



7-night Conservation Safari in Botswana

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We look forward to making this incredible trip a reality for you and your special travel companions.





Start	Accommodation	Destination	Duration
Day 1	Meno a Kwena Tented Camp	Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park	2 Nights
Day 3	Little Sable	Khwai	3 Nights
Day 6	Duke's Camp	Ng12 Concession	2 Nights

Included

- Meet & Greet service at Maun International Airport
- Transportation as stipulated
- Accommodations as stipulated
- All meals
- All local beverages, excluding premium brands
- Activities included as per the itinerary

Excluded

- All International flights
- Visas
- Personal Travel and Medical Insurance - mandatory
- Any accommodations not stipulated as included
- Any transportation not stipulated as included
- Any food and beverages not stipulated as included
- Any sightseeing activities or additional activities not stipulated as included
- Camera equipment - guests are to bring their own
- Gratuities
- Any other personal purchases such as curio shop, telephone, mini bar, etc.

Day 1: Meno a Kwena Tented Camp, Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

You will arrive in Maun and transfer to Meno A Kwena, our hidden gem perched on a rocky clifftop overlooking the Boteti River with front-row seats to the comings and goings of the wildlife below.

A mere 90-minute drive from Maun, this classically-styled camp was originally used by Southern Africa's explorers and although we've added a few little touches here and there, it's refreshingly simple and full of character. The real treat at Meno, however is the connection with nature; from their lofty position, each tent looks down on a menagerie of animals below, from herds of majestic elephant, to dazzles of nomadic zebra – simply sit back, and take it all in. This is the perfect place to start your trip...

At Meno the safari never stops! Situated in an awesome location overlooking the Makgadikgadi National Park, Meno offers spectacular scenery and endless horizons.

Spend your first day enjoying a glittering roster of activities including guided walks with the San Bushmen learning about the traditional Botswana way and a wildlife-watching boat trip – today there is a plethora to see and do. Your first evening will be spent with a representative from Elephants For Africa, explaining first-hand about all the incredible work being done to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. So sit back, relax around the crackling fire pit and take it all in.

MEET YOUR GUIDE: MURRAY McCALLUM

Born in South Africa, Murray's background is in Environmental Consulting and Project Management, which tally neatly with his long-standing interest in the interplay between environmental matters, community and conservation. Murray's formal education comprises an honours in Environmental Science and an undergraduate in Environmental Science and Anthropology. His thesis tackled community resource management and the pressure of poaching and impoverishment. In the field, Murray has managed lodges in Botswana and Zambia, and once kayaked 300 kilometres across the Savuti Channel and Selinda Spillway with Track of Giants – an initiative bringing attention to elephant conservation corridors and the importance of trans frontier park conservation. Murray now works in our Cape Town office as our Sustainability Advisor, and provides conservation and community support for the Natural Selection Trust and Foundation.

Botswana

Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host a significant pride of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

North-eastern Botswana's Boteti River, within the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, lies on the grounds of an ancient lake, within a region where some of the first 'homo sapiens' (humans) lived. This area is an essential part of the massive annual migration - visitors can look forward to seeing enormous herds of oryx, wildebeests, impalas, zebras, and springbok as well as elephants and hippopotamuses along the riverbank. The river also provides prime bird-watching opportunities, with large flocks of flamingos and numerous other species calling it home. Besides the usual nature reserve activities, try taking a small chartered plane for the best views of the herds; go quad biking across salt flats and sleep there under the stars, or take a cultural tour to see ancient tribal sites.

Overnight: Meno a Kwena Tented Camp

Meno a Kwena is an understated rustic lodge perched on a clifftop overlooking the Boteti River and offering a diverse range of activities. The Lodge exudes old world, classic safari style. Each of the 10 tents has an enviable view of the Boteti River allowing guests to watch Southern Africa's largest zebra and wildebeest migration concentrates at the river during the dry season. Meals are cooked over the camp fire and down time spent in the pool or loungers.

Guests can immerse themselves in the silence and solitude of the Makgadigadi salt pans with our sleep out (dry season only), watch the bustle of river-seeking herds from land or water, or oversee phenomenal wildlife sightings within the Park. The iconic local bushmen tribe bestow their knowledge of flora and fauna in a fascinating cultural exchange during walks from camp. With its easy access from Maun, this is a perfect camp for those on a self-drive itinerary, travelling with children or as part of a group.



Day 2: Meno a Kwena Tented Camp, Boteti River - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Wake up on your first morning to the spectacular views of the Boteti river below. From the comfort of your private veranda, grab your binos... We like to call this an 'armchair safari'. After a hearty breakfast, you will venture out into the Makgadikgadi National Park and hopefully have some close encounters with elephants.

You also have the opportunity to go on a 'Community Elephant Coexistence' cultural tour where you'll visit and speak to local farmers in Moreomaoto, to get a better understanding and insight into some of the challenges faced when living alongside elephants and how they are deterred with the help of Elephants For Africa. This is a vital partnership when it comes to protecting the elephants and the community.

ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA (EFA)

Elephants for Africa is situated on the north western edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. This conservation project is dedicated to enhancing human-wildlife coexistence in rural farming communities, which we believe is crucial to protect both the elephant and the communities in this wildlife area. The project focuses on mitigating human-wildlife conflict primarily through community workshopping and installing elephant proof fencing.

After a wonderfully educational day, spend your evening swapping stories around the dinner table, taking in the nocturnal sounds and the beauty of the star-filled night-sky.

Day 3: Little Sable, Khwai

Wake up, grab a coffee and enjoy your last moments at Meno a Kwena. After breakfast you will transfer back to Maun and hop onto a small plane, to continue your adventure into the Okavango Delta. You will be flying onto the Khwai Private Reserve in the northern reaches of the Okavango Delta, with a chance to appreciate the beauty of the Okavango Delta along the way.

Khwai Private Reserve has one of the most beautifully iconic landscapes in Botswana. It is 200,000 hectares (770 sq. miles) of pristine wilderness. Mopane woodlands give way to riverine forests and spectacular floodplains with pans (waterholes) and flooded grasslands that wind their way through the KPR from the Khwai River.

You will be staying at Little Sable Camp which offers an intimate and relaxed safari setting – the perfect place to be after an adventurous day on the go. With 8 traditional style tents on raised wooden platforms, each with a private viewing deck, en-suite bathroom and outdoor shower, you'll love spending time here.

This afternoon you will learn about the important wild dog and predator-focused research program being undertaken by Wild Entrust's Botswana Predator Conservation program, as well as Natural Selections support of this work.

WILD DOG RESEARCH CAMP

The Wild Dog Research Camp sits within the Moremi Game Reserve, on the south eastern edge of the Okavango Delta. It is the most well established research centre in the Okavango, and has conducted over 30 years of research on wild dog packs, as well as members of the large carnivore guild, the lions, leopards and spotted hyenas. While the various projects supported by this centre are dispersed across the Okavango landscape, on your visit you'll get to meet the dedicated resident researchers who are available to take you through some of the projects and showcase the importance of applied conservation in Botswana.

Enjoy your first night leisurely sitting around the crackling firepit, cocktail in hand.

Khwai

Situated on the banks of the Khwai River near the famous Okavango swamp, the village of Khwai is set in the North-West District of Botswana. The village fringes the magnificent Moremi Game Reserve which is known for its incredible array of wildlife. It serves as a gateway to the reserve as it is set just outside the North Gate. of Moremi. Khwai provides an excellent base from which to explore the spectacularly scenic surrounding area. It is to be home to some of Botswana's most beautiful landscapes which feature vast grass plains, a patchwork of lagoons, shallow pans and lush woodland forests. Visitor can look forward to spotting a fantastic variety of wildlife, learning about the San community and enjoying a wide selection of ecotourism activities. Commonly spotted wildlife species include: lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah, hippo, wild dog and buffalo.

Overnight: Little Sable

The intimate, tented retreat is located amid the shimmering grasslands of the Khwai Private Reserve, one of the best-managed concessions in the greater Okavango Delta. Up here, there's something to see around every corner and a different activity to enjoy every day, from classic game drives to mokoro trips and boat safaris. And the best bit of all is that this iconic safari experience is all yours for an extremely affordable price.

This unfussy camp has 8 rooms all simply furnished with a touch of quirkiness that you would come to expect from a Natural Selection lodge. For many years the lodge has been a site for hosting photographic trips, a result of the abounding wildlife populating the grasslands and wetlands including road, sable, crocodile, hippo and elephant. This is the perfect place for enjoying classic safari components at affordable rates.



Day 4: Little Sable, Khwai

As the sun rises you will wake to the beauty of the wilderness. Today you get to enjoy the greatest iconic Okavango Delta experiences.

You'll spend your day on a morning, afternoon and evening game drive looking for signature wildlife. Khwai has an excellent reputation for sightings of elusive species such as wild dogs, serval cats, honey badgers and you may even spot a pangolin. Jump on a Mokoro and wind your way around the crystal-clear waterways, with abundant bird and plant life.

Day 5: Little Sable, Khwai

Wake up to a steaming hot cup of coffee and a light breakfast, before heading off. Today we visit Khwai Village, as part of your morning game drive. You'll get to see first-hand the community work that is being done there, with a visit to the preschool to plant a tree.

KHWAI COMMUNITY / VILLAGE

The Khwai community and village is situated on the eastern edge of the Khwai Private Reserve. It is here that we dedicate a lot of time and effort to implementing multiple community outreach initiatives in and around the settlement of Khwai village. This veritably reflects our goal of continuously improving the livelihoods of communities living alongside wildlife. And like it is for us, your visit and interaction with the community, will truly be an insightful and humbling experience.

Your safari guide will also stop outside the Kgotla to explain its role in the community. After a busy morning you'll head back to camp for a restful few hours, to enjoy the stillness. Cool down around the pool enjoying the perfect game viewing platform for photogenic opportunities. Or laze in your tent, before heading out again on an afternoon game drive. If you are visiting between June and August, we'll take you to visit the grass harvesting project en route.

Tonight, a member of the conservation team will talk about how the lodge works hand-in-hand with the local community and how the KPR ranger team monitor wildlife and work closely with the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) on antipoaching.

Day 6: Duke's Camp, Ng12 Concession

After breakfast, you will leave this special little camp and head out to magical Duke's Camp, situated in the Northern Okavango Delta.

This area offers a diverse matrix of expansive floodplains, woodlands and waterways and is undoubtedly one of the most famous wildlife-watching destinations in the world – and it lives up to every expectation. From here you'll set out on mokoro, winding your way along the meandering waterways of the Delta. Spotting wildlife and exciting birdlife along the way, this is a safari experience hard to beat!

Return to camp, to enjoy the afternoon around the swimming pool pavilion with the peaceful lagoon laid out before you. Enjoy the exceptional birdlife, grunting hippos who wallow in the lagoon and the families of warthogs who have made Duke's Camp their home.

After an adventuresome day, spend the evening enjoying delicious cuisine and then retiring to one of 9 canvas safari suites, replete with king size four-posters and feather-filled pillows to fall face first into after your exhilarating day.

Ng12 Concession

The Mapula and Sekwana Concession, also known as NG12 (an acronym for the broader Ngamiland) is situated north of the breathtaking Okavango Delta, spreading out over 220,000 acres, and is accessible via a 45-minute light aircraft trip from Maun. This Community Concession boasts magnificent delta landscapes, as well as mopane woodlands. In the southern part of the park, visitors will be able to see prolific birdlife (African paradise flycatcher, Carmine bee-eaters, and the endangered wattled crane) as well as giraffes, elephants, buffaloes, lions, wild dogs, and numerous antelope species. A range of guided tours and game drives are on offer. Several villages are encompassed by the concession, and the local communities work in conjunction with NG12 management to sustain the beautiful natural area.



Overnight: Duke's Camp

This year the adventurous spirit of Jack Bousfield ventures into new territory, with the early June opening of Duke's Camp in the magical wilderness of the northern Okavango Delta.

This landmark new camp is named in honour of Sarefo 'Duke' Sarefo, the custodian of this bountiful piece of wilderness. Duke was born 80 years ago on the very island that the camp now occupies, and his ancestral roots run deep into these sandy soils.

Pitched on raised wooden decks beneath a canopy of ebony and leadwood trees, the luxurious safari tents offer an unforgettable under-canvas adventure in the midst of this remarkable World Heritage Site. With expert guides honed in the bushcraft and lore of the Delta, there are few better ways to discover this wild landscape.

Duke's Camp is a striking new safari destination set on a vast concession rich in game and natural beauty, and it lies waiting to be discovered.



Day 7: Duke's Camp, Ng12 Concession

Up with the dawn, you will greet the beauty of this extraordinary landscape coffee and rusk in hand. Today you have an early start, travelling by helicopter to nearby Eretsha to see some of the projects in the area.

First you will be taken on a Life with Elephants Tour, where you will learn about the community's traditional way of life and what it is like to live in close proximity to elephants. This will include visiting the Elephant Express Programme – a partnership between the Okavango Community Trust, the Ecoexist Trust and Duke's Camp. There are two Elephant Express buses transporting young community members to school, and older members to the clinic, ensuring they don't need to walk along the dangerous 'elephant highways'. You will get to learn more about the Elephant Express Programme.

ELEPHANT EXPRESS

The Elephant Express project is situated on the north eastern edge of the Okavango and is a wonderful solution to a complex human-wildlife conflict issue, made possible through a partnership between Okavango Community Trust, Ecoexist Trust and Duke's Camp. The project transports vulnerable members of the community – children, elderly and the disabled – to school and clinics through dangerous elephant corridors. The Elephant Express helps to minimise human-wildlife conflict by reducing the likelihood of dangerous confrontations so elephants and people can co-exist more easily.

Next a representative from CLAWS will take you out to visit the cattle kraal or the herd of cattle in the bush. You will get to see the work being done by CLAWS and how it is related to the community, lion conservation and improving rangelands.

COMMUNAL HERDING FOR LIVESTOCK & WILDLIFE PROTECTION (CLAWS)

CLAWS has been set up in the north eastern edge of the Okavango Delta to support human-wildlife conflict (HWC) mitigation. This communal herding programme safeguards cattle, creates employment, reduces retaliatory killing of

lions, and restores overgrazed landscapes. Here you will see first-hand how by facilitating a return to traditional herding practices, whereby a herder accompanies livestock, lion-livestock interactions are reduced and the perceived conflict between lions and farmers is alleviated. This initiative combines different herds, to reduce the costs of herding per household and achieves two incredible goals: it reduces retaliatory killing of lions, and it improves the grazing land for livestock herders through rotational grazing.

Spend your last night enjoying front-row seats to the Okavango Delta as you get to watch the wildlife comings and goings near the lagoon. And as the sun sets and the moon rises, you'll feel relaxed and inspired by all the enlightening safari experiences you have had the incredible opportunity to see and do.

Day 8: End of Itinerary

Wake up and enjoy a relaxed morning, and one more scrummy breakfast before you bid farewell to Duke's Camp and all the special people that have looked after you.

You'll be transferred back to Maun, where you will check in for your international flight home.

END OF SERVICES.