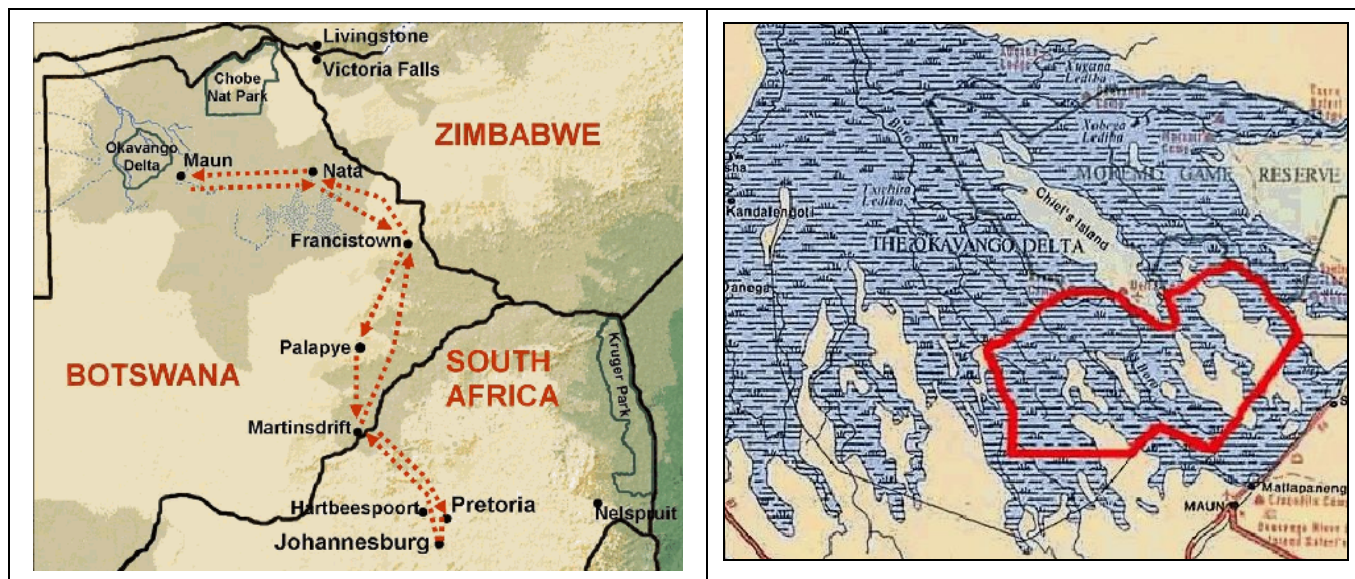


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Travel Itinerary



Okavango Delta

Departures: Wednesday

Departs: Johannesburg, Pretoria. Any Backpackers hostel, hotel, guest house

Ends: Johannesburg, Pretoria. Any Backpackers hostel, guest house, hotel or airport

Day 1: Nata (Botswana) The tour departs early morning from Johannesburg and Pretoria from where we pick clients up from any backpackers hostel, guest house or hotel. Your guide will stop en-route for breakfast (own cost), banks and last minute shopping while still on the South African side of the border. The guide will assist you with changing money after you have crossed the border into Botswana. From where we head further north to Nata, where we camp the night. **Accommodation: Camping with the option to upgrade to bedded accommodation. Included meals: Dinner**

Day 2: Maun (Botswana) The day starts with an early morning breakfast, before heading west along the northern border of the Kalahari Desert to Maun, a small town on the edge of the Okavango Delta. This is a fairly short drive, which means that we arrive early enough to do all the shopping for things needed in the Okavango Delta.

We stay the night at Sitatunga campsite, which is a few kilometers outside Maun. This afternoon you can relax by the pool & pool bar or visit the crocodile farm where you will see hundreds of Nile crocodiles, ranging from small to 16 foot crocks. **Accommodation: Camping with the option to upgrade to bedded accommodation. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Days 3, 4, 5: Okavango Delta (Botswana) The Okavango Delta must be one of the greatest experiences on offer in southern Africa. The Okavango Delta is a series of flood plains, waterways and rivers, that gets its water from Angola 6 months after the rain season. The Okavango Delta is not only extremely beautiful and peaceful, but also home to a large variety of animal and bird species. The best time to visit the Okavango Delta for game viewing is in the winter months, when the water levels are at its highest. The summer months attract a large variety of bird species and is a wonderful experience with less mammals, as they migrate north to larger quantities of water.

We start the day with a breakfast, before heading into the Okavango Delta with 4x4 open-sided game viewing vehicles which will take us all the way into the park to the edge of the water channels. Here we meet the local

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guides (polers), and we transfer all the equipment and our personal belongings into mokoros (traditional dug out canoes), which we use to glide down the water channels deeper into the Delta. Camping in the Okavango Delta is an amazing experience in its own. There are no campsites in the concession that we visit, which means that we do free or bush camping. There will be no fences, no running water, no showers, no buildings and no electricity. We camp in the wild with only what we take with us. We enjoy a light lunch after setting up camp. It is normally very warm by this time of the day (especially in the summer), which means that we will have to cool off. The Okavango Delta offers fantastic natural swim pools in the smaller rivers, with white sand and crystal clear water. Every day we will do early morning and late afternoon game walks, searching for as many different animal species as possible. The guides will explain more about all the animals, their tracks, the vegetation and the Delta during these walks. You may have the opportunity to get as close (safety first) to the wildlife of the Okavango Delta. After dinners you can relax around a campfire, while listening to the nocturnal animals calling out in the night. We often hear elephants rumbling, lions roaring and jackals and hyenas crying out in the night. You start your last morning in the Okavango delta with a cup of coffee before doing your final game walk. After the walk you will enjoy a quick breakfast, break down camp, and then return with the mokoros to the place where the 4x4 vehicles will meet you. Your guide will prepare a light lunch on return to camp in Maun. This afternoon you have the opportunity to do an optional one hour game flight over the Okavango Delta. This is another fantastic experience. It is amazing how much distance the small planes cover in an hour, and how much wildlife you see from the skies during the flight. Remember to take your camera, as you can take good photos during a flight. **Accommodation - Days 3 & 4: Free bush camping Accommodation - Day 5: Camping with the option to upgrade to bedded accommodation. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 6: Palapye (Botswana) We leave Maun after breakfast driving south to Palapye, where you can relax by the pool. You will stop for lunch (own cost). Accommodation: Camping with the option to upgrade to bedded accommodation. Included meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 7: Return to Johannesburg & Pretoria (South Africa) We depart early morning driving further south crossing the border into South Africa. The guide will drop you at any backpackers hostel, hotel, guest house or the airport in Johannesburg & Pretoria. Your guide will stop en-route for breakfast and lunch (own cost). Included meals: **No meals included**

Included:

- All transport
- All accommodation
- Qualified and registered guide
- All camping and other equipment
- Meals as specified
- Entrance & conservation fees to Okavango Delta
- Open vehicle transfers into & out of Okavango Delta
- Dug out canoes (mokoros) in the Okavango Delta
- Local guides in the Okavango Delta
- Game walks inside the Okavango Delta

Excluded:

- All drinks (except coffee & tea with meals)
- Meals not specified
- Optional 1 hour game flight over the Okavango Delta
- Visas if required

The included accommodation on this tour is camping.

However, every camp that we stay at on this tour offers a variety of chalets, private rooms etc. Therefore clients do have to option to upgrade from camping accommodation to bedded accommodation. Livingstone Trails will pay the camping rate and clients who upgrade their accommodation must pay the balance. You can not book an upgrade in advance. Upgrades must be done on tour when you arrive at a camp and seen the bedded accommodation. Depends on availability. We provide all camping equipment, except sleeping bags.

While inside the Okavango Delta

We enter the Okavango Delta with traditional transport used by the locals for a very long time. This form of transport (left) is called mokoros and the guy at the back with the long stick is called a poler. It is an awesome experience and very relaxing. More often than not, we will see animals such as elephant while travelling deeper and deeper into the Okavango Delta.

The area that we visit while in the Okavango Delta is totally untouched. No power boats or planes and landing strips, no fancy lodges or villages. Just us and mother nature. Probably one of the most untouched areas in southern Africa, with an enormous variety of wildlife, depending on the season.

This means that you will not be staying in a lodge or camp site - we will be doing free camping.

What is free camping?

Well, any one of our guides will tell you that it is the best way of camping. We find an ideal patch of trees along the waterways that is suitable for us to camp. This means that there are no fences, electricity, buildings or bathrooms.

The local guides will dig a hole and build a toilet.

Unfortunately we do not have a shower for these days, but we do have many natural swim holes in the rivers.

These swim holes has crystal clear water and are extremely welcome when the temperatures reaches maximums during the afternoons.

Transport used on these tours

Airport transfer - Toyota Quantums, 12 clients plus 1 guide / driver

Transfers in and out of Okavango Delta - Open sided game viewing vehicles. 10 clients plus 1 guide / driver

Transport inside the Okavango Delta - Mokoro 2 clients plus 1 poler

Important tour / safari information

Participation tours: All tours are participation tours. This means that the clients are responsible for pitching their own tents (except inside Kruger Park), and washing up after every meal, which is social event where people chat and get to know each other. Some guides may ask the clients to assist with the chopping and cleaning of vegetables, while the guide prepares the meals.

What to take on tour: Clothing and personal effects Comfortable shoes for walking Warm clothing for the evenings Basic first aid kit Insect repellent Anti-Malaria medicine Sunblock and cap or hat Comfortable shoes for walking Slip slops or trainers Camera with extra film & batteries Torch with extra batteries

Tent, sleeping bag and roll matt: We provides all the camping equipment including a roll matt with cover that is washed after every tour, and a 2.2 x 2.2 (meters) or 2.4 x 2.4 (meters) tent with built in mosquito netting over the door and windows, as well as a built in floor. You must have a sleeping bag on all of the camping tours, which you can rent from us at R50 per person per tour, if you do not have one of your own.

Malaria areas: Many of the areas and destinations in southern and east Africa are malaria areas. It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that you have insect repellent and a course of anti-malaria tablets. Consult your local doctor or pharmacist.

Water: All drinks (except coffee & tea with meals) are excluded from the tour price. All tap water in areas where we do tours to, are 100% safe to drink, and tastes very good. Bottled water is freely available (every day), for those who prefer bottled water.

Laws and clients: We expect our clients to uphold the laws of each country that we visit while on tour. We do not accept any responsibility for any client on our tours, who breaks the laws of any country visited during a tour.

Be considered: Sometimes our guides are asked to stop at local villages along the road, so that clients can take photos. Nothing wrong with that, but then we often see the people just walking into a village taking photos, instead

of doing it from the road. Keep in mind that a village will normally be a family living together. How would you feel if a stranger just walks into your yard or home and start taking photos?

Our clients: All our clients are international travellers from different countries. The ages of our clients range from 18 to 60, with the majority being between 20 and 40. All that we require from our clients is that they must enjoy travelling and be fun-loving people. You do not need to be super fit to participate in any of our included activities or adventures.

Our crew (guides & drivers): All our guides and drivers are registered with the authorities as per government regulations.

Our tours: We offer a variety of tours and safaris to a variety of destinations, from 3 days to 16 days. You have the option of camping or lodge (bedded) accommodation, while on any of our tours / safaris.

Important: Before you travel please check your **Tour Voucher** and **Arrival Information** for the latest joining instructions. This will be sent to you upon receipt of final payment.

All itineraries are subject to change without prior notice.