

BOTSWANA GREEN SEASON SAFARI

Offered for travel Nov 1, 2011 until April 15, 2012*



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Itinerary Overview

Save \$1,800 per person off comparable Botswana itineraries with this exceptional green-season pricing!

The Green Season is a very special time in Africa. A time when there is a kaleidoscope of color with rich landscapes, an explosion of new life with many species giving birth to their young and a myriad bird species to be seen. These mostly exclusive safari areas continue to offer frequent predator sightings as they take advantage of the glut of inexperienced, younger prey. Dramatic summer skies with imposing cumulonimbus clouds and a tapestry of green exploding with seasonal abundance provide ideal photographic opportunities of an endless assortment of subjects!

Every year in Botswana the lands are fed by floodwaters coming from far away Angola. The slowly seeping water gives life to plants and quiet streams where hippos wallow and crocodiles lie in wait for zebra and lechwe to drink along the banks. These plains game keep a watchful eye for hunting lions, the top predator in this enormous ecosystem spread over 6800 square miles.

This safari features small, intimate camps in the wilderness with private bathrooms facilities and top quality wildlife guides. It combines the varied landscapes of the Okavango Delta with the drier Linyanti region, known for its high concentrations of elephants. Begin in Victoria Falls, and stand in the spray of one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	LIVINGSTONE	Toka Leya	D	Arrival in Livingstone, free afternoon
2	LIVINGSTONE	Toka Leya	BLD	Tour Victoria Falls, sunset cruise on Zambezi River
3	LINYANTI/SAVUTE CHANNEL	DumaTau Camp	BLD	Land transfer to Botswana border, fly to Linyanti, afternoon game drive
4	LINYANTI/SAVUTE CHANNEL	DumaTau Camp	BLD	Day and night game drives, nature walks, hides
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6	CENTRAL OKAVANGO DELTA	Jacana Camp	BLD	Fly to the Okavango Delta, mokoro safaris, game drives
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8	CENTRAL OKAVANGO DELTA	Jacana Camp	BLD	Mokoro safaris, game drives
10	DEPART		B	Fly from Maun to Johannesburg for intl flight

Itinerary in Detail

DAYS 1-2: LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

After arriving in Johannesburg, fly on a late morning flight to Livingstone, Zambia. *(Please note, many international flights arrive into Johannesburg later in the day, necessitating an overnight in Johannesburg before the flight to Livingstone.)* You are met after passing through customs and transferred to your tented camp. Your first afternoon is free to watch the Zambezi River flow by from Toka Leya Camp and relax after your long journey to Africa. On your second day, visit Victoria Falls and then a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River (Other activities are available at an additional cost including rafting on the Class V Zambezi River, jet boating, bungee jumping, fishing on the Zambezi, or "The Flight of Angels" helicopter flight). Overnights at **Toka Leya or similar. [BLD]**

DAYS 3-5: LINYANTI / SAVUTI CHANNEL

Depart Toka Leya for a morning for a land transfer across the border into Botswana. After clearing customs in Kasane, board a light aircraft for birds-eye view of the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Our base here is DumaTau Camp, a ten-roomed luxury tented camp located in the private 308 000-acre Linyanti Wildlife Reserve which borders the western boundary of Chobe National Park in northern Botswana. It is situated close to the source of the Savute Channel on one of the many lagoons within the Linyanti Swamp system, which makes game drives along the Savute one of the highlights of a stay here.

There are three main features of the Linyanti Concession: the Linyanti River, the woodlands of the interior and the well-known Savute Channel, famous as a sporadic and unusual watercourse. The Savute Channel last flowed in 1980; today it is an open grassland and home to a wide variety of animals. With two-thirds of the Savute Channel located in the concession, guests of DumaTau share access to its abundant game with only two other small camps.

The area is important in holding good numbers of predators, providing an integral stronghold for species like the critically endangered wild dog, as well as lion, cheetah and spotted hyaena. The roan antelope found in the area can provide an equal thrill, as can the high concentration of birds of prey, seasonal zebra congregations and the cathedral-like woodland of mature mopane trees. Aside from roan, other plains game includes red lechwe, Burchell's zebra, blue wildebeest, impala, common waterbuck, sable, eland, southern giraffe, chacma baboon, vervet monkey, warthog, hippo and Cape buffalo. Nocturnal species often seen are lesser bushbaby, spring hare, aardwolf, serval, large spotted genet and if you are extremely lucky the elusive pangolin!

Birding is outstanding here ranging from the Okavango specials, such as Slaty Egret, Hartlaub's Babbler, African Skimmer, and Wattled Crane, to the drier mopane woodland species like Racket-tailed Roller, Bradfield's Hornbill and Swallow-tailed Bee-eater. This area is also excellent for Kori Bustard, Ostrich, Secretarybird, and Ground Hornbill with Southern Carmine Bee-eaters in summer. The Savute Channel is famous as an area with a high concentration of eagles and raptors and this area is internationally recognised as an IBA (Important Bird Area), particularly for birds of prey like Dickinson's Kestrel and waterbirds. There are also various owl species to be seen here such as Verreaux's (Giant) Eagle-Owl and African Scops-Owl.

View wildlife at DumaTau Camp on day and night game drives or while on foot and on the water (levels permitting). Short nature walks can be taken along the Linyanti River and Savute Channel, while the camp's boat takes visitors along the waters of the Linyanti to see hippo and waterfowl alike. There are also a number of platforms and hides from which to view and photograph animals and birds. One of the best hides is right at the source of the Savute and many species of game and birdlife can be seen from this hide. Overnights **DumaTau Camp or similar. [BLD]**

DAYS 6-8: CENTRAL OKAVANGO DELTA

Fly from DumaTau in the Linyanti to Jacana Camp in the Okavango Delta this morning. Jacana Camp is situated in the private Jao Concession on the Moremi Game Reserve boundary in the Okavango Delta, Botswana.

Located on a beautiful island and surrounded by the seasonally inundated floodplain and papyrus swamps, Jacana Camp consists of five Meru-style tents built on raised wooden decks to facilitate its panoramic views of the Okavango Delta. Each tent has an enclosed en-suite bathroom featuring a roofless shower which is lit by dappled sunlight and shade or by the stars themselves at night. The main dining area is on an elevated platform between two magnificent sycamore fig trees and surrounded by dense wild date palms. Jacana Camp also has a cosy drinks and lounge with an area for an open fire under the stars; and a plunge pool for cooling off in the midday sun.

Activities at Jacana Camp include mokoro trips, and walking safaris (which must be requested prior to travel) in the Okavango Delta all year round, as well as game drives in the green season when the floodwaters have receded. There are also two platform hides within the Jao Concession.

Jacana Camp is set in one of the most densely populated wetland areas for sitatunga and red lechwe. All the big animals can be found regularly in the area: including elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo. Wildlife concentrations within this part of the Okavango Delta depend on the water flow and volume and thus change from season to season. Birdlife is abundant; enthusiasts can spot Pel's Fishing-Owl as well as African and Lesser Jacanas and a host of other Okavango specials such as Slaty Egret, African Pygmy-Goose and Western Banded Snake-Eagle. Overnights **Jacana Camp or similar. [BLD]**

DAY 9: DEPARTURE

After one last breakfast in the bush, fly to Maun to connect to your onward flights. **[B]**

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

SPECIAL BOTSWANA GREEN SEASON PRICING

PROMOTIONAL PRICE	
Per person	\$3995
Single supplement	\$325

* Special pricing available from November 1, 2011 to April 15, 2012. Excludes Dec 20, 2011 until Jan 6, 2012 and April 6-9, 2012 inclusive. All camps are subject to availability and certain temporary seasonal or maintenance closures. Alternative camps are available in each region. Additional discounts are not applicable.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Twice daily activities on safari including game drives, night drives, mokoro, boat, and walking safaris depending on location
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- Internal small-aircraft flights, Kasane-Linyanti & Okavango-Maun
- 8 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Water, soft drinks, beer, wine, and cocktails (premium brands excluded)
- Laundry service
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare to Livingstone and returning from Maun
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes and any additional Botswana or Zambia taxes
- Zambia Visa fee
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- Baggage in charter aircraft is restricted to 20kg (44lbs) per person in a soft bag, including camera equipment and carry-on baggage. Maximum dimensions are 10in wide by 12in high and 24in long. No wheels, frames, or rigid structures are allowed. If guests exceed this limit, they will have to pay considerable amounts to have a privately chartered plane to fly their excess baggage.
- Charter aircraft personal weight limit is 220 lbs per person. If you weigh more than 220lbs or if as a couple you weigh over 440lbs an extra seat must be added at an additional cost.
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- A non-refundable 20% deposit of \$800

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Days Prior to Departure: Fee* per person

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61-90 days: Initial deposit amount

31-60 days: 50% of land cost

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*Note: Cancellation may result in additional penalties charged by local hotels, operators and airlines, occasionally as much as 100% of the cost.

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Accommodations

Photo by Mike Myers



TOKA LEYA CAMP, VICTORIA FALLS

Overlooking the mighty Zambezi River and some of its islands, under a shady canopy of jackalberry and waterberry trees lays Toka Leya. The camp consists of 12 safari-style tents, each with a view of the magnificent Zambezi River and some of its islands. The tents are completed by ensuite bathrooms with an indoor and outdoor shower. The camp's dining and bar area is set beneath a shaded canopy of trees overlooking the River and a swimming pool. Activities include a tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, game drives within Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, river cruises and guided nature walks.



DUMA TAU

Duma Tau is a ten roomed luxury tented camp, in the private Linyanti Wildlife Reserve which borders the western boundary of Chobe National Park in northern Botswana. The camp is built on raised boardwalks under a shady grove of mangosteen trees, overlooking a large hippo-filled lagoon on the Linyanti waterways. The source of the Savuti Channel is close to the camp and game drives along the Savuti are one of the highlights of this Botswana vacation camp. Spacious rooms raised off the ground and under thatch with canvas walls, allow guests to enjoy the night sounds of Africa from the comfort of their rooms. In addition to the en-suite bathrooms with hot and cold running water, each room has an outside shower. There is a dining room, pub, lounge, plunge pool and a special guest bathroom with a fantastic view. The region has all the habitat diversity to make it a haven for African wildlife and Botswana safari game viewing activities are diverse and allow for time on the water, on land and occasionally on foot.



JACANA CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA

Jacana Camp has five meru-style tents built on wooden decks with panoramic views of the Okavango Delta. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with flush toilet and shower. The bathroom is enclosed, but roofless, for a relaxing shower under the skies of Botswana. The main dining area is on an elevated wooden deck between two magnificent sycamore fig trees and surrounded by dense wild date palms. Observe the African wildlife from up close on the two platform hides within the Jao Concession.