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Trip Dossier

10-Day Botswana Wildlife Safari



Small Group Safari - Max 12 passengers

Maun - Kasane 22 - 31 March 2025

Itinerary Highlights:

- Enjoy twice daily game drives to observe the abundant wildlife.
- Fly to the Okavango Delta for a three-night stay at Rra Dinare.
- Explore the Delta on game drives and, depending on water levels, enjoy a mokoro excursion.
- Spend three nights at Splash Camp in the Okavango Delta.
- Experience three nights in Chobe National Park, renowned for its biological diversity.
- Stay at Muchenje Safari Lodge, offering stunning views of the Chobe River, Caprivi Strip, and seasonal floodplains.
- Enjoy a private cruise on the Chobe River, ideal for birding enthusiasts.

During the green season, Botswana transforms from a dry winter landscape to a vibrant, lush wonderland. The full canopies of acacia trees offer refreshing shade over rolling green expanses, and flowers burst from the sandy terrain. Salt pans, once dry and crusty, become shimmering wetlands teeming with waterbirds. The air, washed clean by rain, enriches colours and intensifies the dramatic sunsets adorned with towering clouds.

The wildlife thrives during this time, with young offspring born in November and December adding to the spectacle, especially in the Okavango and Chobe regions. It's an ideal season for photography in Botswana, where dramatic skies and rainbows provide stunning backgrounds for capturing wildlife.

Birdwatching reaches its peak as migrant species from Europe, Asia, and other parts of Africa abound. The excitement of spotting these birds captivates even those not typically inclined towards birding.

To optimise your experience, we arrange charter flights between safari destinations, avoiding long drives on rough dirt roads and offering breathtaking aerial views of the landscape.

You'll stay in traditional safari settings, with classic tented camps and lodges nestled in Botswana's remote reserves, ensuring an authentic safari ambience.



Itinerary

Day 1 - Day 3: Maun - South Eastern Okavango Delta - Rra Dinare,

On Day 1, you will arrive at Maun airport and be met by your Coates Wildlife Tours escort, a rep from Moremi Air and Kwando. You will then board your light aircraft flights to Rra Dinare on the Southern border of Moremi to begin your safari adventure.

Set in a private 272 km² concession adjacent to Moremi Game Reserve on the south-eastern side of the Delta, Rra Dinare overlooks the Gomoti River and its flood plains, which attract plentiful game and bird species.

The flight takes about 30 minutes, depending on the planes used. On arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by your Rra Dinare guides and driven to the camp. After a cool drink and orientation, enjoy relaxing in camp, watching wildlife grazing on the floodplain or a short afternoon game drive and sundowner. In the evening, your Kwando guide will give a short welcome chat about the area before you sit down to your first dinner in the bush.

On Days 2 and 3, you have 2 whole days to explore the southeastern Delta, including following the Gomoti River and looking for animals coming down to drink, as well as grassland and woodland areas. During the day's heat, you can enjoy lunch and a siesta in camp. If the flood waters have reached the Gomoti River by Feb/March time, which is primarily dependent on the rainfall and direction that the flood waters take, it may also be possible to enjoy a peaceful mokoro trip on the waterways of the Gomoti on one of your days here. Accommodation is in 9 ensuite tents on decks with beautiful views over the grassland in front of the camp. Southern Moremi offers a typical wetland system with grassy plains and pans surrounded by well-developed mopane forests and riverine woodland. Large breeding herds of elephants are common, as are lechwe, waterbuck, impala, and hippos. One can also hope to see buffalo, giraffe, bushbuck, lion, wild dog, leopard, cheetah, black-backed and side-striped jackal, zebra, wildebeest and tsessebe. The birdlife includes water birds as well as dry land birds.

Accommodation:

Rra Dinare Camp <https://www.kwando.co.bw/rra-dinare> Day 1 - D, Day 2 & 3 - BLD

Day 4 -6 Splash Camp, Kwara Private Reserve, Okavango Delta Day

On Day 4, you will board your light aircraft flight from Rra Dinare to Splash Camp in the heart of the Delta.

The Kwara Reserve sits to the North of the famous Moremi Game Reserve. Its unique location boasts permanent water, seasonal flood plains, and extensive dry bush wilderness. Favoured by labyrinths of permanent water channels and secret islands, this area offers the perfect delta experience.

On arrival at the airstrip, your Splash guides will meet you and drive to the camp. After a cool drink and orientation, you can enjoy lunch and a siesta before heading out to explore the area on a game drive. Accommodation is in ensuite tented chalets on decks.

On Days 5 and 6, you have two whole days to explore the area around Splash by morning and afternoon game drives or enjoy water-based activities to see your surroundings from a different perspective. Experience a peaceful mokoro trip, looking at birds and frogs and learning about the area from your mokoro poler or enjoy a boat cruise on the permanent channel where you might find the very elusive sitatunga. During the heat of the day, after a delicious brunch, you can relax in camp and see what comes to drink at the water hole or cool off in the swimming pool. Characterised by open grassland areas, woodland stretches and permanent water areas, the area is a haven for all sorts of wildlife. Large breeding herds of elephants, such as lechwe, waterbuck, impala, and hippos, are common. One can also hope to see buffalo, giraffe, bushbuck, lion, wild dog, leopard, cheetah, black-backed and side-striped jackal, zebra, wildebeest and tsessebe. The birdlife includes water birds as well as dry land birds.

Accommodation: Splash Camp <https://www.kwando.co.bw/splash> BLD

Day 7 - 9 Muchenje Lodge, Chobe National Park

On Day 7, you will say goodbye to the Splash team at the airstrip and fly to Kasane airport (approx. 60 min flight). You will arrive in Kasane and be met by Muchenje Lodge, then drive 1 hour on a tar road through the park to the Lodge, arriving at Muchenje Lodge in time for lunch and an afternoon activity. Muchenje Safari Lodge provides some of Botswana's finest safari accommodation in Chobe.

One of Africa's most beautiful rivers, Chobe, supports a diversity and concentration of wildlife unmatched in Botswana. Chobe National Park covers approximately 11,700 sq km and encompasses floodplains, swamps, and woodland. On the western edge of Chobe National Park, Muchenje offers unique, prolific game experiences. Accommodation is in twin/double chalets overlooking the Chobe floodplain. Northern Chobe is famous for its vast elephant & buffalo herds, puku, kudu, Chobe bushbuck and hippo, and diverse bird life. One could also hope to see a lion, leopard, wild dog, giraffe, waterbuck, zebra, and impala.

On Day 8, enjoy a half-day boat cruise on the Chobe River, returning to camp after a packed lunch. In the afternoon, you can relax with an incredible view or have a short sundowner game drive. Timings and boat cruise departure location TBC depending on flood levels.

On Day 9, a morning game drive will be followed by a conservation talk before lunch. In the afternoon, you can join a village tour and visit to learn more about the surrounding community area.

Accommodation: Muchenje Safari Lodge <http://www.muchenje.com> BLD

Day 10 Kasane - Home

Today marks the end of your Botswana safari. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Kasane International Airport for your flight home or onward travel. B

NOTE: The above itinerary may vary according to conditions and advice.



Tour Costs

Cost:	USD \$8,855.00	Per Person Twin Share
	USD \$1,254.00	Single Supplement
Departs:	Maun - Botswana	22 March 2025
Finishes:	Kasane - Botswana	31 March 2025

Prices have been based on all known costs and current rates of exchange. Any significant changes beyond our control will be passed onto passengers.

Tour Payments:

Deposit: At the time of booking USD\$1,500.00 per person

In order to secure your place, you will need to book and pay your deposit of USD\$1500.00 per person by 22 October 2024.

Final Payment: On or before 22 December 2024

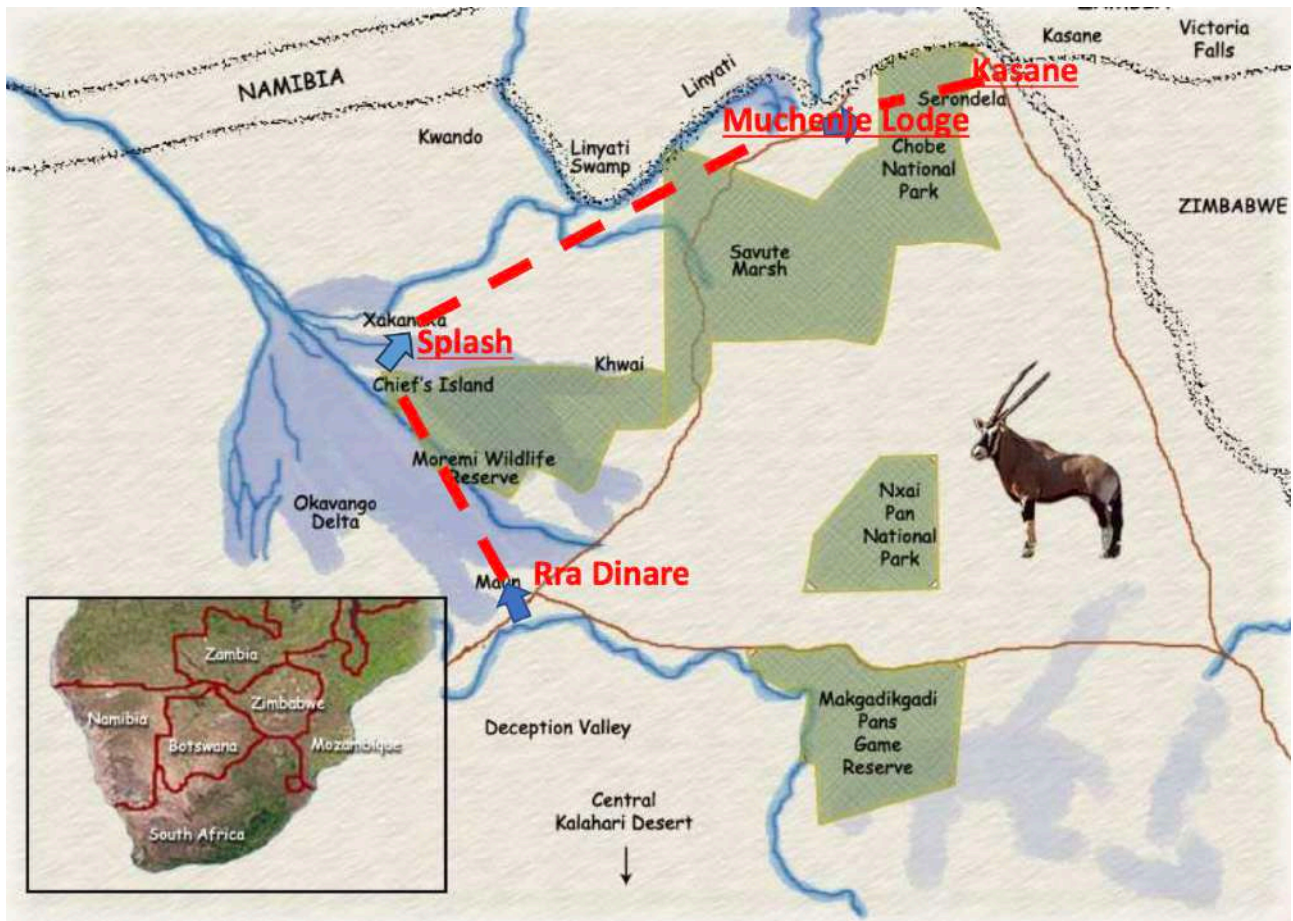
All deposits and payments are non-refundable. Due to the remote location and international medical cost, comprehensive travel Insurance is required to join this tour.

Included

- Fully escorted tour
- Meals as per itinerary (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
- Twin share accommodation in camp chalets, safari camp and lodge
- Porterage on arrival
- Meet and greet at Maun Airport
- 9 days with a local naturalist guides
- Game viewing & activities as per itinerary
- Tipping on tour
- National Park Fees
- Internal flights and ground transport
- Selected beverages-non premium brands where indicated in accommodation information
- laundry service at all accommodation
- Porterage on departure

Not Included

- International airfares to Maun and from Kasane and accompanying airport and airline taxes
- Any meals not included in the itinerary
- Any required visas
- Personal travel and medical evacuation insurance (compulsory)
- All other personal expenses
- Any pre and post tour accommodation
- Any transit accommodation between Australia and Botswana
- Alcoholic or carbonated drinks unless stated



Tour Information

Meals:

All meals specified in the itinerary are included. Special dietary needs can generally be accommodated; please inform us of any requirements when booking. Additional charges may apply.

Physical Requirements:

The tour requires easy to moderate physical exertion. While most wildlife viewing occurs comfortably from safari vehicles, guests should be capable of boarding and disembarking these vehicles.

Weather:

Anticipate temperatures ranging from 17 to 35 degrees Celsius. The weather is predominantly sunny, with moderate humidity and an average rainfall of approximately 61mm. Afternoon storms may occur in the Delta region.

Clothing:

A recommended packing list will be provided six weeks before departure. For daytime wear, we suggest comfortable, casual clothing such as lightweight shirts and T-shirts, along with a light rain jacket.

Travel Insurance:

Personal travel insurance, including medical evacuation coverage, is mandatory for participation in the safari tour.

Accommodation

Each accommodation offers a unique experience within its environment, from the lush Delta to the expansive floodplains of Chobe. These settings blend comfort, luxury, and immersion in Botswana's natural beauty.

Rra Dinare:

- Location: Set in a private 272 km² concession adjacent to Moremi Game Reserve, southeastern Okavango Delta.
- Accommodation: Comfortable tents with ensuite facilities.
- Facilities: Central open, thatched areas for relaxation, bar, swimming pool, curio shop.
- Highlights: It overlooks the Gomoti River and floodplains, which are ideal for wildlife and bird-watching from camp.



Splash Camp:

- Location: Kwara Private Reserve, Okavango Delta.
- Accommodation: Comfortable tented chalets with ensuite facilities, including double sinks and indoor and outdoor showers.
- Facilities: Plunge pool, bar, lounge, orientation centre, curio shop, and fire pit for gatherings.
- Highlights: Rooms situated around a pan that attracts game year-round, panoramic views from private verandas.



Muchenje Safari Lodge:

- Location: Chobe Forest Reserve, western Chobe National Park.
- Accommodation: Comfortable chalets with ensuite facilities.
- Facilities: Beautiful views of the Chobe River and seasonal floodplains, an owner-run lodge offering personalised service, laundry service, and selected beverages included.
- Highlights: It is located on an escarpment known for its wildlife diversity, including large elephant herds and experienced guides offering insightful safaris.



For detailed **Terms and Conditions**, please visit the [FAQ page](#) on our website.

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