

# **Essential Botswana**

## **Experience Botswana's Prized Wildlife and the Lush Jewel of the Okavango Delta**

**8 Days/7 Nights**

**An outstanding 8-day safari that ranges from the spectacular Victoria Falls into Botswana's premier wildlife destinations, Chobe National Park and the Okavango Delta. Here you will see the largest concentrations of game on the African continent in the most spectacular settings.**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**The breath-taking Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

**Exhilarating game viewing in open vehicles and from river boats along the Chobe River, as well as an excursion into the remote Savute region.**

**Exploring the captivating wild waterways of the Okavango Delta by mokoro, motorboat and on foot.**

### **DAY 1:**

**Meet at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer by road to hotel. Remainder of day at leisure to explore Victoria Falls. Overnight in Victoria Falls Hotel.**



## **VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL**

**Fondly known as the “Grand Old Lady of the Falls’, the Victoria Falls Hotel is one of Africa’s most celebrated and nostalgic hotels. Built in 1904, in the gracious Edwardian style of the colonial era, this 5-star luxury hotel which offers every modern convenience is set in lush sub-tropical gardens within the Victoria Falls National Park. The ‘smoke that thunders’ is less than a 10-minute walk away along the hotel’s private pathway, and is both audible and visible from the landmark hotel itself. Stanley’s Terrace, long a famous rendezvous for Africa’s adventurers, offers clear views of the Victoria Falls Bridge, part of Cecil John Rhode’s ambitious plan to build a railway line from Cape to Cairo. The ambiance and grandeur of the Victoria Falls Hotel is as unforgettable as the sights and sounds of the spectacular waterfall.**



## **DAY 2 & 3:**

**Road transfer to Chobe region, in Botswana. Experience abundant wildlife, one of Africa's largest concentrations of elephants, and the legendary fish eagle. Game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicle, game viewing by motorboat or sunset cruises on river cruiser. Overnight at Chobe Game lodge in Chobe. [FB]**



**CHOBÉ GAME LODGE**

**Spend your evenings overlooking the Chobe River and the game-rich Caprivi floodplains at Chobe Game Lodge, the only safari lodge situated within Chobe National Park. Your luxury in-suite accommodation blends stylish Africa with every modern convenience. Relax at the pool, bar, lounge or library with tranquil terraces offering fantastic river views. Enjoy star-lit dinners and traditional dancing around the fire in the open-air BOMA set on the river bank amongst the giant Mahogany trees.**





**DAY 4 & 5:**

**After morning activity and breakfast, transfer for light aircraft flight to camp situated in the Chobe National Park. Game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles in the Savute area, including the Savute Marsh and a visit to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills. Overnight at SAVUTI SAFARI lodge in Chobe. [FB]**



## **SAVUTI SAFARI LODGE**

**Situated on the banks of Botswana's fabled Stolen River, Savute Safari Lodge is a traditional thatched safari lodge in a setting of singular beauty. Guests are accommodated in cool, thatched timber and glass suites with private sitting areas, decks and bathrooms. The lodge has a main sitting area, library and cocktail bar, and also features a viewing deck, an alfresco dining area and swimming pool which are ideal for watching game at the waterhole.**





## **DAY 6 & 7:**

**After morning game drive and breakfast, transfer for light aircraft flight to Okavango Delta. Game viewing activities include exploring the Delta by mokoro (dugout canoe) and motorboat. Guided nature walks on the various islands afford the opportunity to track some of the larger species that inhabit this water wilderness. Overnight at CAMP OKAVANGO lodge in Okavango Delta. [FB]**



**CAMP OKAVANGO**

**Enchanting Camp Okavango is set in the heart of the Okavango Delta on Nxaragha Island. The main lodge has a cocktail bar, sitting area and wildlife reference library, with the dining room leading onto an expansive patio where evenings around the fire can be enjoyed. Other facilities include a secluded bird-viewing hide and sundeck with plunge pool. Guests are accommodated in African-style safari tents on raised teak platforms, with in suite facilities and private viewing decks.**

**DAY 8:**

**Enjoy morning activity and breakfast, before light aircraft transfer to Maun Airport, where tour ends. [B]**