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BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA & VICTORIA FALLS: CULTURAL AND WILDLIFE SAFARI

Botswana is a sought after destination for all wildlife enthusiasts. Exclusive luxury camps in remote locations make it a memorable safari adventure. Discover the hidden delights nestled along the winding waterways and deep within the lush landscape of the world's largest inland water system - the Okavango Delta. Watch the setting sun while gliding through the water in a mokoro (dugout canoe). In the evenings, surround yourself in an atmosphere of a bygone era at your secluded tented camp, lit only by paraffin lamps - a safari traditionalist's dream. A journey to Chobe National Park offers some of the highest wildlife concentrations in Africa, of special significance are its elephants - both the largest continuous population and body size in the world. We rinse off the safari dust in Zambia with a visit to majestic Victoria Falls.

Dream On: Optional Cape Town extension available - Call for Details!

Trip Dates: Feb 27 – Mar 10, 2009

Land Costs: \$4995 (min. 6)

DAY 1

Board your overnight flight to Johannesburg from New York or Washington, D.C. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2

Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport this morning, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the "city of Gold," and it is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra-modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. There are many things to do in Johannesburg: relax, shop, sightsee or just take in the local flavor. (B Aloft)

DAYS 3-5

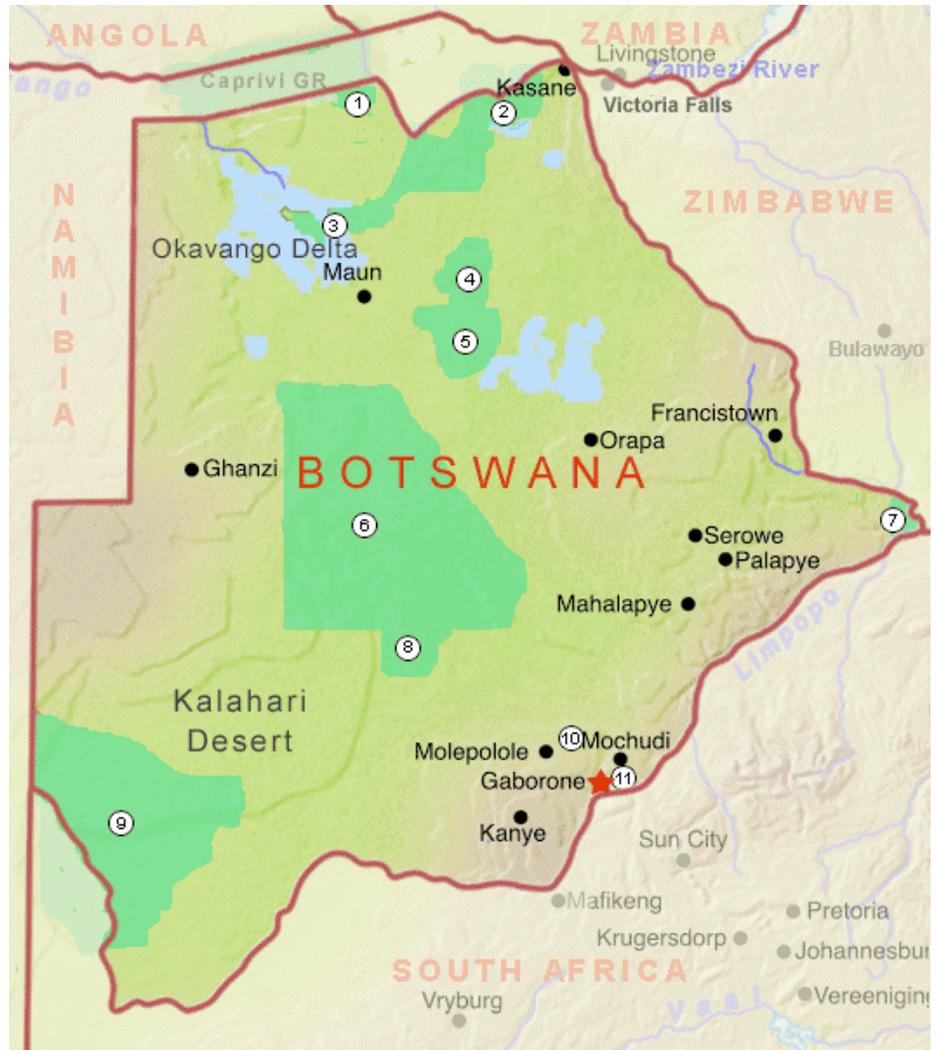
Your flight takes you to Maun, Botswana, and by small aircraft, you will venture to one of the world's most distinctive regions, the Okavango Delta - the earth's largest inland water system. Its headwaters start in Angola's western highlands, with numerous tributaries joining to form the Cubango River, which then flows through Namibia (called the Kavango) and finally enters Botswana, where it is then called the Okavango. Millions of years ago, the Okavango River used to flow into a large inland lake called Lake Makgadikgadi (now Makgadikgadi Pans). Tectonic activity and faulting interrupted the

flow of the river causing it to backup and form what is now the Okavango Delta. This has created a unique system of waterways that now supports a vast array of animal and plant life that would have otherwise been a dry Kalahari savannah. You will spend three nights here, in the heart of the Okavango, in a private tented camp to the west of the Moremi Game Reserve. This area offers great Okavango scenery with game drives, night drives, walks and mokoro (dug-out canoe) safaris. This small safari camp is built and designed in the style of safari camps of old, for the safari traditionalist, yet has modern amenities such as en suite showers and flush toilets. They are private, but roofless! There is no electricity in the camp. Instead, paraffin lamps give a wonderfully warm atmosphere. Your days here will be full of adventure – buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, and all the big predators can be seen. If you are lucky, some of the nocturnal animals such as serval, civet and genet may be encountered on night drives in open 4X4 Land Rovers. Hippo and crocodile are found in the deeper lagoons in the area. Birding enthusiasts will perhaps enjoy sightings of Pell’s Fishing Owl, African Fish Eagle, Giant Eagle Owl and White-Backed Vultures. (BLD)

DAYS 6-8

Take to the air again for your flight to Chobe National Park. Here, you’ll spend the next three days on game drives and boat activities. You can relax and marvel at the plethora of wildlife, birdlife and plant species, or you can explore and game view. World-renowned for its

game, Chobe is known as a symbol for so many of the things that are unusual, exciting and interesting in Botswana. It is the second largest park in Botswana, and the first declared national park. Your destination will be the Chobe River front, and your accommodation will be close to the town of Kasane, the heart of a road network that gives access to Zambia, Zimbabwe and to the Caprivi Strip of Namibia. The park covers a wide variety of country: riverine forest, floodplain, periodic marsh, mopane and miombo woodland, and a few rocky outcrops. Such a diversity of habitats implies a wide variety of wildlife, which ranges from water animals such as hippo, crocodile, otter and fish, to forest and dry land species such as elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and eland. In all areas



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| 6 Central Kalahari NR | 1 Linyanti NR |
| 2 Chobe NP | 5 Makgadikgadi NP |
| 11 Gaborone NR | 7 Mashatu NR |
| 9 Kgalagadi Frontier NP | 10 Mokolodi NR |
| 8 Khutse NR | 3 Moremi WR |
| | 4 Nxai Pan NP |

predators abound – lion, leopard, cheetah and hyena are plentiful. In the open grasslands of the pans, one can find the rare oribi and occasional reedbuck. The Chobe River is also well known for its magnificent bird viewing, with over 400 different species, ranging from eagles to kingfishers and from Marabou Storks to bee-eaters. Occasionally, Carmine Bee-eaters build colonies in the sand banks of the floodplains where they nest in the thousands! There are over 90 species of fish in the local waters, and if you are so inclined, you might like to try fishing. A major feature of Chobe National Park is its overabundance of elephant often seen at the riverfront, bathing in the water. Vast numbers of elephant come down to drink in the late afternoons and it is possible to see as many as one thousand of these magnificent animals in a two-hour game drive. The Chobe elephant comprise part of what is probably the largest surviving continuous elephant population, covering most of northern Botswana and northwestern Zimbabwe. Your home for the next three nights will be a comfortable lodge, with views of the lush banks of the Chobe River. Meals are always a delight as breakfast and dinner are served in a braai buffet style around the pool area, overlooking the river, with a selection of local treats as well as exotic game dishes. (B, D Daily)

DAYS 9-10

Today a new adventure begins as you cross by ferry to Zambia and proceed by road to Livingstone, located on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls, it's no surprise that Victoria Falls is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. "Mosi-oa-Tunya," or "The Smoke that Thunders," is the local name derived from the towering column of spray cascading over the falls when the Zambezi River runs high. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 300 feet into a sheer-sided chasm that separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. An Edwardian bridge built in 1905 spans the awe-inspiring abyss, links the two countries. The masses of water plunging down the falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside. Enjoy an afternoon sundowner cruise on the *African Queen* as you glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead, and much more. You'll also get a chance to visit Chief Mukuni's village. With your local guide, you will have the opportunity to interact with villagers and experience a way of life that has remained virtually unchanged through the ages. As an Adventure Associates "real traveller," we hope these enriching experiences will give you the opportunity make a deeper connection, one that fully embraces the complexity of this diverse continent. Your accommodation for these two nights is located along the verdant banks of one the greatest rivers in Mother Africa. (B Daily)

DAY 11

A last chance to experience the falls before your flight to Johannesburg. Here, you will connect with your overnight flight back to Washington, D.C. or New York on South African Airways. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 12

Flight home. (Meals Aloft)

NOTE: This itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing, but is subject to change.

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GIVING BACK

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog and cheetah conservation and global Earth Day education via school Internet programs. By traveling with Adventure Associates' partners, you are supporting travel as a tool for building stewardship, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

Land Costs	Single Supplement	Deposit	In-country Flight(s)	Trip Dates	Group Size	Difficulty	Activities
\$4995 (min. 6)	\$1869	\$750	Included	Oct 31-Nov 11, 2008; Feb 27-Mar 10, 2009	6-18	No Experience Needed	Wildlife, Cultural Exchange, Lodges

A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

Included in your Trip Fee: Flights within southern Africa as specified; Superior accommodations throughout at hotels, lodges and tented camps as listed in the itinerary, or similar; Roundtrip transfer of passengers between airports and hotels; Breakfasts daily, all meals while on safari in the Okavango and other meals as indicated in itinerary; Laundry and all beverages during safari in the Okavango except for Champagne and imported spirits; All wildlife viewing by 4x4 open-air vehicles or by boat; Walking safaris may also be available (for your safety, all walking in the bush is at the discretion of the camp manager); Complimentary bottled water in safari vehicle; All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes; All game park entry fees; Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

Not Included in your Trip Fee: Round-trip airfare from New York or Washington DC (quoted separately); U.S. and foreign airport taxes; Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas (no visas are required for South Africa and Botswana, and visas are usually waived when visiting Zambia); Excess baggage charges levied by airlines; Meals and beverages, not specified on itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants; Laundry (other than in Okavango) and other items of a personal nature; Travel/medical/evacuation insurance; Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Transportation/Flight Arrangements: Upon your registration, Adventure Associates will work closely with you on your individual flight plans. Certain programmed activities are dependant on flight schedule - you should verify your flight itinerary with Adventure Associates **before** purchase.

What are the accommodations like: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

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Single Supplement: Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost of \$1869 if available. The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

How to Register: If you do not have an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation. For immediate confirmation, you may charge your deposit to Visa, Master Card or American Express by phone or fax.

Rates: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 18, 2008, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 6 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 16 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge, up to a maximum of 10% of the tour fare.

Payment Schedule: We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

\$750 deposit due at time of registration

Final payment due four months prior to departure

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

90 or more \$500

60 to 89 50% fee

45 to 59 75% fee

1 to 44 100% fee

Itineraries and rates are subject to change.

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.

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