

Botswana Wildlife Safari



Journey to the Linyanti Reserve and the Okavango Delta, among the most outstanding wilderness regions of Botswana, on this ten-day luxury private safari.

Day 1: Maun – Lebala Camp

Fly Maun to Linyanti on the AM flight. On arrival in Linyanti, meet with your safari guide and transfer the short distance to Lebala Camp, where you stay three nights (full-board with activities).

NB. We can organise your international flights to Botswana and your accommodation in Maun, if required.

Lebala Camp

Kwando Lebala Camp is set in the extensive grasslands and seasonal floodplains of the Linyanti marshes. It is one of only two camps – the other being its sister camp, Kwando Lagoon – within the Kwando Game Reserve, Botswana's largest private concession.

Situated between Chobe and the Okavango Delta, this is a region famed for its superb game-viewing. Lebala – a Setswana word which roughly translated means "wide open plains" – overlooks a vast wilderness teeming with game. The region is particularly noted for its huge elephant and buffalo populations, which appear in their greatest numbers during the dry season (June to Oct), as well as its wild dog population, which typically dens in the area during June and July.

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During your stay at Lebala, you'll be accommodated in one of eight tented suites, each set on a raised wooden platform overlooking the marshland in front of the camp. The tents have been elegantly furnished and feature polished teak floors and sliding doors. The en-suite bathrooms have his & her basins, clawfoot bathtubs and outdoor showers.



A light campfire breakfast of porridge and cereals starts the day at Kwando Lebala, followed by a buffet brunch on return from the morning's game activity. Dinner is a three-course meal, served by candlelight in the dining room. Nightcaps around the fire usually follow.

Guest facilities at Lebala include lounge, bar, small swimming pool, and game-viewing hide. Activities available include day and night game drives and seasonal bush walks.

Linyanti Reserve

The Linyanti River forms a natural border between Namibia and Botswana. The river's course is smooth and gentle until it hits a volcanic faultline which causes a dramatic 90-degree change of course from south-east to north-east. Inside this juncture a swamp has formed, similar in appearance to the Okavango Delta, with papyrus lined waterways leading to towering riverine forests of giant ebony and marula trees.

On the southern banks of the Linyanti River is the private Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Here the marsh subsides into lagoons and steadily flowing rivers with riverine forests of jackalberry and sausage trees. Adjoining the marshlands are vast open grasslands, and dry wooded areas.



The Linyanti Reserve is a haven for a wealth of wildlife, particularly during the dry winter months when the herds congregate at the rivers and waterholes. Thousands of zebra spend the winter in the Linyanti before heading south to the Savuti in November in expectation of summer rains and good grazing. The graceful sable and roan antelopes are also found here, while red lechwe and the aquatic sitatunga antelope inhabit the wetland regions. The largest elephant herds number in the hundreds.



The main predators are lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and hyena. With luck, you may also see the rare serval, a smaller carnivore which hunts rodents and birds. Bat-eared foxes are perhaps the most charming of the smaller carnivores, and prey on insects, scorpions, and mice – sightings are not uncommon. Birdlife is equally abundant in the Linyanti – and vocal, too, ensuring a magnificent dawn chorus every morning! Beside the bird song, daytime noises include the incessant grunting of hippos and trumpeting elephants, while the night brings roaring lions and laughing hyenas!

Day 4: Lebala to Lagoon Camp

After breakfast, say goodbye to Lebala Camp and transfer by 4x4 to Lagoon Camp (three nights, full-board with activities), enjoying a game drive en route.

Lagoon Camp

Lagoon Camp lies on the shady banks of the Kwando River, among tall and ancient African Ebony and Marula trees. It is part of the private Kwando Reserve, which incorporates 80 kilometres of river frontage, permanent floodplains, and woodland to the west of the Kwando River.

The Kwando region is home to a rich variety of wildlife but is most noted for its very large elephant populations, which are present in the region year-round. Impala, lechwe, kudu, zebra, giraffe, sitatunga, sable, roan, waterbuck, buffalo, bushbuck and the smaller antelope are also present and regularly sighted. Major predators include lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and hyena.

Lagoon camp accommodates up to 16 guests in eight comfortably appointed twin-bedded safari style tents. The tents are en-suite, with his & her basins, flush toilets and spacious outside showers. Hot water is propane-heated, ensuring a supply no matter what the weather or time of day. Each tent opens onto a deck overlooking the lagoon in front of the camp.



Freshly prepared meals are served in the thatched dining room overlooking the lagoon.



Facilities include a lounge, plunge pool and curio shop. Activities at Lagoon Camp include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, walking safaris (at the manager's discretion), night game drives, boat cruises in a double decker boat and river fishing.

Day 7: Lagoon Camp – Kwara Camp

Depart Lagoon Camp after breakfast by inter-camp flight bound for Kwara Camp, in the Okavango Delta, where you stay for three nights (full-board with activities).

Kwara Camp

Kwara Camp is situated overlooking a secluded lagoon in the northern Okavango Delta, from where it enjoys access to the permanent waterways of the Delta and the surrounding floodplains.

Kwara accommodates a maximum of 16 guests in eight traditionally styled tents on raised decks, each offering a superb view of the lagoon. Towering African ebony and mangosteen trees provide shade and ensure that the camp is always cool, while attracting plentiful birdlife – adding to the feeling of serenity in one of the Okavango's best kept secrets!

Situated within a private concession, Kwara offers a wide variety of activities. In addition to day and night game drives, the camp offers game walks and mokoro trips, as well as power boating and fishing (spinning equipment is provided).



Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta, and houses a diversity of wildlife within its varied ecosystem. The Okavango River, lacking an outlet to the sea, empties onto the sands of the Kalahari Desert, irrigating some 15,000km² of land and forming the delta. This water entering the delta is unusually pure and spreads over the sand forming a maze of lagoons, channels, floodplains and small pockets of land.



The wildlife in the Okavango Delta is spectacular in its diversity. Crocodiles and hippos populate the waters, while elephant, leopard, giraffe, cheetah, lion, baboon and a variety of antelope are all regularly sighted. The birdlife, too, is prolific.

The Okavango Delta can be explored in a number of ways. The region is of course most famous for its water-based safaris. Exploring the Delta's complex network of waterways in a dugout canoe is a one-of-a-kind safari experience that few will ever forget. That said, the Delta also offers great opportunities for land-based safaris. Large pockets of land in Moremi and in the many private reserves surrounding the Delta proper offer good terrain for 4x4 and walking safaris.

Day 10: Return to Maun

After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip for the light aircraft transfer back to Maun and onward connections.



Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is **£3,595 per person***, based on twin share and travel in green season. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

**Additional supplement of £85 per person per night applies over Christmas and New Year.*

Includes:

Meet and greet at Maun airport
All inter-camp flights and transfers
Full board accommodation with beverages
All game viewing activities
Daily laundry
Park fees and local taxes

Excludes:

International air fares
Travel insurance – ask for a quote
Items of a personal nature

