



WILD BEAUTIES OF BOTSWANA

CENTRAL KALAHARI & NXAI PAN

LUXURY SAFARI

9 Day Safari

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A luxury mobile safari through Botswana's remote Central Kalahari Game Reserve and the game-rich pans of Nxai Pan National Park.

DAY 1 – 4 | CENTRAL KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

For this safari guests can either fly in from Maun or we can collect them at the Maun airport. The drive from Maun to the CKGR is approximately 5 hours.

Founded in 1961 this is the largest game reserve in Botswana. Its remoteness plus unforgiving climate and harsh terrain have kept it pristine and mostly untouched. In the last 10 years it has become popular and those who venture into this remote wilderness are rewarded with wild Africa at its best. There are a few solar pumps but very little surface water in the dry season. However the Kalahari has a wide variety of habitats including acacia trees and expanses of flat grasslands - tough drought resistant vegetation. One of the main sources of water during the dry season is tsamma melons and gemsbok cucumbers found in the shallow valleys of sand.

The Deception Valley area is the most famous and can be a brilliant area for watching wildlife interact. The Valley comes alive during the rainy season, December to May, when a lot of animals come to it for the sweet grasses. There is still a lot to see during the dry season but it is a little more spread out. The diversity of the animals is wonderful, as well as their sheer will to survive in such a unique and harsh environment. The next 3 days will be spent game driving and exploring this magnificent Game Reserve.

The basic programme runs as follows: an early rise with tea, coffee and a light breakfast served by the fire, then we depart in our game drive vehicles for the morning,

back to camp for a brunch/lunch and then siesta, showers and chill time. Afternoon tea is served under the Mess tent and then we head out for an afternoon or early evening drive.

On the last morning in the CKGR it will be another early rise as the camp is set down and we move to Nxai Pan for two nights.

DAY 5 – 7 | NXAI PAN

The pan is 2,100km² in extent and is a combination of grassland, thick bush, acacia, baobab trees, wide open spaces and dry pans that fill up in the rains and are the currency of life for all that live in the area. In the park there is a group of baobabs called Baines' Baobabs, as he painted them in 1862.

As the hot dry season sets in the animals become dependent on the water supplies that are left in the pans. Nxai Pan National Park offers spectacular game viewing with large herds and predators abundant during the summer months from December to April. The game that can be seen in the park includes lion, cheetah, gemsbok, wildebeest, giraffe, elephant, springbok, jackal, bat eared fox, red hartebeest and the elusive brown hyena. Nxai Pan itself was once part of the old lake bed, but more vegetation is found here. Here we spend our time game driving around this splendid National Park.

DAY 8 | DEPARTURE

After breakfast you will take a game drive to the airstrip for your onward journeys. This is not the end of the journey as Africa is now in you, so we look forward to seeing you back soon. If nothing else, spread the good word of your experiences and time with us.





INCLUDED

Accommodation

Spacious out-of-Africa style, insect-proof walk-in tents with comfortable beds and solar lighting. En-suite ablutions with toilet and safari showers. Laundry done daily, weather permitting, except on days the camp moves.

Safari Staff

A dedicated crew in camp performs all camp chores — providing gourmet meals, keeping tents tidy, and moving camp ahead of your arrival on extended safaris.

Vehicles

Custom-fitted 4x4 vehicles seating 7 guests, excluding the guide.

Meals on Safari

Three substantial meals per day between planned activities. Fresh menus change daily; vegetarian and special diets catered for by prior arrangement.

Drinks on Safari

Soft drinks, local beers & spirits and South African wines included throughout. Premium wines, champagne and spirits can be pre-ordered. Please indicate preferences in advance.

Insurance

Guests are covered for medical evacuation only; full comprehensive medical insurance is required. We strongly recommend travel insurance for all guests.

EXCLUDED

Park fees • Road transfers & private charters within Botswana • Boat cruises • Medivac & travel insurance. Please note the above will be charged at time of invoicing.

