

Adventurer Exploration Botswana with Wilderness Safaris

~ Green Desert Expedition ~

7 Nights/8 Days

Enjoy the Kalahari Desert during its most productive season when it receives low sporadic rains and the wildlife migrates into the region in large numbers. This short yet prolific wildlife viewing period highlights concentrations of desert species and their young in the fertile ancient river valleys of Deception Valley in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and the Makgadikagadi Pans National Park. Explore the contrasting "moonscape" of the Makgadikagadi salt pans, Deception Valley in the Kalahari Desert and finally the fertile islands and waterways of the Okavango Delta.

Days 1 & 2 : Njuca Hills or Khumgag, Makgadikgadi Pans

Depart in the morning for Njuca Hills by road, on the edge of the great Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in the Kalahari Desert. The Adventurer campsite is beautifully positioned under shady trees on rare hills with a superb view of the surrounding plains. Surprisingly for such a harsh, lunar-like environment, life abounds, and brown hyaena, oryx and springbok are just a few of the desert-adapted species that can be seen. Activities include game drives, concentrating on the opportunistic birthing time of desert animals from the erratic rains and the diverse array of birds, possibly including flamingos. In addition, the seasonal wildebeest and zebra movements, if found, provide amazing sightings at this time. Experience the phenomenal geology and simply enjoy the wide-open spaces of this ancient lakebed and surrounding grassy plains.

Days 3, 4 & 5: Deception Valley – Central Kalahari Game Reserve

After an early breakfast, we depart overland to our private Adventurer campsite in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve with lunch en route. This prehistoric riverbed, flanked by petrified dune lands, is very appealing after brief rains, as it is covered with nutritious grasses that attract herds from all over the enormous reserve. These large congregations of desert wildlife with their young are followed by predators into the broad riverbed, all of which makes for outstanding viewing. On Day 4 or 5 we enjoy a full-day wildlife viewing activity (with picnic lunch), taking in the game-rich Pipers Pans area of the Kalahari



Days 6 & 7: Okavango Delta

After a light breakfast, depart overland to Maun, flying by light aircraft in

the afternoon to the water-filled paradise of the private Xigera area. Xigera is the ultimate Delta experience, with serene waters flowing through innumerable channels around remote islands and a profusion of plant and animal life. Permanent water all year round allows one to enjoy a variety of activities; sit back in a mokoro (dugout canoe) and silently glide through

the tranquil Okavango waterways or watch the sunset from a motorboat on the Xigera Lagoon. And for the more adventurous we can track animals on foot. Birding in the area is excellent, with Pel's Fishing Owl, Slaty Egret, Wattled Crane, African Skimmers and a host of eagles, vultures, raptors and kingfishers to be found. The area has the highest density of the rare sitatunga antelope found anywhere in the Okavango.

Days 8: Maun, Safari Ends

Fly back to Maun for departure.



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7 night package

Maun – Maun

Minimum 2

Rate based on per person sharing
(single supplement available)

\$2,630

Scheduled departures:

12Jan, 23Jan, 03Feb, 20Feb, 02Mar, 20Mar, 08Apr, 10Apr, 21Apr, 24Apr, 23Nov, 04Dec, 07Dec, 22Dec & 29Dec.

Included Features:

Accommodation on per person sharing basis, all meals, a reasonable amount of soft drinks, wine and beer at all meal times, national park fees, activities, and all internal charters on a seat rate basis.

Excluded:

Flights (other than specified in the detailed safari itinerary), visas, compulsory insurance, all relevant entry and departure government taxes, all personal purchases, gratuities, laundry, optional extra activities, pre and post safari tours and all other travel arrangements before or after the safari.

Age Limits – Minimum 12 years, Medical certificate required for guests over the age of 75.