

DISCOVER...

# BOTSWANA

From the crystal-clear waters of the Okavango Delta to the large elephant herds in the Chobe National Park and the unpredictable Savute Channel, which runs dry and floods seemingly at random - Botswana is blessed with some of Africa's most beautiful reserves and an array of exceptional wildlife. The Okavango Delta is a magical oasis - water in the desert is a truly spectacular sight. The wide, grassy floodplains are host to a magnificent range of wild animals, including the specially adapted sitatunga and lechwe antelopes. Chobe National Park in Botswana is famed for having Africa's largest single concentration of elephant, while Moremi Game Reserve is renowned for its brilliant birdlife. Also, not-to-be-missed is an exploration of the stark and dramatic landscapes of the Kalahari Desert and the iconic Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.







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# FAST FACTS

### Currency

Local Currency: PULA

Accepted Currency: USD

Accepted Credit Cards: Visa Mastercard




### How to Spend it

St Louis Lager  
Botswana's homebrewed beer

Woven basket  
The perfect memento of your journey

Beef biltong  
A truly African snack



### In Numbers

Population: Approximately 2,2 million.

Nearly 40% of the land is national parks and wildlife reserve.

Botswana produces about 17,7 % of the total world production of diamonds.

Okavango Delta by numbers:

- 17 000 km<sup>2</sup> (the size of the state of New Jersey)
- 160 mammal species
- 500 bird species
- 38 amphibians
- 157 reptiles
- 89 fish species

54 600 km<sup>2</sup> (21 100 square miles) make up the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Botswana's largest conservation area.

The Makgadikgadi Pans is one of the largest salt pan areas in the world, stretching over 12 000 km<sup>2</sup>.

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### Did You Know?

Capital city: Gaborone

The colourful lilac-breasted roller is generally considered to be Botswana's national bird.

Botswana is home to the world's largest concentration of African elephants.

The Okavango Delta is known as the jewel in the Kalahari, a semi-arid sandy expanse, which covers 85% of the country.



### Food

Exported throughout the world, Botswana's AA grade beef is highly recommended.

Seswaa - beef is cooked in a three-legged iron pot until it is tender and then is finely shredded or pounded with a paddle and served with a soft maize meal – melt-in-the-mouth delicious!



# TRAVEL TIMES

MAUN	KASANE		OKAVANGO DELTA			MOREMI GAME RESERVE		LINYANTI AREA		CHOBÉ NATIONAL PARK			SAVUTE			MAKGADIKGADI PANS			CENTRAL KALAHARI																								
1hr 20min			25min	1hr 20min		30min	1hr 15min	10min		50min	50min	40min	20min		1hr 20min	Road transfer	1hr 20min	1hr 15min	50min		50min	40min	40min	20min	20min	40min		55min	1hr 20min	50min	1hr 5min	1hr 20min	1hr 10min	1hr 10min		40min	1hr 05min	45min	1hr	1hr 20min	1hr 30min	1hr 20min	50min

Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges. Okavango Delta flights vary considerably as they are dependant on the regions visited within the Delta and how many stops are required to get there.

### Care of the Land, Wildlife & People

Rhinos Without Borders (an &Beyond and Great Plains Conservation initiative) is a project aimed at combatting the scourge of rhino poaching in Africa, by moving 100 rhino from South Africa to the safe havens of Botswana. Additionally, the project intends to create a viable breeding population of rhino in Botswana, thus broadening the gene pool and increasing the habitat of rhino in Africa; in this way stimulating the growth of the country's rhino population. To date, the project has successfully moved 25 rhino. The Okavango Delta has proven to be a successful rhino relocation habitat and Botswana has a strong security and monitoring framework in place, with the country's military helping to protect the endangered species. Continuous funds are being raised to move further batches of rhino to a undisclosed destinations within Botswana. By booking a safari with &Beyond, a USD 10 contribution towards the project will be added to the guest's itinerary.



### Caught on Film

Snap an aerial photograph of the Okavango Delta from the plane or on a scenic helicopter flight.

Be sure to take your camera on a Chobe River boat cruise.

Take a picture of the floating water lily pads in the Okavango Delta.

Photograph the cute meerkats of the Makgadikgadi Pans.



# NATURAL WATER WONDERLANDS

## OKAVANGO DELTA

Forever in a constant state of ebb and flow, the iconic Okavango Delta lies in stark contrast to its surrounds in the heart of the Kalahari Desert. During the wet season, the Delta is a maze of sparkling lagoons, meandering waterways and overgrown islands teeming with wildlife. Known as “the river that never finds the sea”, crystal clear channels spread over the thirst lands of the Kalahari with their papyrus-fringed banks and fertile floating islands. During the drier seasons, the lagoons and waterways recede but the region still offers an exceptional wildlife experience. The elegant red lechwe and shy sitatunga roam the landscape, while lion, cheetah, leopard and African wild dog share the floodplains with large herds of elephant and buffalo. Hippo inhabit the deeper channels and lagoons, while honey badgers can be seen in broad daylight.



OKAVANGO DELTA

## MOREMI GAME RESERVE

The only proclaimed wildlife reserve in the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve (and its spectacular Khwai area) is also widely regarded as the most beautiful. Moremi Game Reserve has the most diverse habitat and animal populations in Botswana. The reserve contains about a quarter of the Okavango Delta and stretches across several thousand square kilometres, comprising a stunning landscape of forests, lagoons, floodplains and islands. Game viewing is excellent year-round and resident species include lion, cheetah, leopard, elephant, African wild dog, zebra, red lechwe and many more.



MOREMI GAME RESERVE

## CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Botswana’s famous Chobe National Park is a must-see wildlife destination that includes the Savute Channel and natural beauty of the Linyanti River. Chobe covers almost 11 000 km<sup>2</sup> (6 836 square miles), was the country’s first national park and boasts the biggest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Famous for its large concentration of elephant and buffalo, which congregate along the Chobe River, Chobe National Park offers adventures such as game drives, private river cruises, excellent birdwatching and exceptional photographic opportunities.



CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

## LINYANTI AND SURROUNDS

The Linyanti Wildlife Management Area is a hidden gem, tucked away in the north-eastern corner of Chobe National Park. The Selinda Spillway links Linyanti to the Okavango Delta and it is renowned as one of the best game viewing areas in the region, supporting a great diversity of wildlife, with large herds of elephant, buffalo and zebra. Due to its remoteness, the Linyanti is a gorgeous, unspoiled region of waterways and lagoons, riverine forests, huge trees and palm tree islands. Game viewing is superlative in both the wet and dry season, and the birding is exceptional.



LINYANTI AREA

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Natural Water Wonderlands

		OKAVANGO DELTA	MOREMI GAME RESERVE	CHOBE NATIONAL PARK	LINYANTI AND SURROUNDS
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Float gently along a reed-lined channel in a traditional mokoro (dugout canoe)</li> <li>- Remarkable birdwatching, with 450 bird species</li> <li>- Enjoy a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta</li> <li>- The Okavango Delta is a UNESCO World Heritage Site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enjoy excellent year-round sightings that include lion, cheetah, leopard, wild dog and a plethora of birds.</li> <li>- Explore the stunning landscape of forests, lagoons, floodplains and islands</li> <li>- The only proclaimed wildlife reserve in the Okavango Delta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revel in the riverside antics of vast elephant herds splashing about in the Chobe River</li> <li>- Embark on a photographic safari on the Chobe River.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strap on your hiking boots and explore game trails on a walking safari in the Linyanti</li> <li>- Exhilarating night game drives</li> <li>- Exceptional birdwatching - spot the rare narina trogon</li> </ul>
	Getting There	<p>International flight access into Maun Airport and Kasane Airport. Direct Flights into Maun from Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Johannesburg and Cape Town (South Africa). Direct flights into Kasane from Johannesburg (South Africa).</p> <p>Scheduled flights connect Maun and Kasane. Light aircraft flights are operated on a scheduled seat-in-plane or private basis and link Maun and Kasane to Botswana's wildlife areas.</p>			
	Gateway airport	Maun Airport / Kasane Airport	Maun Airport / Kasane Airport	Kasane Airport	Maun Airport / Kasane Airport
	Land-based safaris	Privately guided, land-based safaris are an alternative option to connect Botswana's wildlife areas. Perfect for guests with more time and looking for an in-depth exploration of the destination.			
	Self-drive	Self-drive is not recommended.			
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$		Khwai Tented Camp Linyanti Bush Camp Linyanti Ebony Camp	&Beyond Chobe Under Canvas Muchenje Safari Lodge Ngoma Safari Lodge Chobe Princess (House Boat)	Selinda Explorer's Camp
	\$\$\$\$	Camp Okavango Xugana Island Lodge Sanctuary Stanley's Camp Sanctuary Baine's Camp &Beyond Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge &Beyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp &Beyond Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp	Camp Moremi Camp Xakanaxa Khwai River Lodge	Chobe Game Lodge Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero	Kwando Lebala Camp Kwando Lagoon Camp Selinda Camp
	\$\$\$\$\$	Jao Camp Vumbura Plains Eagle Island Lodge at Xaxaba	&Beyond Sandibe Okavango Delta Lodge Sanctuary Chief's Camp Mombo Camp	Zambezi Queen (House Boat)	Zarafa Camp

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# ACTIVITIES

## Natural Water Wonderlands

		OKAVANGO DELTA	MOREMI GAME RESERVE	CHOBE NATIONAL PARK	LINYANTI AND SURROUNDS	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	●	●	●	●	Explore nocturnal sights and sounds on a night game drive in a private concession.
	Night game drives	○	○		○	
	Boating	●		●		
	Stargazing	●	●	●	●	
	Mokoro (canoe) trips	●	○		●	
	Nature walks	○	○		○	
	Photographic safaris	●	●	●	●	
	Birdwatching	●	●	●	●	
ADVENTURE	Helicopter tours	●	●		●	Hover above the magnificent Okavango Delta aboard a helicopter and witness a glittering spectacle like nowhere else on earth. This incredible adventure offers exceptional video and photo opportunities.
	Fishing	●	●	●		
	Mobile camping expeditions	●	●	●		
	Horse-riding	●				
	Houseboat			●		
CULTURAL	San Bushmen walk	●				Enjoy a guided rock art excursion to Tsodilo Hills. This region is renowned for its historic etchings.
	Village visits & community trips		●	●		
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Lion	●	●	●	●	Photograph vast herds of elephant coming down to drink on a photographic boat cruise on the Chobe River.
	Leopard	●	●	●	●	
	Buffalo	●	●	●	●	
	Elephant	●	●	●	●	
	Rhino	●	●			
	Cheetah	●	●	●	●	
	African wild dog	●	●	●	●	
	Red lechwe	●	●	●	●	
	Sitatunga	●	●	●	●	







# LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

## SAVUTE

Savute, a remote and wild corner of Chobe National Park, stretches from the park's northern boundaries to the Linyanti River. The area's main feature is the mysterious Savute Channel, which flows and dries up seemingly unrelated to the rainfall. Dry and arid for almost 30 years, animals in the area were sustained by artificial waterholes. With the Savute Channel flowing again in recent years, the region has undergone a startling transformation, reverting to its natural lush and marshy state. Large numbers of wildlife have been attracted to this rejuvenated wilderness haven.



SAVUTE

## MAKGADIKGADI PANS

The Makgadikgadi Pans span 16 000 km<sup>2</sup> (9 942 square miles) and are the largest salt pans in the world. Remnants of an ancient lake, the pans are interspersed with sandy desert and occasional vegetation. One of Africa's biggest zebra populations makes this vista of white sand and salt their home. When rains fall during the wet season, the pans are filled with water and attract large flocks of flamingos, as well as big herds of zebra, springbok and wildebeest, followed closely by predators, making for fantastic game viewing.



MAKGADIKGADI PANS

## CENTRAL KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

The magnificent expanse of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve is a not-to-be-missed attraction when embarking on a Botswana safari. This is the largest, most remotely situated reserve in Southern Africa, offering almost exclusive wildlife sightings. After the wet season, the reserve becomes a hive of activity for large herds of plains game such as springbok and gemsbok. Visitors will also be treated to wonderful sightings of wildebeest, hartebeest, eland, giraffe, cheetah and the legendary black-maned lion. During the dryer months, the Central Kalahari reveals wide, desolate pans, which offer exceptional photographic opportunities. The reserve is well-known for providing awe-inspiring star gazing experiences as well as for its most notable attractions such as Deception Valley, the Sunday and Leopard Pans, Passage Valley and Piper's Pan.



CENTRAL KALAHARI  
GAME RESERVE

## NXAI PAN NATIONAL PARK

Nxai Pan National Park is set on the northern fringe of the Makgadikgadi basin and includes Nxai Pan, an ancient lake bed that was once part of the vast Lake Makgadikgadi. At roughly 2 580 square kilometres this incredible destination offers stark contrasts between its dry and wet seasons. In the rainy season, it is home to the seasonal Zebra Migration, where vast herds (accompanied by a slew of predators) can be seen on open grasslands, amidst the mottled shade of acacia trees. During the dry season, visitors to the Nxai Pan National Park will be treated to sightings of wildebeest, springbok, impala, gemsbok, hartebeest, giraffe, lion, cheetah, wild dog, brown hyena, bat-eared fox, and occasionally elephant and buffalo.



NXAI PAN NATIONAL PARK

# BEYOND COMPARE

## Legendary Landscapes

		SAVUTE	MAKGADIKGADI PANS	CENTRAL KALAHARI	NXAI PAN NATIONAL PARK
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marvel at the ancient San rock paintings and giant baobabs of the Savute region</li> <li>- Witness the mysterious Savute Channel, which flows and dries up seemingly unrelated to the rainfall</li> <li>- Thrilling game drives in search of the Botswana's rich wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sleep under a blanket of stars in the middle of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans</li> <li>- Get up-close-and personal with meerkats</li> <li>- Embark on a quad biking adventure across the desolate pans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discover the fascinating culture of the San Bushmen on an interpretive cultural walking safari</li> <li>- Search for the legendary black-maned lions that the Kalahari is famous for</li> <li>- Embark on awe-inspiring stargazing experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take a trip to the seven famous baobab trees of the park; named after the 19th century explorer Thomas Baines</li> <li>- The summer months offer an opportunity to witness the Zebra Migration</li> </ul>
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	Self-drive	Self-drive is not recommended.			
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	&Beyond Savute Under Canvas	Camp Kalahari	Tau Pan Camp Deception Valley Lodge Kalahari Plains Tented Camp	Nxai Pan Camp
	\$\$\$\$	Savute Elephant Camp Savute Safari Lodge	Jack's Camp San Camp Leroo La Tau		

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# ACTIVITIES

## Legendary Landscapes

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SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	●	●	●	●	Explore night noises and rare sights on a nocturnal game drive in a private concession.
	Night game drives		●	●	●	
	Stargazing	●	●	●	●	
	Walking safari		●	●	●	
	Photographic safaris	●	●	●	●	
	Birdwatching	●	●	●	●	
ADVENTURE	A night under the stars		●	●		Embark on a five-night quad bike adventure that combines the beauty of the Makgadikgadi Pans with up-close wildlife experiences, hints of history and the thrill of a camping safari.
	Quad bikes trips		●			
	Mobile camping expeditions	●	●	●	●	
	Horse-riding		●			
CULTURAL	San Bushmen walk		●	●	●	Experience a guided Bushmen walk and gain fascinating insight into the hunter-gatherer lifestyle of these enchanting people.
	Discover baobab trees				●	
	Rock art	●				
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Lion	●	●	●	●	View the awe-inspiring Zebra Migration in the Nxai Pan National Park.
	Leopard	●	●	●	●	
	Buffalo	●	●	●	●	
	Elephant	●	●	●	●	
	Cheetah	●	●	●	●	
	Brown hyena		●	●	●	
	African wild dog	●	●	●	●	
	Red lechwe	●				
	Sitatunga	●				



# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	90°F	89°F	88°F	87°F	82°F	77°F	77°F	83°F	91°F	95°F	94°F	91°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	66°F	66°F	63°F	57°F	49°F	42°F	42°F	47°F	56°F	64°F	66°F	66°F
RAIN FALL*	0.17"	0.15"	0.16"	0.07"	0.03"	0"	0"	0"	0"	0.09"	0.08"	0.13"
VALUE**	\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$

ACTIVITIES	High waters in the Okavango Delta make for incredible mokoro and boat excursions						●	●	●	●			
	Exceptional tiger fishing on the Chobe River								●	●	●		
	Quad bike trips on the Makgadikgadi salt flats					●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Best lighting for scenic photography with moody afternoon storm clouds as a backdrop	●	●	●									●
	Canoeing the Selinda Spillway between the Linyanti and Okavango Delta				●	●							

WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION	Best time for game viewing in Botswana - sparse vegetation and animals congregate around water sources				●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Rains bring the Kalahari Desert to life and attract wildlife to the area	●	●	●								●	●
	Opportunity to witness the Zebra Migration in the Nxai Pan National Park			●	●								
	New-born animals and interesting predator-prey interactions	●	●									●	●
	Savute marsh teems with animals	●	●									●	●
	Best birdwatching - migratory birds are in Botswana	●	●	●								●	●
	Zebra Migration through the Savute and Linyanti	●										●	●
	Zebra Migration in the Makgadikgadi Pans	●	●	●									
	Flocks of flamingos in the Makgadikgadi Pans	●	●	●									
	Wildflowers burst into bloom	●	●	●								●	●
Increased water levels in the Linyanti attract more water birds in the area				●	●						●		

\* Temperature and rainfall based on Maun, source: Accuweather. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in fahrenheit and inches.  
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# ITINERARIES

## MOST POPULAR



### Best of Botswana - 7 days / 6 nights

- 2 nights Chobe National Park
- 2 nights Okavango Delta
- 2 nights Makgadikgadi Pans

## TIME-STARVED



### Fly Me Around Botswana\* - 8 days / 7 nights

- 2 nights Chobe National Park
- 2 nights Okavango Delta
- 3 nights Moremi Game Reserve

*\*An offer may be applied on 7 nights at a combination of &Beyond lodges in Botswana*

## REPEAT



### Botswana Highlights Safari\* - 9 days / 8 nights

- 2 nights Chobe National Park
- 2 nights Savute
- 2 nights Okavango Delta
- 2 nights Nxai Pan National Park

*\*Mobile Camping Expedition - can be booked as a seat on a set departure.*

## IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Add to Your Experience...

- 3 nights Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
- OR**
- 4 nights Cape Town (South Africa)