

## BEST OF BOTSWANA AND VISIT THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIA FALLS



Republic of Botswana is a relatively large country in a range of 580 sq km, with a population of 1,4 million people. This country is sometimes referred to as “a country of contrasts”, as up to 70% of its territory is “captured” by the Kalahari desert, as for the northern side, the Okavango river, which creates the biggest delta in the world, falling into the desert.

Every year, during the rain season, high levels of water of the Okavango river covers all the sands, the savannah and the massive forests of the Kalahari. The whole region becomes a huge oasis of canals, along the, covered by forests, islands with many purple lagoons.

Most of the Game Reserves offer safari on land, however, Okavango delta invite you to also take part in a trip on the “mokoro”, crafted from a wood plot, allowing you to observe the animals from a different perspective, leaving you with a unique impression.

During the low tide, local numerous lagoons and reservoirs become drained of water, creating period of panic as thousands of hundreds of fish get trapped and become easy prey for storks, herons and other birds.

Okavango delta is also home to the “Big 5” (lions, leopards, elephants, rhinoceros and buffalos), rare antelopes like Sitatunga and Lechwe as well as approximately 400 different kinds of exotic birds.

This tour offers a unique flora and fauna encounter and is recommended for real connoisseurs and nature lovers, photographers and those, who seeks adventure.

DAY	CITY/AREA	ITINERARY
Day 1	USA	Depart US
Days 2-4	Johannesburg - Botswana	<p>Arrive Johannesburg airport. Meet and greet by Salute Africa representative and VIP assist to connecting flight to Botswana (1.5 hours in flight).</p> <p><b>Visa requirements: US Citizens are not required to hold a visa to South Africa for intended stays under 90 days, unless citizens hold a diplomatic passport ( subject to change without prior notice)</b></p> <p>Arrive Botswana. Meet and greet by Salute Africa representative and connect to a air-hop air-transfer Okavango (+-20 minutes in flight).</p> <p><b>Visa requirements: US Citizens are not required to hold a visa to Botswana for intended stays under 90 days, unless citizens hold a diplomatic passport ( subject to change without prior notice)</b></p> <p>Spend three nights at <b>Camp Okavango</b>.</p> <p>To ensure a peaceful and genuine safari experience, Camp Okavango accommodates just twenty-four guests. Each of the guest suites have been built on individual raised wooden platforms and set beneath the thick Okavango Delta vegetation. The en-suite bathrooms have double vanities, double shower and a separate water closet (with a view). The stack away sliding doors open onto a private open-air viewing deck offering beautiful views over the Okavango Delta.</p> <p>Roam the vast expanses of water from the comfort of a modern motorboat or explore the intricacies of the Okavango Delta the quiet old-fashioned way, in the traditional mokoro</p>

<p><b>Days 2-4</b> (cont.)</p>	<p>Botswana</p>	<p>(dugout canoe). For those wanting to get a little closer to nature, guided bush walks are conducted on a number of the nearby islands, offering an opportunity to track some of the larger land-based species that inhabit this water wilderness.</p>  <p>Birding opportunities are outstanding and anglers may put their skill against bream and tiger fish</p>
<p><b>Days 5-7</b></p>	<p>Botswana</p>	<p>After breakfast you will be driven back to the airstrip, where you will hop aboard a light aircraft for a flight to <b>Camp Moremi</b> in the Moremi Game reserve, situated on the edge of the Xakanaxa Lagoon in an area well known for its spectacular game-viewing opportunities.</p> <p><i>There are twelve tents, with twin or double occupancy. Guests will enjoy the luxurious seclusion of East African-style safari tents, each one set on a raised teak deck, each featuring an en suite bathroom. Breakfast, brunch and high tea are served in the thatched boma; dinner is savoured under an ebony canopy in the dining room and nightcaps are enjoyed beside the warmth of the glowing fire pit.</i></p> <p><i>Guest activities include morning and afternoon game drives throughout the many different ecosystems that the Moremi Game Reserve has to offer. Explore the Xakanaxa Lagoon and its surrounding channels by boat for a chance to enjoy the picturesque waters of the Okavango Delta, with its kaleidoscope of birdlife.</i></p>  <p>Experienced guides will introduce you to a whole new world of wildlife; watch a Leopard stretched out lazily in the branches of a Mopane tree, herds of Elephant grazing under a canopy of green or a pride of Lions camouflaged in the long grass. Moremi Game Reserve's incredible wetlands support a vast number of antelope, including Impala, Kudu and Waterbuck. The majestic Fish Eagle and vivid Malachite Kingfisher are frequently seen and even the rare Pel's Fishing Owl makes an occasional appearance, to the delight of guides and guests alike.</p> <p>After a successful Botswana safari, cuddle up in the large outdoor cane lounge and watch the sun go down over the Delta.</p>
<p><b>Day 8</b></p>	<p>Botswana - Victoria Falls Zambian side</p>	<p>After a mouth-watering breakfast, we wave a fond farewell as you board your light aircraft for your transfer to Kasane ( +30 minutes in flight) Meet and greet at airport and transfer to Livingstone, Zambia (2 hours by road with some boarder formalities en-route).</p>

<p><b>Day 8</b> (cont.)</p>	<p>Botswana - Victoria Falls Zambian side</p>	<p><b>Visa requirements: Visa to enter Zambia can be obtained at a port of entry with a payment of US\$50 for a UNICASA entry visa (subject to change without prior notice), subject to a valid passport for at least 6 months after departing Zambia and with minimum 2 blank pages. This visa gives right of entry to Zambia as well as Zimbabwe without additional cost.</b> <b>Note: Malaria area. Precautions recommended</b></p> <p>Zambia is commonly referred to by the locals – the <b>Mosi-Oa-Tunia</b>... – the <b>Smoke that Thunders</b>, which evolved over 500,000 years and today presents a major attraction for millions of visitors, who, as <b>David Livingstone</b> did, have “gazed in awe”. The local population believes in the healing powers of the falls, and declares that the shine of the rainbow rids anyone of any illness and even enemies. To witness the mighty Zambezi River plunging down a sheer rock at 550 million liters of water per every minute, while spraying silver mist hundreds of meters into the air, is the greatest reward for visiting this magical place.</p> <p>On arrival, meet and greet by Salute Africa representative and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation at <b>Royal Livingstone 5*</b>. A total of 173 en-suite guestrooms in 17 river bank residences make up a hotel that exudes Victorian elegance and splendour. Down to the finest detail of the lamps, the magnificent paintings and the black and white photographs of early pioneers, this is a place to reflect and rejuvenate. Each room has its own private terrace overlooking the Zambezi River. All the rooms are luxuriously furnished with crisp white linen and large comfortable beds to offer the perfect sanctuary to retire to after a day spent exploring.</p> <p>After some time at leisure, depart on a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River.</p>  <p>Feel the charm of the magnificent Zambezi River, combined with a luxurious interior and hospitality of the “African Queen” team. “African Queen” is a 2-deck, 120-seater catamaran, tastefully decorated and equipped with 2 bars, furnished with cane furniture. The tour includes return private transfer to the dock, snacks and unlimited use of the bar with locally manufactured beverages.</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
<p><b>Day 9</b></p>	<p>Victoria Falls Zambian side</p>	<p>Tour of The Falls from Zambian and Zimbabwe side inclusive of all entrance fees with English Speaking guide</p>  <p><i>Mosi-Oa Tunya (The Smoke which thunders) – a spectacular might and breathtaking beauty created by nature over a period of more than 500 000 years, is enough to lure any adventurous traveller seeking to experience Africa’s energy and magnificence</i></p> <p>Afternoon at leisure or additional optional excursions such as visit to the historic Victoria Falls Bridge, walking with cheetah or lions, helicopter flights over the Falls, a visit to Livingstone Island</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>

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<b>Day 10</b>	Victoria Falls Zambian side - Depart home	Afternoon at leisure or additional optional excursions Early afternoon transfer to airport and return flight to Johannesburg ( <i>+/-1.5hrs in flight</i> ). Arrive Johannesburg Connecting flight home
<b>Day 11</b>	USA	Arrive US

**BON VOYAGE!!!**