



‘DEEP DEEP IN KALAHARI - SALT PANS’

BOTSWANA - LANDSCAPE & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIEWING SAFARI – 14 Nights|15 Days

Tour Summary & Locations:

- Day 1:** Arrival at Gaborone – 1 night; Accommodation in B&B
Day 2, 3: Khutse Game Reserve – 2 nights; Accommodation in Camping
Day 4 - 8: Central Kalahari Game Reserve – 5 nights; Accommodation in Camping
Day 9: Maun – 1 night; Accommodation in Lodging
Day 10, 11: Nxai Pan National Park – 2 nights; Accommodation in Camping
Day 12, 13: Makgadikgadi Pan National Park – 2 nights; Accommodation in Camping
Day 14: Gaborone – 1 night; Accommodation in B&B
Day 15: Departure to Homelands

Tour Route: Gaborone – Gaborone

Tour Code: BOTS_15D_LND-WLD_KGR-CKGR-PANS

Tour Cost: 354 USD pppd (per person per day) in terms of having complete 4 guests on board

Extension: Makgadikgadi & Nxai Pan National Parks for 2-4 nights;
Kubu aka Lekubu Island - Sua/Sowa Pan for 2 nights;
Please note that, Makgadikgadi and Nxai Salt Pans as well as Kubu aka Lekubu Island - Sua/Sowa Pan may not be fully and deeply accessible as the rains start falling between January to May which turns salt flats into muddy form and dry soil into marsh lands;
Khama Rhino Sanctuary and/or Moremi Gorge as in one or two nights on the way to Gaborone from Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Return Flight to Homelands to be changed from Maun to Gaborone.



DAILY PROGRAMME

❖ Day 1

Meeting in Gaborone the day before our expedition starts on Day 2, at Gaborone Sir Seretse Khama International Airport upon your arrival with flights mentioned;
Departure and Arrival times of flights from Johannesburg to Gaborone is listed below:
Air Botswana – 15:00 – 16:00 / 16:30 – 17:30 / 18:00 – 19:00
South African Airways – 15:45 – 16:40 / 16:25 – 17:20
Transfer to your B&B;
Group Dinner in Gaborone...

❖ Day 2

Driving to Khutse Game Reserve (KGR) after early breakfast – 5 hrs;
Setting up the camp;
Tour briefing in KGR Campsite;
Game Drive (Safari) (1) in the afternoon.



When you look at Map of Botswana, you will see a large patch of trapezoidal green in the middle; yes, it is Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR). She is the second biggest nature reserve/national park in Africa and bigger than many countries in Europe...

She, Central Kalahari has been habitat for many species including Botswana's indigenous San People, nomadic hunters and probably descendants of our grand, grand, grand, and grand ancestors thousands of years ago.

She stretches all the way up from Salt Pans down to Khutse Game Reserve (KGR) in the South. KGR is the gateway to CKGR. Although there are roads seen in maps, only a few dare to cross the whole reserve through soft sands where there is more of unknown. Is it doable?.. Of course it is, and it would be one heck of an expedition. FYI...

Most of the wildlife known concentrates around Deception, Sunday, Tau and Piper Pans in the north where we will be mostly focused.

Central Kalahari is famous with Black-Maned Kalahari Lions. They are always in great shape – they have to be... Cheetah sightings are common, as they scan great plains for springboks and other antelopes. Leopards are there, but elusive as their nature.

Have you ever seen a Bat-Eared Fox or a Cape Fox?.. They will certainly put a smile on your faces. So will Meerkat Families!..



Endangered Brown Hyenas are always worth to look for while their spotted cousins are there, and visible all the time. Scavengers, vultures soar high in skies of Central Kalahari. Kalahari is a raptor land with plenty of prey around; Mice, Ground squirrels, Cape Cobras, and Puff Added Vipers vs. Eagles, Falcons, Hawks, Kestrels, and many more...

Central Kalahari may sound less productive by means of wildlife sightings and photography; however, we have taken most of our personal best wildlife shots here... You won't regret, too...

Possible Animal Sightings: Black-maned lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, african wildcat, wildebeest, hartebeest, oryx, kudu, springbok, steenbok, meerkat, honey badger, porcupine, very rare but pangolin, ground squirrel, reptiles (cape cobra and puff adder), cape fox, bat-eared fox, black-backed jackal, spotted and brown hyenas as well as raptors, vultures, and other smaller birds...



❖ Day 3

Game Drive (2) in KGR early in the morning;
Lunch at picnic site or back at the campsite within the park;
Game Drive (3) in KGR in the afternoon.



❖ Day 4 - 8

Game Drive (4) in KGR early in the morning as we are moving into Central Kalahari Game Reserve;
Entering in Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);
Driving up to North as in Game Drive Pace and Mode;



Camping in CKGR in different locations including Xaka, Piper Pan, Sunday Pan and Deception Pan;

Game Drives in the mornings and afternoons (5-15);

Lunch at picnic sites, campsites, or where available;

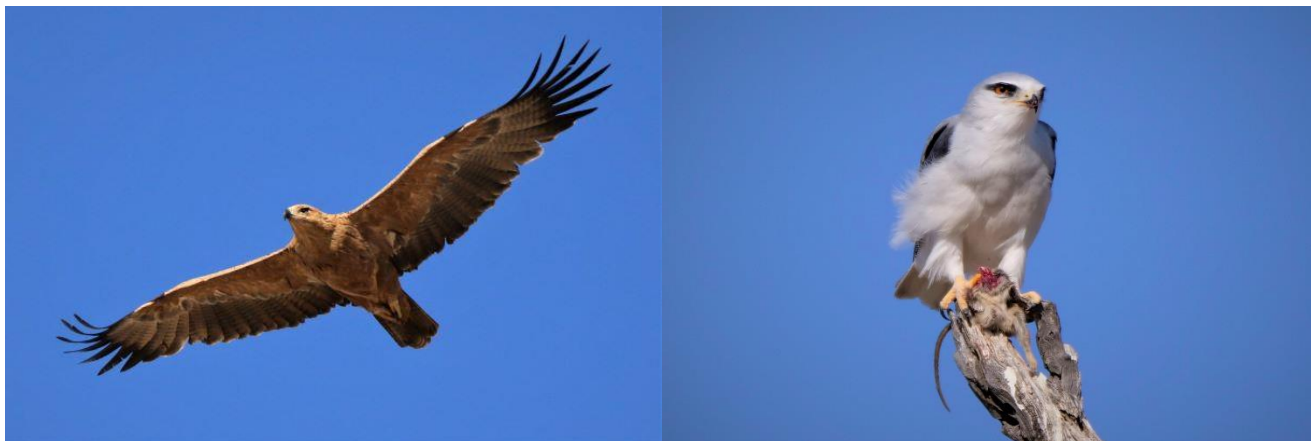
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❖ Day 9

Exiting CKGR and driving to Maun after the breakfast – 4.5 hrs;

Accommodation in Lodging in Maun for Relaxing Day after several days of camping deep in Kalahari;

Personal and Logistical Shopping in Maun for the second stage of our expedition.



❖ Day 10

Driving to Nxai Pan National Park- 4 hrs;

Setting up the camp and lunch at campsite;

Game Drive (16) in the afternoon.



Nxai Pan National Park has two camp grounds: South Camp and Baines Baobabs...

South Camp is the highlands of the park where animals congregate around waterholes in open lands. Predatory action is seen when zebras and other antelopes migrate from central inland towards river channels in the north just before the dry season starts.

Baines Baobabs offers great photographic spectacles with their immense sizes and wisdom for thousands of years over salt flats in further south. Some people call this land 'The Serengeti of Southern Africa'. Nxai Pan is not a land of plenty in terms of wildlife; but, its landscape is breathtaking, especially at early and late lights of the day.

If you would like to camp under the protection of Baobabs, sleep under billions of stars, enthusiastic about milky way photography, astronomy; this is D-Place!..

Possible Animal Sightings: Four of the Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo), Smaller Wild Cats, Giraffe, Zebra, Kudu, as well as other smaller size African Antelopes, Vultures, Raptors...

Cultural Sightings: South of Nxai Pan is home to several thousand years old Baines Baobabs...



❖ Day 11

Game Drive (17) early in the morning scanning the great plains and the salt pans for wildlife action;
Lunch at a picnic site or back at campsite;
Game Drive (18) in the afternoon.



❖ Day 12

Game Drive (19) early in the morning;
Driving to Xhumaga Campsite of Makgadikgadi National Park in Game Drive Mode – 3.5 hrs;
Setting up the camp and lunch at Xhumaga;
Game Drive (20) in the afternoon.



• Makgadikgadi, together with Her neighbour in the north - the Nxai Pan are lowest grounds of Kalahari Basin. They are plains in enormous size covered with a thick layer of salty soil that turns into muddy form during rainy season that attracts many mammals and bird life.

Boteti River running through Makgadikgadi National Park is home to thousands and thousands of zebras as they come from the thick bush down to the river bed at noon time in dust when the scenery turns into a game of shadows. Their numbers dramatically increase when herds start migrating from Central Botswana towards the Okavango Delta and Chobe River Channels. In fact, this is one of the second largest animal migration after Mara and Serengeti in Eastern Africa. Naturally predators, carnivores, scavengers follow this herd for possible prey and feeding opportunities.



Raptors perched on the branches of giant trees, especially African Fish Eagles, Tawny Eagles, and Bateleurs, watch any movements in waters and on land; so does a variety of storks and pelican species.

Possible Animal Sightings: Four of the Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo), Hypos, Crocodiles, Smaller Wild Cats, Giraffe, Zebra, Kudu, as well as other smaller size African Antelopes, Vultures, Raptors, Pelicans, Storks, Smaller Bird Species...

❖ Day 13

Game Drive (21) early in the morning along the Boteti Riverbed;

Lunch at a picnic site or back at campsite;

Game Drive (22) in the afternoon;



❖ Day 14

Driving back to Gaborone after breakfast – 5 hrs;

As an alternative, see other locations at 'Extension' in the front page - Tour Summary & Locations, for stop-overs;

Lunch on the way in a town or picnic site;

Accommodation in B&B in Maun;

Relaxing Free Night before you board your planes to homelands the next day...





❖ Day 15

Transfer to Sir Seretse Khama International Airport for any flights back to Johannesburg mentioned below:

South African Airways – 07:30 – 08:25; 10:35 – 11:30; 11:25 – 12:30; 14:00 – 14:55; 17:15 – 18:10; 17:50 – 18:45; 20:10 – 21:05

Air Botswana – 06:15 – 07:15; 09:30 – 10:30; 13:30 – 14:30; 15:15 – 18:30

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;
- Scenic Flight(s) over Central Kalahari or Makgadikgadi and Nxai Salt Pans;
- 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...