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Botswana Country Guide

Africa's most exclusive (and expensive)
safari destination offering beautiful scenery
and prolific big game in equal measure.



Botswana

One of Africa's last pristine lands



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Different Types of Camps,
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Botswana

• Chobe • Okavango Delta • Linyanti • Savute • Mashatu • Makgadikgadi Pans • Kalahari Desert •



Key Attributes

- Perfect for 1st time safari visitors
- Safari Destination only (Plus Victoria Falls)
- Exquisite Landscape – delta & desert
- Diverse Safaris by vehicle, on foot, boat or mokoro
- Specialist Safaris: Horse-riding, Canoeing, Walking

Important Tips

- Peak Season: July to October (October is hot!)
- Cost varies strongly by season (p.29)
- Primarily Fly-in Destination (or Mobile Safari)
- June is now peak season for many camps
- Use camps of one safari operator for the best prices esp. within Peak season



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Everything in Africa bites. But the safari bug is the worst of all.

Brian Jackman

Top Reasons to Visit



Watery Paradise

Okavango Delta is one of the finest African wildlife reserves, with unique game- viewing by mokoro (dug-out canoe)

Wildlife

Amazing elephant sightings in Chobe, Linyanti & Savute. Predator sightings galore

Private Concessions

Exclusive, Plus allow night drives & bush walks

Varied Safaris

Diverse Safari Activities:
Game drives, walking, mokoros, boating, fishing

Unique Wilderness

Immense sense of wilderness in Kalahari & Unique salt pans of the Makgadikgadi & Nxai

Mobile Safaris

Private mobile safaris for friends & or family offer great way to immerse yourself in the landscape

Top Experiences



Boating on the Selinda Channel



Helicopter Arrivals/ Game -viewing



Quad Biking on Makgadikgadi Pans



Horse-riding Safaris



Meeting the Bushmen (San) people

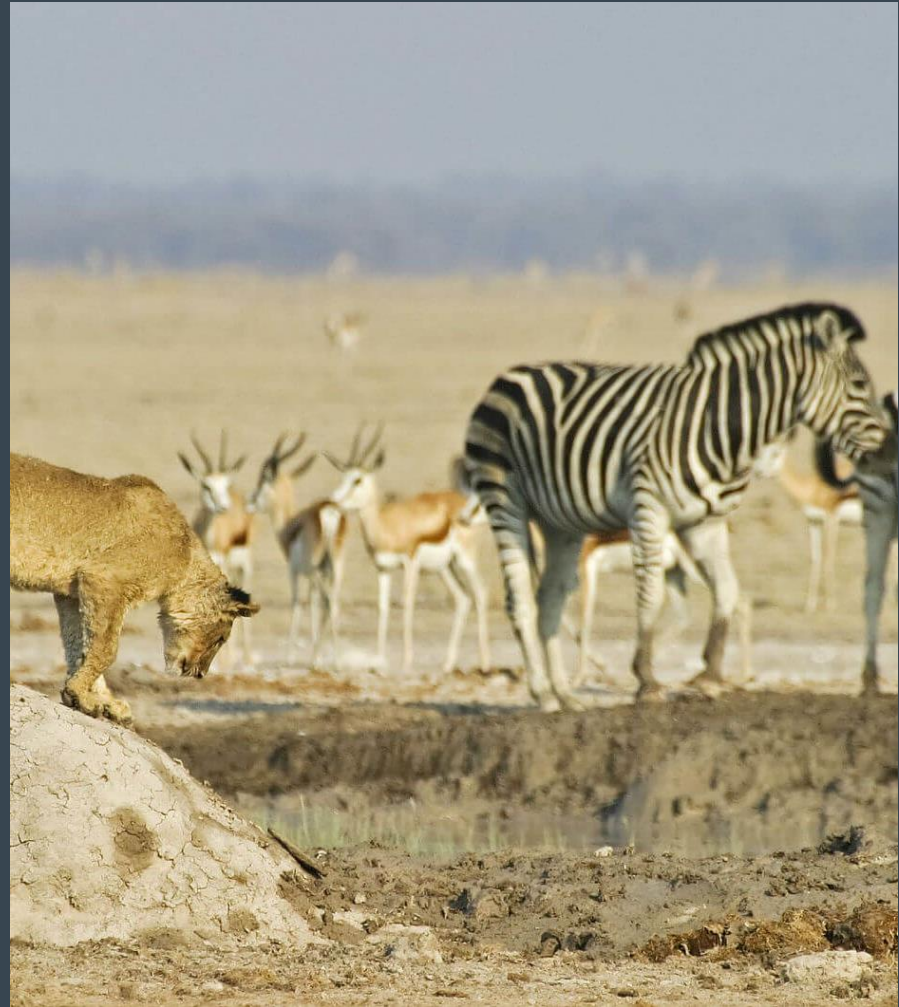


Adventure Safaris (Mountain Biking)

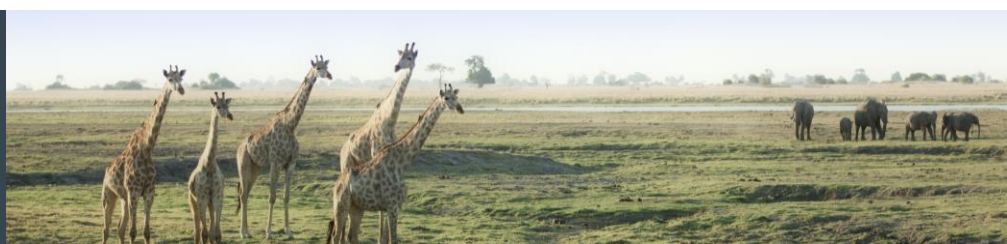
Best Time to Visit



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Best Time to Travel



December – March

Rainy “Green” season:

Wildlife less easy to see
& less frequent
(Okavango)

But great for birding

Lots of new born
animals

Photographers dream

Excellent pricing!

April – May, November

Shoulder Season:

Dry sunny conditions

Good combination of
wildlife viewing & pricing

PLUS: sometimes June &
October is shoulder
season (but October is
hot!)

July – October

Peak Season:

Best wildlife viewing

Less vegetation & so
rivers/delta are critical
water sources for wildlife

Pleasant daytime climate

Peak prices (esp. July –
Aug)



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Destinations

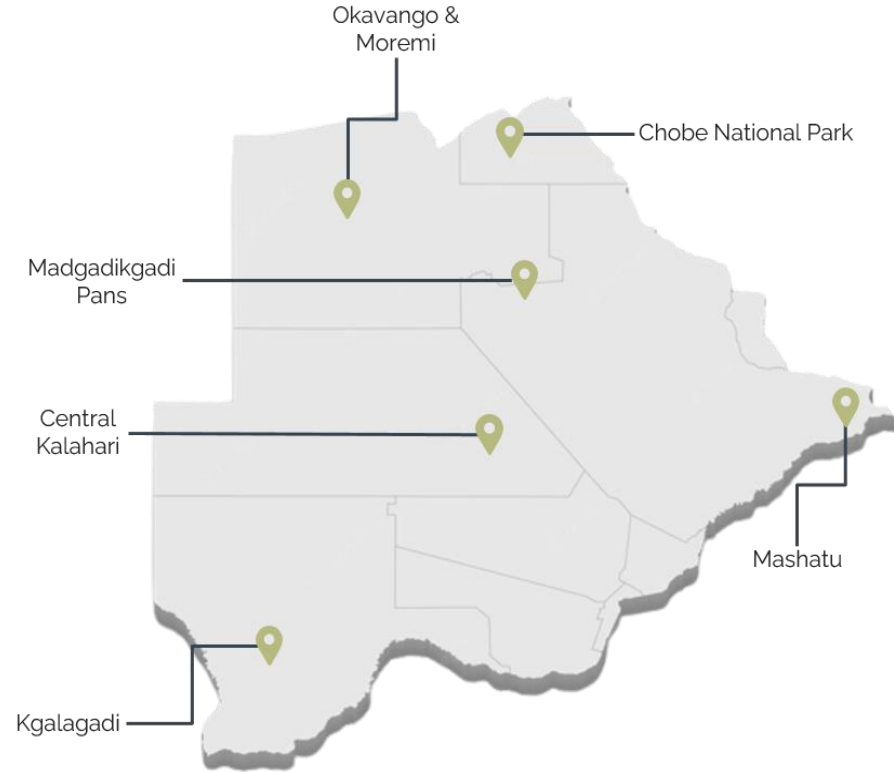
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Key Parks in Botswana

Main Parks are in the far-north:

- Okavango Delta & Moremi Reserve
- Chobe National Park incl. Savute
- Makgadikgadi & Nxai Pans
- Central Kalahari Game Reserve
- Kgalagadi Park is accessed from SA (as is Mashatu) – See Northern Cape web pages
- Mashatu Private Game Reserve



BOTSWANA WILDLIFE

WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE

Abundant



Elephant



Hippo



Various
Birdlife



Red Lechwe



Wildebeest



Tsebebe



Eland



Hartbeest



Zebra

Occasional



Meerkat



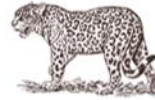
Jackal



Aardvark



Baboon



Leopard



Mongoose



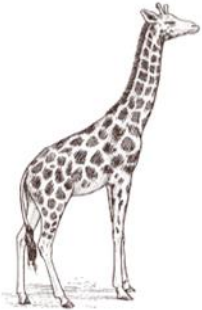
Aardwolf



Ostrich

Common

Rare



Giraffe



Cape Buffalo



Oryx



Crocodile



Lion



Hyena



Warthog



Wild Dog



Fish Eagle



Rhino



Vulture



Cheetah



Honey Badger

Note that
wildlife sightings
are not
guaranteed.



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Okavango Delta

Must do on any Botswana Safari!

Watery Oasis with maze of waterways, lagoons, game rich plains

- Moremi is the National Park
- Private concessions in the delta
- Varied Safari Activities: Game Drives, Walking, Mokoro trips, Boating, Birding, even Fishing
- Camps are Land-based, Water, Mixed or Seasonal
- Stay Min 3 nights

TIP – stay 2+ nights at 2 contrasting camps for range of safari activities e.g. land-based & more watery experience...

Okavango Delta Camps - examples



Chiefs Camp

- Private concession within the Moremi Game Reserve
- One of the finest game lodges in Botswana
- High quality of rangers and guides
- Luxurious tents

Uber Deluxe



Shinde Camp

- Beautiful island setting in the Okavango Delta
- Dine in the tree house with its magnificent views
- Exclusive use: Shinde Enclave is available for groups of friends or family safaris

Premier Deluxe



Gunns Camp

- Focus on water and walking activities
- Rustic and simplicity combined with comfort
- Walks on Ntswi Island
- Excellent birding at Gunns Camp

Moderate

Chobe National Park

Chobe River is in the northern part of Chobe NP

- Largest concentration of elephants in Africa
- Easy to combine with Victoria Falls
- Combine River Cruises & Game Drives
- Sunset boat cruises on Chobe River
- BUT... **very busy** (too busy for some)



Chobe River Camps - examples



Ngoma Safari Lodge

- Stunning hillside setting
- Its location within the Chobe Forest Reserve means that it enjoys much quieter game viewing
- The private concession also allows bush walks and night drives
- One-of-a-kind stay

Luxury



Chobe Game Lodge

- Overlooking the banks of the Chobe River
- Huge herds of elephants, especially in the dry season
- Enjoy morning game drives and afternoon game viewing boat cruises on safari
- Chobe Game Lodge is a large lodge accommodating up to 100 people

Premier



Chobe Bakwena Lodge

- Overlooking banks of Chobe River
- Bakwena Lodge comprises of 10 simply furnished river view chalets and 5 treetop chalets
- Game activities include game drives or river cruises in the Chobe
- Minimum of 2 night stay is required

Comfortable



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Linyanti Swamps & Savute

Private concessions of Linyanti & the Savute channel in the south-west of Chobe NP are destinations in their own right.

Linyanti

- 3 private concessions:

Linyanti, Kwando & Selinda

- Walking safaris
- Leopards & wild dogs
- Elephant concentrations

Savute

- Game-rich region in dry season
- Still good in off-season
- Great contrast with the Okavango Delta
- Savute Marsh is drawcard for wildlife & predators



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Linyanti & Savute Camps



Selinda Zarafa

- Zarafa is probably the most eco-friendly safari camp in Botswana
- Named as one of Tatler magazine's top 101 hotels and lodges
- Superb location overlooking Zibadianja Lagoon in Linyanti Swamps
- Only 4 luxurious suites

Uber Deluxe



Savute Safari Lodge

- Game viewing right from your private deck
- 12 contemporary suites have double volume interiors
- Superb elephant and lion viewing
- It offers a great contrast with the waters of the Okavango
- Particularly good year-round game viewing

Premier Deluxe



Linyati Ebony

- Linyati Ebony is a small tented camp with just 4 rooms including one family tent
- All are built on elevated decking with views of the endless vistas and lagoons of the Linyanti River system
- Offers a diverse range of water and land activities throughout the year

Moderate/Premier

Makgadikgadi Pans

(Including Nxai & Boteti)

The vast flat shimmering white salt pans stretch for ever, mesmerising contrast to the lushness of the Okavango

- Annual migration of zebra & wildebeest (Nov & March)
- Peak season for wildlife is summer (Nov – March)
- Oasis in Kalahari Desert
- Activities vary **considerably** by season e.g. eco-friendly quad bikes only in dry winter
- Romantic with giant baobab trees
- Highly recommended for contrast with the Delta
- Boteti River 3 night stay includes visit to the Pans



Madgadikgadi Pans



Jack's Camp

- Romantic and evocative safari camp
- Quad bike excursions on the pan in the winter months
- Pink flamingos in the watery pans after the summer rain
- Walks with the Bushmen people & options of overnight expeditions also on offer

Uber Deluxe



Leroo La Tau

- Leroo La tau offers bird's eye views of the zebra migrations
- Enjoy the glorious sunrise from your bedroom
- Opportunity to visit the nearby Makgadikgadi Pans

Premier Deluxe



Meno a Kwena

- Situated on the high cliffs overlooking the dry Boteti River
- The simple yet stylish, traditional tented camp offers an authentic safari mood with traditional rural African touches
- Wildlife viewing by safari vehicle varies depending on where the seasonal wildlife is concentrated

Moderate Premier

Other Destinations in Botswana



Mashatu, Tuli Block

- Wild & rugged – open plains & sandstone koppies
- NOTE: access via South Africa (by road/private transfer)
- Great elephant & predator sightings
- Photographic safaris (Underground Hide)
- Adventure Safaris – mountain biking, horse riding

Central Kalahari

- Immense reserve of arid Savanna
- Wild, mysterious beauty
- Green season brings zebra & their predators
- Peak is dry season (low grass levels)
- Possible interaction with the Bushmen people in the Kalahari



Mashatu & Central Kalahari



Mashatu Main Lodge

- Choice of 4 lodges
- Superb photo hide
- Active safari with mountain biking and walking

Mashatu Area



Tau Pan Camp

- In Central Kalahari NP
- Summer game viewing
- Bushmen interaction

Central Kalahari



Dinaka Camp

- Exclusive private reserve
- Viewing deck
- Game drives & walking

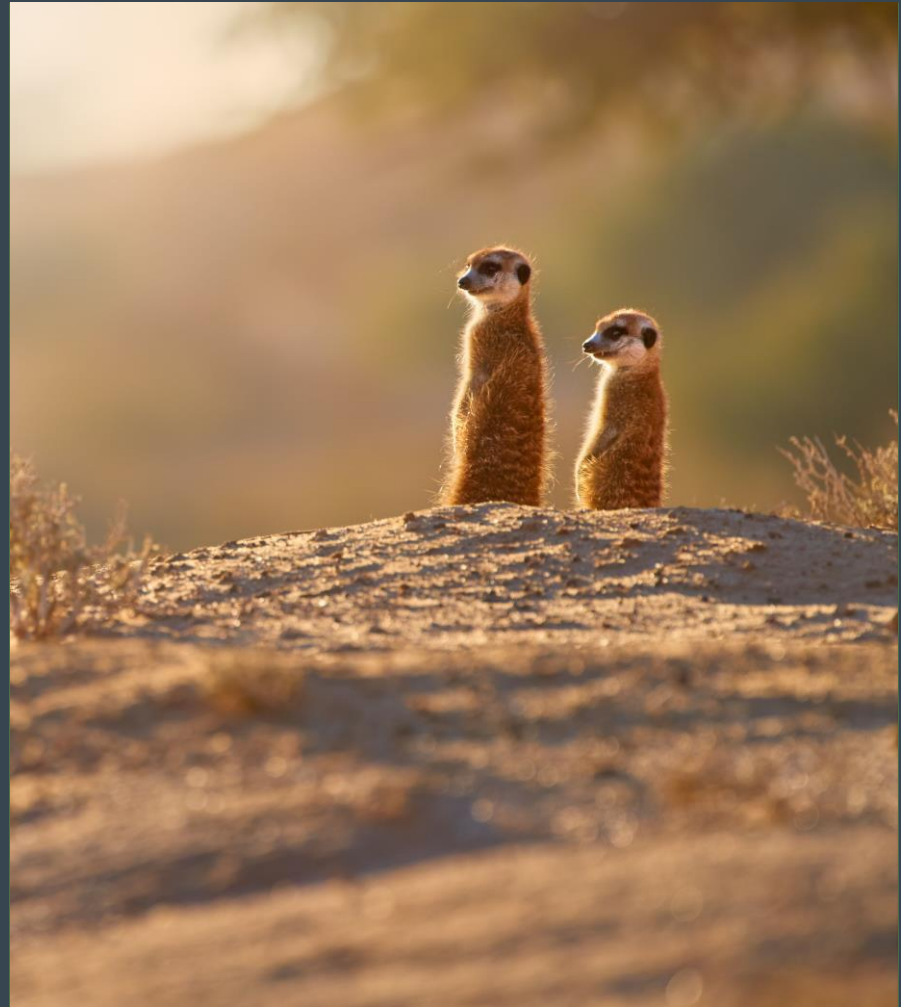
Central Kalahari

Sample Safaris

Ranging from 4 to 10 nights



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Tips for Safaris – what to include

As the main destination of your safari

- Okavango Delta for 4 – 6 nights, ideally at 2 camps
- Linyanti or Savute for 2 – 3 nights
- Makgadikgadi/Boteti for 2 – 3 nights
- Add Victoria Falls if you wish

As a short add-on to other trips:

- Okavango Delta – min 3 nights
- Chobe – 2 nights added to Victoria Falls & fly out Kasane
- Okavango Delta & Chobe – 5 nights

Sample Itineraries - Botswana

We do tailor made safaris, but here are some more sample ideas



[Cape Town, Botswana & Victoria Falls](#)

4 nights Cape Town

6 nights Okavango Delta

2 nights Victoria Falls

12 nights



[Classic Botswana](#)

3 nights Moremi

2 nights Okavango (water camp)

3 nights Chobe or Savute

2 nights Victoria Falls

10 nights



[Discover Botswana](#)

3 nights Okavango Delta

3 nights Linyanti

3 nights Nxai Pans

9 nights

Specialist Safaris in Botswana



[Footsteps Walking Safari](#)

3 nights in
Okavango Delta

3 or more nights



[Botswana Community & Conservation Safari Offer](#)

Affordable with a diverse
range of experiences

6 nights



[Great Northern Mobile Safari](#)

Mix of fly-Camps for
Ultimate Authentic
Experience

10 nights

Other Safaris

[Our Botswana Sample Safaris](#)



Need to Know

Types of Accommodation
Safari Costs



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Modes of Getting Around

Predominantly Tailor-made & Fly-in



Fly-in Safaris

- Seat in charter
- Small planes – 4 to 12 seats
- Easy to include all Botswana destinations*
- 20 kg limit on luggage

*Except Mashatu

Mobile Safaris

- Usually scheduled, Can be private
- Use ‘fly-tents’ assembled at campsites
- Range from luxurious to more moderate
- Luxurious = Meru tents, en-suite facilities
- Moderate = Shared facilities, simple

NOTE: Our Tailored safaris can use combination of lodge & mobile tents



Typical per night Safari Costs in Botswana (per person sharing)

	Green Season December - March	Shoulder April-May/ June, November	Peak* July - October
Moderate	\$550 - \$650	\$600 - \$900	\$700 - \$975
Premier – Deluxe	\$700 - \$850	\$850 - \$1 100	\$1 050 - \$1 550
Top-End Camps	\$900 - \$1 200	\$1 050 - \$1 600	\$1 400 - \$2 800**

NOTES:

This is an all-in price including charter flights, safari activities, all meals & drinks.

**Some top-end camps have a Super-Peak for July – August (see upper limits)

See article on [What does a Botswana Safari Cost](#) for more info

General Info



Population

2.4 Million

Capital

Gaberone

Safari Season

Open Year Round
July to October (main)

Population Density

Only 4 people per km²
USA is 35, UK is 280

Getting There

No direct flights to Botswana
from Europe
Daily flights from Joberg or
Cape Town to Maun &
Kasane (Joberg only)

Official Language

English – though Tswana is
the main mother tongue (with
20 other languages)

Thank You!

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Personal By Design*



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