

GREAT WILDERNESS JOURNEY LIVINGSTONE - MAUN



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**WILDLAND
ADVENTURES**

**AUTHENTIC WORLDWIDE
EXPLORATIONS**

Itinerary Overview*

At the turn of the century, explorers and adventurers trekked through the dusty paths of Africa, allowing the Dark Continent to seep into their souls. Our luxury mobile safari explores Botswana's contrasts and extremes from the aquatic Okavango Delta to the open plains of the Linyanti region.

In the company of skilled naturalists you will experience game drives, mokoroing, and flights over large expanses of the unique Botswana landscape. Overnights are in private concessions and small tented camps, where lantern lit meals are accompanied by innumerable stars.

*Please note this trip also runs in reverse (Maun to Livingstone).

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	LIVINGSTONE	Toka Leya Camp	D	Arrive in Maun, fly to Jacana Camp
2	LINYANTI CONCESSION	Linyanti Discoverer Camp	BLD	Fly to Botswana, Chobe boat cruise, fly to Linyanti
3	LINYANTI CONCESSION	Linyanti Discoverer Camp	BLD	Game drives in Linyanti, excursion to Savute Channel
4	LINYANTI CONCESSION	Linyanti Discoverer Camp	BLD	Game drives in the Linyanti Concession
5	OKAVANGO DELTA	Kwhai Discoverer Camp	BLD	Fly to Okavango Delta, afternoon game drive
6	OKAVANGO DELTA	Kwhai Discoverer Camp	BLD	Day and night game drives, walking safaris
7	OKAVANGO DELTA	Kwhai Discoverer Camp	BLD	Day and night game drives, walking safaris
8	OKAVANGO DELTA	Jacana Camp	BLD	Fly to Jacana, afternoon game activity
9	OKAVANGO DELTA	Jacana Camp	BLD	Mokoro, motorboat, and game driving.
10	OKAVANGO DELTA	Jacana Camp	BLD	Mokoro, motorboat, and game driving.
11	DEPARTURE		B	Fly to the Maun airport for departure

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: TOKA LEYA CAMP, MOSI OA TUNYA NATIONAL PARK, LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

After arrival in Livingstone you will be met by a representative and transferred to the lodge. After settling in and enjoying afternoon tea, we embark on a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 5604 feet wide, it is the largest curtain of water in the world and drops 338 feet into the basalt depths of the sheer Zambezi Gorge.

Toka Leya Camp is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River in the eastern sector of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, some 7.46 miles up from the Victoria Falls. The camp consists of 12 safari-style tents, each en-suite with a view of the magnificent Zambezi River and some of its islands. The camp's dining and bar area is set beneath a shaded canopy of trees overlooking the River and a swimming pool.

DAYS 2 – 4: CHOBE RIVER BOAT CRUISE, CHOBE NATIONAL PARK AND LINYANTI DISCOVERER CAMP, LINYANTI CONCESSION

After a full breakfast we leave Toka Leya and transfer by road to Livingstone Airport. On leaving Zambia, we fly over the Kazangula border, a point where the four countries of Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia meet. *Please note: You will need to pay a \$25 departure tax in cash upon departure from Zambia.*

Enjoy a leisurely shaded boat cruise along the Chobe River, with a light lunch. This boat cruise offers a unique opportunity to observe puku, large herds of elephant, numerous pods of hippo and large crocodiles, as well as enjoying fantastic views of other general game and diverse birdlife.

We then depart by light aircraft transfer to the private Linyanti Concession. After a short game drive we arrive at our private Discoverer camp, which is elegantly set up under African ebony and knobthorn trees overlooking panoramic vistas of the Linyanti Swamps.

The landscape of the Linyanti varies from floodplains to open dry land savannah and forest with sweeping views, creating a paradise for a high diversity of wildlife and bird species. Activities include game drives in the private northern sector of the concession, exploring a range of habitats, from riverbanks to scrub and forest, which reveal a myriad of wildlife en route to slake their thirst from the river. The seldom-seen sitatunga can also be spotted in the waterways, as well as rare roan and sable antelope, plains game and of course their predators, the lion and leopard – with the endangered wild dog as an incredible bonus.

To complete the experience, it is possible to enjoy a full-day excursion to the Savute Channel, with lunch at a scenic setting. This spectacular day gives guests a real understanding of the geology of Northern Botswana, the relationship with the Great African Rift Valley and the chink in the faultline, where the Savute Channel begins. This channel, now flowing for the first time in three decades has resulted in water reaching into the heart of Chobe National Park through the Linyanti Reserve...and game viewing is as a result both diverse and abundant. Overnight for three nights at our **Linyanti Discoverer Camp.**
[BLD]

DAYS 5 – 7: KHWAI CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA

Depart by light aircraft to Khwai Discoverer Camp, located in a private concession just north of the Khwai River above the Moremi Game Reserve.

The Khwai Concession is one of the most diverse areas in northern Botswana which seldom disappoints when it comes to producing extraordinary wildlife experiences. The life source for this area is the Khwai River – the northernmost “finger” of the Okavango Delta alluvial fan, which provides vital sustenance to numerous animals.

Over time, the Khwai area has metamorphosed into a wide range of exciting wildlife habitats – some of the most varied to be found in the entire Okavango Delta: a blend of forests, floodplain, wetland and grasslands. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to large mammals such as hippo and crocodile with buffalo and red lechwe often seen grazing along the fringe. The beautiful gallery riverine woodland found along the river provides further sanctuary to birds, primates and leopard. Elusive roan antelope often come to the river to drink. Activities focus around day and night game drives, nature walks and seasonal mokoro excursions.

Away from the river there is a wonderful mix of acacia and leadwood trees of varying sizes that abuts into mopane woodland. The latter, together with the permanent presence of water, attracts large numbers of elephant to the area. Larger predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyaena, while birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the colorful palette of habitats. Overnight for three nights at our **Khwai Discoverer Camp. [BLD]**

DAYS 8 – 10: JACANA CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA

After breakfast we fly by light aircraft over the shimmering water-world of the Okavango Delta which represents life at its most fertile.

Lush Jacana Camp is situated in a permanently flooded region of the private Jao Concession of the Okavango Delta. A true water camp, it represents the essence of the Delta, with year-round mokoro safaris as well as island bush walks and, water levels permitting, motorboat cruises. In fact, when the flood levels are at their peak we are able to motorboat from the airstrip to the camp, a truly surreal arrival! On one of our full days, we will also enjoy game drives around the productive ‘Jao Flats’ region to the north of camp.

Jacana Camp is set in one of the wetland areas most densely populated with sitatunga and red lechwe. Wildlife concentrations depend on the water flow and volume, thus changing from season to season, but all the large animals can be found in the area including elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo. Pel’s Fishing-Owl, Lesser Jacana, Western Banded Snake-Eagle and Coppery-tailed Coucal are just some of the birding highlights. Overnight for three nights at **Jacana Camp [BLD]**

DAY 11: TRANSFER TO MAUN AIRPORT

Bid farewell to the adventure as we transfer by light aircraft to Maun Airport. [B]

END OF SERVICES

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

PRICING

	LAND COST	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT*
Per Person	\$7600	\$1094

Save \$900 per person on the following departure dates:

Oct 3 - Oct 13, 2010

Oct 14 - Oct 24, 2010

Oct 17 - Oct 27, 2010

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Light aircraft transfers as indicated
- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation on safari in 8-passenger safari vehicle
- 10 nights accommodation on a camping and lodge
- Limited laundry (underwear must be washed by guest)
- Park Entrance Fees and concession fees
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Soft drinks, wine, and beer with meals (excluding premium brands)
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Any new Botswana Government or Zambia Government taxes
- Visa fees
- 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

NOTE: •All guests must cover themselves with cancellation and baggage insurance for the duration of their trip.

- Baggage in charter aircraft is restricted to 20kg (44lbs) per person in a soft bag, including camera equipment and carry-on baggage. 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.
- International Air connections: Departure from Maun must be at 12:30pm or later. Flight schedules departing earlier will be subject to additional air transfers at additional cost.
- Flashlights: Please ensure that a minimum 2D cell flashlight is brought on safari, with spare batteries. Headlamps are also useful.
- Camera Battery Charging Facilities: Please note that a 12V cigarette lighter adaptor will be required (that is compatible with camera make) on this safari for charging batteries while on game drive or transfer drives. 110/ 240V outlets are available at Jacana and Toka Leya only.

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Accommodations

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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 en suite with a view of the magnificent Zambezi River and some of its islands. 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. Other activities offered in the area at an additional charge and include sunset cruises, helicopter flights, micro-lighting, canoeing, jet boating, white water rafting and fishing.

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KWHAI AND LINYANTI DISCOVERER CAMPS, OKAVANGO DELTA

Discoverer camps are specifically designed to ensure that old-style camping feel with a clear emphasis on necessary and stylish comfortable interiors, creating a peerless wilderness experience. Discoverer camping aims to bring the guest closer to nature, by means of a lively campfire, hurricane lanterns, wide-ranging activities and a warm atmosphere complimenting the comfort and added luxury of the camps visited. Accommodation is in 20.67 feet x 11.48 feet walk-in canvas tents (maximum of two guests per tent). The tents are airy and designed to recreate the

accommodation style of the early explorers, with richly colored teak director chairs and minimalist interiors. Separate bedside tables with 12v reading lamps, canvas and wood wardrobes, bathrobes, comfortable beds and mirrors are provided. Camp amenities (conditioning shampoo, soap, shower gel and body lotion) are elegantly displayed for use and private, en-suite separate toilet and shower areas are part of the main structure.



JACANA CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA

Situated outside the Moremi Game Reserve on the Jao flats, Jacana Camp is a truly water-oriented camp and offers mokoro and walking safaris all year round. 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.