel to break up the game drive routine.



Just one of the Linyanti's concessions alone is twenty times the size of Manhattan, yet only forty people can stay during any night of the year. If Botswana puts a heavy emphasis on preserving the wild and taking only a handful of people into the bush, then the Linyanti is where this concept is taken to the extreme.

Here, you can follow the big game off-road, whether in a white-knuckled pursuit of a lioness chasing buffaloes, or during a quiet crawl off-track to see wild dog puppies emerging from their den for the first time. Possibilities exist for exploring the bush on foot for adrenaline-pumping game approaches, and many camps offer game viewing hides for a more relaxed approach to wildlife sightings, or even overnight sleep outs.



Lebala Camp fronts onto the Linyanti Wetlands where the perennial and southerly flowing Kwando River disappears into the vast marshes before emerging as the Linyanti River, flowing in a north easterly direction. Lebala means "wide open spaces" in the local Setswana dialect which aptly describes this incredible area.

The eight spacious tents are unique, each built on a raised teak deck and open with expansive views, laid out with maximum comfort and privacy in mind. One of the 8 tents is a family room with 2 bedrooms and a shared bathroom. The tents have an entrance foyer with a reading and writing area, en-suite bathrooms with Victorian claw foot bathtubs, "his and hers" washbasins and flush toilets. The bathrooms lead out to a reed enclosed open-air shower with hot and cold running water on demand. The main lodge is under thatch featuring a bar, dining area and open lounge connected on wooden walkways to a plunge pool on raised decking and the boma area.



At Lebala Camp, the activities concentrate on open vehicle game drives and walking safaris. However, game

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walks are at the guides' discretion due to the concentrations of elephant. Lebala Camp offers off road and night game drives - night drives being a specialty at Lebala with its high-visibility plains. The wetlands and flood plains around Lebala offer a wonderful variety of wildlife with excellent sightings of elephant, hippo, lechwe, zebra, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, kudu, tsessebe, roan, sable, buffalo and the ever-present predators; wild dog, lion, cheetah and hyena.

Overnight | Lebala Camp

Meals | Fully inclusive of meals, activities, laundry

Activities | Game drives, night drives, seasonal walking

Days 6-8 | Footsteps Across the Delta | Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is where the wild things are: an immense, waterlogged oasis alive with elephants and birdlife, adrift in the middle of Kalahari sands. The real magic of the Delta lies in its water, trickling through from far away highlands, and spreading across the channels and floodplains. During winter in the Kalahari, when the sun has baked the earth bare and turned the desert its driest, water fills the Okavango; transforming the floodplains into a Noah's Ark of African wildlife.

As the water brings life to the delta, its local residents shape and recreate it. Termites slowly build mounds into islands, germinated with palm trees by passing elephants. Waterways open and close on the whim of wide-bottomed hippos, carving out channels where they crash through reeds, and leaving room behind them for exploration by mokoro.

The Okavango has many faces, which change throughout the year, prompted by that most unpredictable diva of all: the weather. Water levels rise and drop, expanding and shrinking islands, while animals move where the life is easiest and the grass greenest. In a few days, a sandy road driven by vehicle can become a waterway of unknowable depth, prompting a safari by boat instead.

Where and when you stay in the Okavango Delta will hugely influence what you do in the bush each day, the animals you're most likely to see and finally, the safari experience you'll have. The delta's watery heart is best discovered by mokoro through shallow channels and floodplains, as well as crossing the islands on foot.

Footsteps across the Delta is situated in the Shinde Concession, one of the most diverse regions of the Okavango Delta, offering a variety of habitats: riverine forests, palm islands, permanent swamps and dry veld. The camp is



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true to the original 'under canvas African safari', essentially an exclusive camp that offers a specialized walking experience. This rustic bush camp offers accommodation in three simply furnished meru style tents, each with an open-air bush shower and an adjoining bush toilet. The main dining area is under canvas with evenings spent relaxing around the campfire sharing stories of the day. There is a small viewing platform and for those needing a little pampering with a difference, a bush bath.



The Footsteps experience focuses on walking in the delta led by a highly specialized armed guide, suitable for those looking for a little more than your average safari (the minimum age is sixteen years old). The emphasis is on exploration and discovery, each morning tracking fresh spoor to reveal the night's events. Other activity options at the camp include fishing and mokoro excursions and possibly game drives, depending on water levels and the preference of the guests in camp.

Footsteps Camp is also the base camp of the highly successful Young Explorers, where families book out exclusive use of the camp and a specialized guide runs a family oriented safari program.

Overnight | Footsteps Across the Delta

Meals | Fully inclusive of meals, activities, laundry

Activities | Walking, mokoro trips, fishing

Days 9-11 | Meno a Kwena Tented Camp | Makgadikgadi National Park

The Makgadikgadi National Park is where the Okavango Delta finally fades into desert. The Boteti River draws a line in the sand, separating the dry Makgadikgadi from the thirst lands of the Kalahari beyond. This is the ultimate last chance saloon for hundreds of zebras and wildebeest that crowd the water's edge to quench a desert-drawn thirst.



The Boteti is the last finger of the Okavango Delta, reaching down to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. Years have passed without the river being fed a drop at all; becoming a long sandy riverbed with shrinking waterholes, where zebras jostle for space under high-flying sheets of dust. At other times, the Boteti swells up fat and full, spilling into salt pans hundreds of miles from its source before evaporating into thin air. This is the place to watch plains game crashing through sharp acacia trees, gathering under lofty palms and lurking in the shade of the riverine woodland, keeping close to the water. When the Boteti River is full, big elephant bulls can often be found playing in the water and browsing in the reeds while the sun sets on the day.

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Although the park's eastern edges touch the Makgadikgadi salt pans, it's unlikely you'll see them during your stay. Where the salt pans are about landscapes, the Boteti is about a more traditional safari experience. Explore the banks by game drive, drift along the river by boat (when water levels allow), or wait for the wildlife to pass by from the sanctuary of a hide.



Once the rains arrive (October – November) the zebras and wildebeest abandon the Boteti, migrating to the salt pans and only returning in the winter (April – May). During the green season the Boteti's banks become a quiet green landscape of technicolor sunsets and an explosion of birdlife.

Meno a Kwena, meaning "teeth of the crocodile", borders Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in close proximity to Nxai Pan National Park. The camp is situated on tribal land and has been built on a cliff edge overlooking the Boteti River. This authentic safari camp is styled in the tradition of an East African tented camp and its informal atmosphere makes for a very relaxing stay after the hectic round of activities at many camps.



Meno a Kwena offers ten safari tents. The tents are simple yet stylishly furnished with comfortable bedding, a fan as well as gauze sliding doors and windows. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with a shower and a flush toilet. Each tent features a private sitting area with views over the Boteti River.



The main lodge has a dining area, bar and lounge with small library and features many interesting artefacts and photographs. Two covered seating areas at the edge of the escarpment provide guests with breathtaking views over the Boteti River. The river attracts many zebra and wildebeest herds during the dry season (June to Oct) offering excellent game viewing from the comfort of the camp. There is a small plunge pool, as well as a floating game viewing hide offering a close yet safe view across the river into the national park.

Activities at Meno a Kwena include guided nature walks with Bushmen (San), game drives into the Makgadikgadi National Park and game viewing from the floating hide on the Boteti river. For stays of 3 nights or longer, full day trips with a picnic lunch can be arranged to Makgadikgadi & Nxai Pan National Park. Seasonal (July to October) overnight camping excursions to the salt pans are also available on request. Please note these activities must be pre-booked in advance and can't be

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arranged on arrival in camp.

Overnight | Meno a Kwena Tented Lodge

Meals | Fully inclusive of meals, activities, laundry

Activities | Game drives, Bushmen cultural walks, seasonal boating, game viewing from hide

Day 12 | Depart Maun, Botswana

Today you will be transferred to the Maun Airport for your flight home.

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2018 Rates

(per person sharing)

March	\$6325
April-Jun 14	\$7710
June 15-30	\$8240
July	\$9910
August	\$10,135
Sept-Oct	\$9910
Nov 1-14	\$7710



INCLUDES: Road & air transfers between camps, meals/local drinks as indicated, lodging, activities offered at lodges, Botswana park fees.

EXCLUDES: International flights, pre- or post-safari accommodation or extensions, premium drinks/wine, optional activities, Victoria Falls entrance fee, visas, travel insurance, gratuities, personal items.

Please note this itinerary is subject to availability of all services at time of booking. A 20% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm booking and is due within 14 days of receiving the invoice. Single supplement applicable, contact us for rate.

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