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Journeys of a Lifetime



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Tour direction – Zambia to Maun
(Also available Maun to Zambia)

This exciting route takes the time to explore the changing areas, stunning beauty and continually moving game of northern Botswana: from walking on islands in the jewel of the Kalahari, the Okavango Delta, to the diverse, wildlife-filled Linyanti concession, with its seasonal elephant herds. The camps are located in a range of different habitats to maximize the best possible game viewing through all times of the year. Accommodation varies with a combination of serviced camping in private concession areas and a Wilderness Safaris lodge in Zambia.

To partake in a Migration Routes is to experience a nostalgic camping safari through private nature areas off the beaten path that recreates a sense of wildlife viewing adventure reminiscent of the times of the early African explorers.



Explorations are led by highly skilled and qualified professional guides with an incredible passion for the natural regions they work in. Sharing the adventure and guiding you on this journey of discovery combined with their vast knowledge of the natural world, history and culture are their professions and personal hobby. Years of experience in the field and a depth of understanding of animal behavior and the environment will leave you with a sense of complete wonder.

Many of the guides are also skilled photographers and can assist you in taking away amazing wildlife photographs. They are also available to lead private safaris and specialist trips.

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Day 1: The River Club or Toka Leya Camp, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Livingstone, Zambia

(Note: Depending on the departures date, accommodations will be at either The River Club or Toka Leya Camp.)

After arrival in Livingstone you will be met by a representative and transferred directly for a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 5,604 feet (1708 metres) wide, it is the largest curtain of water in the world and drops more than 338 feet (100 metres) into the basalt depths of the sheer Zambezi Gorge. We then transfer by road to the River Club or Toka Leya Camp.

The River Club lies dreaming in dappled shade on the Zambian banks of the Zambezi River, 18km (11 miles) upstream from the world-famous Victoria Falls. Its main area is a well-appointed

Edwardian-style house, with a comfortable lounge, large dining room, impressive library and wide veranda on which breakfasts and teas are taken. Manicured lawns (where midday meals are often served) spread out beneath the trees and a croquet court is an ideal venue for a Pimm's-soaked croquet game. The pool has been built to seem part of the river itself and a secluded deck with hammocks and loungers provides respite. Meals can also be enjoyed on occasion in the summer house or gazebo.



Ten luxury thatched chalets overlook the Zambezi River and have en-suite facilities including a bath, shower, toilet and basin. All the rooms have fans and air-conditioning (hot and cold). The rooms are all completely open in the front, giving guests uninterrupted views of the Zambezi.

Toka Leya Camp is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River in the eastern sector of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, some 12 kms (7.46 miles) up from the Victoria Falls. The camp consists of 12 safari-style tents, each en-suite with a view of the magnificent Zambezi River and some of its islands. The camp's dining and bar area is set beneath a shaded canopy of trees overlooking the River and a swimming pool.



Days 2, 3 & 4: Chobe River Boat Cruise & Linyanti Adventurer Camp, Linyanti/ Chobe

After a full breakfast, we leave Zambia and enter the Chobe National Park in Botswana by way of the Kazungula border, a point where the four countries of Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe meet.

Enjoy a leisurely shaded boat cruise along the Chobe River, with a light lunch. This boat cruise offers a unique opportunity to observe puku, large herds of elephant, numerous pods of hippo and large crocodiles, as well as enjoying fantastic views of other general game and diverse birdlife.

We then depart by road for the Linyanti region. This interesting drive exposes the group to the rural way of life along the northernmost tip of Botswana and also affords views across the Chobe and Linyanti Rivers into Namibia's Caprivi Strip. The last part of the road journey is a game drive as we approach the Linyanti, where our pre-erected Linyanti Adventurer Camp is situated. This part of the Linyanti is famed for its myriad of changing landscapes, from riverine to savannah and from forest to plains.



The Linyanti region's life-giving perennial waters attract herds of wildlife that walk well-worn game paths to slake their thirst in the dry season. Predators follow in their footsteps and, coupled with the area's diversity of habitat, make for exciting game viewing.

Days 5, 6 & 7: Khwai Adventurer Camp, Okavango Delta

After breakfast, we drive to the airstrip for light aircraft transfer to Khwai Adventurer Camp.

Khwai Adventurer Camp is located in a private concession just north of the Khwai River above the Moremi Game Reserve. The Khwai Concession is one of the most diverse areas in northern Botswana which seldom disappoints when it comes to producing extraordinary wildlife experiences. The life source for this area is the Khwai River – the northernmost “finger” of the Okavango Delta alluvial fan, which provides vital sustenance to numerous animals.



Over time, the Khwai area has metamorphosed into a wide range of exciting wildlife habitats – some of the most varied to be found in the entire Okavango Delta: a blend of forests, floodplain, wetland and grasslands. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to large mammals such as hippo and crocodile with buffalo and red lechwe often seen grazing along the fringe. The beautiful gallery riverine woodland found along the river provides further sanctuary to birds, primates and leopard. Elusive roan antelope often come to the river to drink. Activities focus around day and night game drives, nature walks and seasonal mokoro excursions.

Away from the river there is a wonderful mix of acacia and leadwood trees of varying sizes that abuts into mopane woodland. The latter, together with the permanent presence of water, attracts large numbers of elephant to the area. Larger predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyaena, while birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the colorful palette of habitats.

Days 8 & 9: Xigera Mokoro Trails, Okavango Delta

We fly by light aircraft to the water-filled paradise of the remote Xigera area, within the Moremi Game Reserve. Xigera is the ultimate Delta experience, with serene waters flowing through innumerable channels around remote islands and a profusion of plant and animal life.

There is no better way to experience the Okavango than to travel through it by mokoro, walking and camping out on a vegetated island – all essential elements of the Xigera Mokoro Trails experience. The experience is aimed at highlighting the permanently flooded inner Delta, in the serene waterways and on the islands of trees and bush.



Mokoro activities enable up-close encounters with an excellent diversity of birdlife (including Pel’s Fishing-Owl), frogs and some game species, some specially adapted to water, such as the familiar red lechwe.

Day 10: Transfer to Maun Airport

Bid farewell to the adventure as we transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport.

2012 Costs

Land Cost

The Migration Routes operates with a maximum of 8 guests per safari.

March 2 – May 31 and
November 1- November 26, 2012

US\$4,940.00 per person sharing
US\$ 610.00 single supplement

June 1 – October 31, 2011

US\$5,130.00 per person sharing
US\$ 680.00 single supplement

SAFARI INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on a per person sharing basis
- All meals from dinner on Day 1 to the end of the scheduled safari
- A reasonable amount of soft drinks, wine, beer, teas & coffees and bottled water while on safari within Botswana
- National Park fees
- Twice daily scheduled activities
- Guided tour of the Victoria Falls
- All internal charters on a seat rate basis

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- Flights (other than specified in the detailed safari itinerary)
- Visas
- Compulsory comprehensive insurance
- All relevant entry and departure government taxes
- All drinks in Zambia
- All personal purchases (including curios, spirit liquors, telephone calls etc.)
- Gratuities
- Laundry
- Optional extra activities
- Pre and post safari tours
- All other travel arrangements before or after the safari
- Any new Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control

Adventurer Camp Description

(Linyanti Adventurer Camp, Khwai Adventurer Camp & Xigera Mokoro Trail): 3m x3m (9.84 ft x 9.84 ft) dome tents, complete with mini-verandas. Pure cotton linen (with duvets) on GI stretchers, bedside table with light and mini luggage benches finish the interior. Evening campfires are the norm and hurricane lanterns add to the atmosphere. The bathrooms are en-suite with the entrance to the canvas-wrap open air bathroom (zip door) through the rear of tent. There is a serviced en-suite tin bucket shower – with hot water available whenever guests require it. The bathroom in each tent has a short-drop toilet with a separate toilet near the main area available for use during the day.



Travel by road is in 4x4 vehicles specifically modified for the Explorations safaris such as the Migration Routes safari.

