

#### **'KGALAGADI MAGIC'**

# BOTSWANA & SOUTH AFRICA - WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIEWING SAFARI – 9 Nights | 10 Days

# **Tour Summary & Locations:**

Day 1: Arrival at Upington (South Africa) – 1 night; Accommodation in B&B

Day 2, 3: Rooiputs Campsite, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (Botswana Side) – 2 nights;

Accommodation in Camping

Day 4, 5: Polentswa Campsite, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (Botswana Side) – 2 nights;

Accommodation in Camping

Day 6, 7: Mata Mata Campsite, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (South Africa Side) – 2 nights;

Accommodation in Camping

Day 8, 9: Twee Rivieren Campsite, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (South Africa Side) – 2 nights;

Accommodation in Camping

Day 10: Departure to Homelands

**Tour Route:** Upington – Upington (South Africa)

Tour Code: BOTS-SA 10D WLD KTP

Tour Cost: 360 USD pppd (per person per day) in terms of having complete 4 guests on board Extension: Self-Driving to Tankwa Karoo National Park (South Africa) for 2 nights, and Cape Town

for 4 nights



#### DAILY PROGRAMME

#### Day 1

Meeting at Upington Airport (South Africa) the day before the expedition starts on Day 2 upon your arrival; Departure time and arrival time of flights from Johannesburg to Upington is listed below; South African Airways - 07:10 - 08:40; 11:00 - 12:30; 15:20 - 16:50 Accommodation in B&B;

Easy relaxing day before the expedition starts the next morning.

#### Day 2

Driving to Twee Rivieren Gate of Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP) -2.5 hrs; Entering the park, and driving to Rooiputs Campsite in Nossob Riverbed in Game Drive (1) mode; Setting up the camp at noon time; Lunch at campsite;

Game Drive (2) in the afternoon for wildlife action around waterholes of Nossob River.



Thanks to Wildlife Departments of both countries, Botswana and South Africa that they have united their nature reserves (formerly known as Gemsbok National Parks) stretching along the border under one name: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park aka 'KTP' as known among wildlife and landscape enthusiasts

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP) is significant with vegetated and naked red dunes as well as desert-adapted animals displaying the 'survival of the fittest'. Twee Rivieren meaning 'Two Rivers' in Afrikaans is apparently a meeting point of two ancient 'fossil rivers', Nossob and Auob. They are mostly dry; however, they may become active after sufficient rainfalls between December and May. Rains in Kalahari comes with spectacular thunderstorms. It is a fact that Nossob and Auob flows beneath the ground while they look dry at ground sight; since, there are waterholes (natural and artificial) in every 7-10 km. to both directions from Twee Rivieren, one towards Mata Mata (Auob Riverbed) which is one of the three major campsites by South Africa - Namibia Border; and the other one towards Union's End (Nossob Riverbed) via Nossob as the other major campsite within the Park. Nossob Camp is the diversion point of direction to KTP's Botswana Side. Majority of park land lies in South African side while approximately 1/3 of land belongs to Botswana.

Thanks to the waterholes along two riverbeds, animals (game) come down from the corrugated duned earth to river canyon to quinch their thirst where the big cats (lion, leopard, cheetah) and the little big cats (african wildcat, caracal) are stationed for possible prey. Simply, these two dry riverbeds act like a corridor of hunting for the predators.





Speaking of predators, Kalahari's black-maned lions are sublime and worth to see while cheetah sightings are quite common. There are about 120 leopards living in this habitat, however they tend to stay elusive during daytime; for, lions dominate the grounds. Spotting a Kalahari Leopard is always possible and it is one of the most significant sightings here. Kgalagadi/Kalahari is not a Big 5 nature reserve, as elephants, rhinos, buffalos can not make it here together with other mammals who need certain amount of water in daily basis.

It is the land of Meerkats as well as ground squirrels and mice which attracts quite number of raptors in different sizes. Birdlife other than the birds of prey is astonishingly active.

Kalahari sunsets and sunrises makes this land even more special. Thanks to lacking of light pollution, stargazing is at its best. Simply, Kalahari is one magical, abundant, and heavenly land in a 'Land of Few'.



#### Day 3

Game Drive (3) in the morning along Nossob Riverbed and Her waterholes; Lunch at a picnic site;

Game Drive (4) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several waterholes of Nossob Riverbed.

## Day 4

Driving to Polentswa Campsite along Nossob Riverbed in Game Drive (5) mode as we check all several number of waterholes located 7-10 km. apart from eachother;

Setting up the camp at noon time;

Lunch at campsite;



Game Drive (6) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several waterholes of Nossob Riverbed.

## Day 5

Game Drive (7) in the morning along Nossob Riverbed and Her waterholes; Lunch at a picnic site;

Game Drive (8) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several waterholes of Nossob Riverbed.



# Day 6

Driving to Mata Mata Campsite (South Africa Side of KTP) in Auob Riverbed in Game Drive (9) mode; Setting up the camp at noon time;

Lunch at campsite;

Game Drive (10) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several other waterholes of Auob Riverbed towards the north west section of KTP.

# Day 7

Game Drive (11) in the morning along Auob Riverbed inbetween Mata Mata and Twee Rivieren portion of KTP; Lunch at a picnic site;

Game Drive (12) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several waterholes of Auob Riverbed.





## Day 8

Driving to Twee Rivieren Campsite (South Africa Side of KTP) in Auob Riverbed in Game Drive (13) mode; Setting up the camp at noon time;

Lunch at campsite;

Game Drive (14) in the afternoon for wildlife action around other waterholes of Auob Riverbed towards the south east section of KTP.



#### Day 9

Game Drive (15) in the morning along Auob Riverbed inbetween Twee Rivieren and Mata Mata portion of KTP; Lunch at a picnic site;

Game Drive (16) in the afternoon for wildlife action around several waterholes of Auob Riverbed.

## Day 10

Exiting Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park from Twee Rivieren;
Driving to Upington to catch your flight to Johannesburg;
Fairwell with lots of quality time memories along with lots of quality images;
Departure time and arrival time of flights from Upington to Johannesburg is listed below;
South African Airways – 12:50 – 14:25; 17:10 – 18:45





#### What is Included

- The tour is mostly full board all inclusive at locations where we camp. Same statement applies in locations
  where guests stay in lodges if the facility embodies campsite since, we the staff will be camping and eating
  in campsite. Guests are welcome to join;
- All game drives (safari) that we conduct and mentioned within the itinerary;
- All transfers.

#### What is Excluded

- International Flights;
- Cross Border Visa Fees;
- Personal Travel Insurance;
- Dinners or any other courses that guests would like to eat out where it is possible, and where the facility (lodges and guest houses) has its own service;
- Please note that, we will have a limited selection of Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic beverages on board. If you
  need a specific brand of beverage, please feel free to bring it along or let us know in advance to have it on
  board;
- All game drives (safari) activities that we are not allowed to conduct by ourselves, such as bush walks, night
  drives that are only conducted by park and reserve rangers;
- Activities that we have to buy from third parties upon guests' request that may occur at locations, and not listed in mutually agreed itinerary before the tour starts.

We are looking forward to hosting you in the best way we commit and you deserve...

**Yours Sincerely...**