



**SATRAVEL**  
south africa



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

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11x LODGE 4x 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 – closer inspection however will reveal what is arguably Africa’s finest wildlife destination. A country the size of France, over a quarter of Botswana’s land is set aside exclusively for nature conservation. Our tour will take us through the vast Kalahari where we will walk with the local Bushmen people, then to the north - into the magnificent Okavango Delta where we will travel by boat and in dugout canoes (mekoro) with local Bayei tribes people to our private island in the heart of this unique natural wonderland – home also to a multitude of Africa’s fauna and flora. We then explore the renowned national parks in fully equipped open 4x4 vehicles - depending on the season, our route will follow the game migrations. We will spend a night under the stars in the vast Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, will enjoy a game viewing boat cruise on the mighty Chobe River, and finally, will visit “The Smoke that Thunders” - Victoria Falls. Clients may opt to then fly out from Victoria Falls or enjoy the journey back to Johannesburg traveling south overland.

These tours offer the adventure traveller, photographer, birdwatcher and naturalist the ultimate natural paradise.

**DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG – KALAHARI  
KALAHARI REST LODGE**

Our adventure starts on departure from the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg at 06h30. Making our way through the North West of South Africa with scattered mountains all around, we aim to cross the Botswana border near Lobatse. On completion of customs and immigration formalities, we cross into Botswana and the vast Kalahari Plains that stretch as far as the eye can see. We will cover quite some distance today before arriving at our accommodation near the village of Kang. Once we have checked into our accommodation, we will enjoy a short walk out into the bush. Tonight we enjoy a catered meal while our guide explains what to expect in the days to come.

**DAY 2: KALAHARI BUSHMEN  
DQAE QARE SAN LODGE ●|| 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 frontier town of Ghanzi.

Ghanzi is home to some of the last traditional Bushmen that make a living in this harsh desert environment. It is here that we 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 survive in these arid conditions. We overnight in comfortable accommodation on a vast tract of land owned and managed by the local people.

**DAY 3 - 5: OKAVANGO DELTA  
3x TENTED UNITS ON PRIVATE ISLAND ●|| B L D**

The Okavango, a massive river spilling its contents into the Kalahari sands, 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 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 one of nature’s masterpieces. We begin our journey into the Delta near the panhandle, gliding through the papyrus lined channels by motorboat to our exclusive wild island. We spend three nights here in true wilderness, exploring the area on foot and by mokoro. 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



where we are reunited with our vehicle. 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 and enjoy a catered meal. The lodge is situated on the banks of the Boteti River and offers comfortable accommodation, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

#### **DAY 7 - 10: FLEXIBLE GAME RESERVE SCHEDULE (MOREMI / SAVUTI / CHOBE)**

##### **4x TENTED UNITS ●|| B L D**

We enjoy a scrumptious breakfast at the lodge while preparing for the game viewing portion of the trip and undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour. Traveling in our well-equipped 4x4 vehicle/s 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. An example of our route could be: starting with Moremi we spend the first night near the well-known Third Bridge. Drift off to sleep to the howl of the 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 generally 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, and the meat from the prowling hyenas). The vegetation is constantly changing, from open plains, palm trees and marshland, to dense Mopane woodlands and Acacia scrub. 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, a support vehicle will travel ahead of the group to setup a fully serviced 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 are left behind.

#### **DAY 11: MAUN**

##### **DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE ●|| B 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 ELEPHANT SANDS LODGE ●|| B L D**

We enjoy a relaxed morning at the lodge spending time along the river bank 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. Without

disturbing the surface, we take in the isolation and serenity of this expanse. After exploring the pans we continue to our accommodation for the night and enjoy a relaxed evening in comfort.

#### **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 these 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 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”. On this day we include your entry into the falls and leave you to admire this wonder of the world. During our stay various other attractions can be visited like the tribal village, the big tree, the curio market and the crocodile farm. Vic Falls is also home to a multitude of optional adventure activities such as an aircraft flip over the falls or a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping, but allowance must be made for the extra expense. We spend two nights here, thus allowing clients some time to explore the town and all it has to offer by themselves. 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 WOODLANDS LODGE ●|| 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 to continue south toward Francistown, home of the national football team. Tonight we stay in comfortable accommodation, 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, we arrive in the early evening.



#### **DEPARTURES**

This tour departs from Johannesburg on selected Mondays. 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

This trip is an accommodated tour and linen/towels will be supplied on all nights. PLEASE NOTE: During our time in the National Parks ( Days 7, 8, 9, 10 ) Drifters staff will set up mobile camps at un-fenced sites, using dome tents, camp beds, full linen, mobile showers, mobile toilets, etc. Our meals will be prepared by staff on the open campfire. This will allow us to experience the premium areas of the Parks and to enjoy a pure wilderness experience in relative comfort. Accommodation may vary from tour to tour depending on availability but clients will enjoy the same standard of accommodation on all tours.

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.



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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 by keeping an open mind and flexible mentality. 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

09.01.2018-24.01.2018	€ 2.695,00	15.05.2018-30.05.2018	€ 2.695,00	04.09.2018-19.09.2018	€ 2.795,00
23.01.2018-07.02.2018	€ 2.695,00	29.05.2018-13.06.2018	€ 2.695,00	18.09.2018-03.10.2018	€ 2.795,00
06.02.2018-21.02.2018	€ 2.695,00	12.06.2018-27.06.2018	€ 2.695,00	02.10.2018-17.10.2018	€ 2.795,00
20.02.2018-07.03.2018	€ 2.695,00	26.06.2018-11.07.2018	€ 2.695,00	30.10.2018-14.11.2018	€ 2.795,00
06.03.2018-21.03.2018	€ 2.695,00	10.07.2018-25.07.2018	€ 2.795,00	27.11.2018-12.12.2018	€ 2.795,00
20.03.2018-04.04.2018	€ 2.695,00	24.07.2018-08.08.2018	€ 2.795,00	11.12.2018-26.12.2018	€ 2.795,00
03.04.2018-18.04.2018	€ 2.695,00	07.08.2018-22.08.2018	€ 2.795,00	25.12.2018-09.01.2019	€ 2.795,00
01.05.2018-16.05.2018	€ 2.695,00	21.08.2018-05.09.2018	€ 2.795,00		