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**DRIFTERS BOTSWANA SAFARI**  
16 - Day ACCOMMODATED  
Johannesburg to Victoria Falls or Johannesburg

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2x CANVAS

2x LODGE

11x CAMPING

The casual visitor to Botswana could be excused for seeing the country as kilometre upon kilometre of flat, desolate scrubland with little or no surface water but on closer inspection, coupled with local knowledge, a whole brand new world will manifest itself, and then you will experience what is arguably Africa's finest wildlife destination. It is a country the size of France, and over a quarter of Botswana's land is set aside exclusively for nature conservation. That is the world you will be walking into.

Our tour will take us through the vast Makgadigadi plains where the mirages have driven many old journeyers insane. Nothing compares to dying of thirst. We will mingle with the local Bushmen, the oldest people of Africa. Then venture further north - into the magnificent Okavango Delta where the waters originate far up in the north, flow downwards, creating a living paradise on Earth, only to disappear into the vast sands of the desert. We will travel by boat and dugout canoe (mokoro) with local Bayei tribes-people to our private camp in the heart of this unique natural wonderland – home also to a multitude of Africa's famed fauna and flora. We explore the renowned national parks in fully equipped open 4x4 vehicles – and, depending on the season, our route will follow the age old game migration tracks. We spend a night under the stars in the vast Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, and remember, there are no nearby towns nor cities to interfere with the lights of the night skies- it is a spectacle second only to the Northern lights. We will enjoy a game viewing boat cruise in the mighty Chobe River, and finally will visit "The Smoke that Thunders" - Victoria Falls.

After that, Clients may opt to fly out from Victoria Falls or enjoy the journey back to Johannesburg travelling southwards overland.

This tour offers the adventure traveller, the photographer, the birdwatcher and the naturalist the ultimate natural paradise.

**DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG – KALAHARI CAMPING DOME TENTS**

Our adventure begins from the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg at 06h30. Travelling North West through an interesting part of South Africa with scattered mountains all around where a lot of skirmishes in times gone by occurred. We cross the Botswana border near Lobatse. After the usual immigration formalities, you immediately become aware that the vegetation is changing fast as you pass through Kanye, where you leave the last of the hills behind, then Westwards on to Jwaneng, where the richest diamond mine in the world is situated.

The vast Kalahari Plains stretch as far as the eye can see in all directions. We will cover quite some distance today before arriving at our camp, after Jwaneng, near the village of Kang. We enjoy a short leg stretch walk in the bush, return and set up

camp where we will enjoy a catered meal while you will enjoy the first spectacular sunset of the desert, garbed in splendid purples and golds, whilst your guide explains what to expect in the days to come.

**DAY 2: KALAHARI BUSHMEN OR SAN CAMPING DOME TENTS ©|| B L D**

Waking up to a spectacular Kalahari sunrise, we enjoy our first cup of coffee and a sumptuous breakfast before continuing to the old frontier town of Ghanzi. Ghanzi is home to some of the last traditional Bushmen that make a living in this harsh desert environment, and it is here that we will enjoy learning about the wilderness from these fascinating people. Our experience will include an educational bush walk led by true Bushmen to give us insight into their daily lives and teach us how they manage to survive in these harsh conditions, their hunting and trapping skills, their peculiar belief systems, and how they find and store their water. Overnight on a vast tract of land owned and managed by the local people.



### DAY 3 - 5: OKAVANGO DELTA

#### 3x TENTED UNIT ●|| B L D

The Okavango, a massive river emanating from far North, flowing Southwards, creating one of the world's only true inland delta's and a unique ecosystem that supports a huge variety of animal and plant life. The sight of a nervous Lechwe (a type of water buck) pounding across a flooded plain, the Jacana striding delicately amongst the flowering lilies, the Bee Eater diving to prey on an unsuspecting insect, and of course the familiar cry of the African Fish Eagle - all combine to create a canvas of one of nature's unique masterpieces, and then the river, eventually spilling its contents into the vast plains of the Magadigadi sands, and it's all gone - just as if you had walked out the other side of an Alice in wonderland book. We begin our journey into the Delta near the panhandle, gliding through papyrus lined channels by motorboat. It is in this area, where at a time now long past, in Mamba alley, the well known Bobby Wilmot was bitten by a green mamba. He called his assistant and, knowing that he had no chance of survival, told him verbally how he wanted his estate split up. The Court accepted the man's word as a will. On to our exclusive wild island. We spend three nights here in the true wilderness, deep in the wilds, exploring the area on foot and by mokoro (dugout canoe). There will also be time to simply relax and to absorb the remoteness and serenity of the area. Clients will not only learn more about the animals and plants from the local guides, but will also interact and have the opportunity to learn more about the people and their way of life in this isolated wilderness area.

### DAY 6: OKAVANGO – MAUN

#### DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE ●|| B L D

Starting early, we begin our journey back to relative civilisation, using motorboats we wind our way through the channels to where we are reunited with our vehicles. This afternoon we arrive in the 'tourism capital of Botswana' – Maun. We will spend some time stocking up on basic supplies before we travel the short distance out to the Drifters Maun Lodge to freshen up, or splash in the pool, and enjoy a catered meal. The lodge is situated on the banks of the Boteti River. This river changes its flow directions, depending upon the season and rain patterns. The Lodge offers comfortable accommodation, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

### DAY 7 - 10: FLEXIBLE KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

#### SCHEDULE 4x CAMPING DOME TENT ●|| B L D

We enjoy a scrumptious breakfast at the Lodge while preparing for the game viewing part of the trip which is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour. Traveling in our well-equipped 4x4 vehicle we head into true wilderness, passing remote villages along the way. We spend five days in the national parks following seasonal game migrations on extensive morning and afternoon game drives, also with relaxing down time to appreciate this rare jewel of a place and its deep tranquility. Lourens van der Post, a well known writer and poet of South Africa once said "Every time I go into the Kalahari, it keeps a piece of my soul". You will feel what it means when you get home. Part of you will still be there. An example of our route could be: starting with Moremi, we spend first night near the well-known Third Bridge. Drift off to sleep to the howl of the distant hyena or the earthy roar of a lion, and even the deep grunt of a half-submerged hippo. We then head on north via Xakanaxa to camp near North Gate. This area is excellent for game viewing and we will conduct afternoon and morning drives along the wetland areas. Then on up to Savuti, the area offers a multitude of game drive options and a very active game area (keep the fruit well hidden from the roving elephant, the meat from the prowling hyenas, and everything from the monkeys). The vegetation is constantly changing,

from open plains, palm trees and marshland, to dense Mopane woodlands and Acacia scrub, and hence all the fauna and flora changes accordingly. Depending on the conditions in the national parks we might also venture into the Central Kalahari Game Reserve or the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. During this part of the journey we camp in pristine, remote, private sites where there is no sign of man's existence – we leave each site in the same condition, nothing but footprints in the sand are left for the quiet winds to deal with.

### DAY 11: MAUN

#### DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE ●|| B L D

Our last morning in the parks, we slowly game drive our way back to Maun. We will have some time to explore town and enjoy an "own expense" lunch before heading out to the comfort of the Drifters Maun Lodge. This afternoon we will relax at the Lodge before enjoying a catered meal and a comfortable night.

### DAY 12: MAKGADIKGADI PANS

#### CAMPING DOME TENT ●|| B L D

We enjoy a relaxed morning at the lodge, spending time along the river bank and enjoying the tranquillity of the area, or lounging at the swimming pool. After an early lunch we continue and venture eastward into the spectacular Makgadikgadi Salt Pans area. Besides the stark scenery, the pans are known for their prolific birdlife and the other desert-adapted animals, and, when the rains come, migrating flamingos are spotted on the pans. Without disturbing the surface, we make our way to a remote site where we take in the isolation and serenity of this expanse. Tonight we encourage clients to enjoy a night out under the canopy of stars. With no other artificial light in the area, our private overnight spot provides the perfect location for star gazing and our guides will take time to explain the constellations, also, the atmosphere is so unpolluted, that the various colours of the stars can be seen. As the stars dance above us, almost mocking our mortal lives, we drift away to sleep. NB: should the pans be inaccessible for spending the night we will make use of alternative accommodation in the area.

### DAY 13: CHOBE RIVER – VICTORIA FALLS

#### GREENFIRE LODGE VICTORIA FALLS ●|| B L D

Venturing north today, we leave the desolation of the pans behind and make our way up to the mighty Chobe River. The Chobe area is known for the huge herds of elephants and other animals that are attracted to drink from the river. This afternoon we enjoy an extensive boat cruise within Chobe National Park. Gliding close to the banks we hope to approach the animals from the river for close up viewing. Our cruise will explore the Chobe River front and a section of the Namibian side of the Chobe River. Back on land, we cross the border into Zimbabwe and make our way to the Greenfire Lodge Victoria Falls. The lodge is centrally situated and within walking distance of the falls and all other attractions.

### DAY 14 : VICTORIA FALLS

#### GREENFIRE LODGE VICTORIA FALLS ●|| B

Awaking in the adventure capital of Africa, it is with new excitement that we explore the amazing Victoria Falls. „Mosi o Tunya „, meaning "The smoke that Thunders". This is the place where, according to ancient traditions, the "Big Snake" or "Nyami Nyami" is in hiding. It will only be seen again once all the white people have left Africa. On this day we include your entry and



### DEPARTURES

This tour departs from Johannesburg every Saturday. Please note – during peak season we may run two departures, at this time clients may be required to travel in the reverse direction. The tour can be reduced to 15 Days by flying out of Victoria Falls.

### Included Highlights

- + Kalahari - Bushmen walk
- + Okavango Delta private camp
- + Okavango Boat trip and Mokoro excursions
- + Game Walks
- + National Parks
- + Extensive Open-vehicle Game Drives in National Parks
- + Wild serviced camping in national parks
- + Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- + Chobe River Boat Cruise
- + Victoria Falls National Park and entry fee

### Optional Activities

- White Water Rafting
- Bungi Jumping
- Game Flight – Okavango
- Zambezi River Sunset Cruise



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leave you to admire this wonder of the world. Optionally various other attractions can be visited and activities enjoyed including, the tribal village, the big tree, the curio market and the crocodile farm. An aircraft flip over the falls or a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping are all worthwhile, but allowance must be made for the extra expense. Tonight we will eat out in a local restaurant (own expense). Relax to the sound of the African night and the distant roar of the falls and drink the farewell toasts to your adventure.

#### DAY 15: VICTORIA FALLS – FRANCISTOWN CAMPING DOME TENT ●|| B L D

The guests flying out on the 15-day tour will do so today, the rest will set off to cross back into Botswana and continue

south toward Francistown, home of the national football team. Tonight we spend our last night in our tents, enjoying the African night and celebrating our adventure with our last tour meal.

#### DAY 16: FRANCISTOWN – JOHANNESBURG

Crossing the Limpopo River, we return to South Africa and make our way to the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg, where we arrive in the early evening.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. It is the client's responsibility to insure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip to all the countries we visit. Some nationalities might need to obtain visas before departure as they cannot be obtained at the border.

A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Seasonal malaria precautions are necessary and are locally obtainable. A barrel bag or backpack is best suited for this trip (suitcases do not fit into the space provided). An extra day bag or camera bag is advised. Spending money required will be for the restaurant meals, drinks, visas, tips, curios, airport transfers, and any other optional excursions. (Zimbabwe airport tax US\$30-00 for those flying out on day 15 - subject to change.)

Remember, help us to help you by participating and by keeping an open mind. . Our price includes all food as specified, coffee, tea, juice at breakfast, transport, professional guides, mokoro hire, accommodation, group equipment, permits and park entrance fees.

Our price does not include restaurant meals where stipulated, visas, tips, curios, optional excursions, alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, airport tax, airport transfers and airfares.

Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.

#### PREISLISTE 2018/19

06.01.2018-21.01.2018	€ 1.995,00	12.05.2018-27.05.2018	€ 1.995,00	15.09.2018-30.09.2018	€ 2.095,00
13.01.2018-28.01.2018	€ 1.995,00	19.05.2018-03.06.2018	€ 1.995,00	22.09.2018-07.10.2018	€ 2.095,00
20.01.2018-04.02.2018	€ 1.995,00	26.05.2018-10.06.2018	€ 1.995,00	29.09.2018-14.10.2018	€ 2.095,00
27.01.2018-11.02.2018	€ 1.995,00	02.06.2018-17.06.2018	€ 1.995,00	06.10.2018-21.10.2018	€ 2.095,00
03.02.2018-18.02.2018	€ 1.995,00	09.06.2018-24.06.2018	€ 1.995,00	13.10.2018-28.10.2018	€ 2.095,00
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28.04.2018-13.05.2018	€ 1.995,00	01.09.2018-16.09.2018	€ 2.095,00		
05.05.2018-20.05.2018	€ 1.995,00	08.09.2018-23.08.2018	€ 2.095,00		