



*Journeys of a lifetime*

## **SUMMER SECRETS OF NORTHERN BOTSWANA**



### **Highlights:**

A classic flying safari visiting the pristine wildlife reserves of Northern Botswana and the Central Kalahari Game Reserve.

This safari starts in Maun and finishes in Livingstone with the option of a few nights at Victoria Falls. Your classic journey through this region visits, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Okavango Delta and the Linyanti Wetlands with all transfers by scenic light aircraft flight.

Most people have a misguided view of Botswana's Secret Season or "Rainy Season". A little known fact is that this region has just about half the amount of rainfall during the same summer period as the Greater Kruger National Park. The rainfall in these areas is typically in the form of quick thunderstorms, which usually occur in the late afternoon and last about an hour or so. The other misconception is that game or wildlife viewing is poor at this time and difficult to see – all these camps and lodges are situated within prime game viewing locations and our expert rangers and trackers go to great lengths to maximise sightings. In the summer months the vegetation is a sea of green, wild flowers can be seen everywhere and many mammals and birds have their young. The bush is alive – Africa is at its most productive!!

The Central Kalahari Game Reserve has some of the best game viewing in Botswana at this time of year with large herds of grazers drawn to the area by the fresh grasses and a full range of predators making the most of this time of plenty as well as some animals not found elsewhere in Botswana.

Victoria Falls located on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia, is known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya meaning the 'smoke that thunders' and is the worlds largest curtain of falling water. At 1.7km in width and between 90 and 107 metres in height, Victoria Falls truly deserves its place as one of the 7 natural wonders of the world.

The magnificence of the falls themselves, the wild and beautiful Zambezi River and the huge range of unusual and exciting activities available make this a great stand alone destination as well as an essential add on to a safari in Zambia or Northern Botswana.

### Day 1

You will be met off your flight at Maun Airport and assisted onto your light aircraft flight to Tau Pan from where you will be transferred to Tau Pan Camp, your base for the next three nights on a fully inclusive basis.

This region has a wide variety of habitats and superb summer game viewing when the fresh grasses attract huge herds of grazers and their attendant predators.

Your daily activities here concentrate on game drives in search of the huge black mane lions of the Kalahari as well as Cheetah, which are relatively common and wild dog. All these animals can be found hunting by day making for potentially exciting game viewing.

Species which are found here and which are only found in the desert regions include, brown hyena, gemsbok, Red Hartebeest springbok and meerkat.

View at <http://www.kwando.co.za/tau.html>



### Day 4

Morning game activity then you will transfer to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to the Okavango Delta and the Moremi Wildlife Reserve where your accommodation for the next three nights is at the luxury tented Xigera Camp.

Xigera Camp is a true Okavango Delta Camp located on a forested island in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Accommodation is in luxury tents located on raised platforms each with a fantastic view of the floodplains and lagoon.

During the summer months Xigera offers an excellent range of activities including game viewing by motor boat and on land in 4x4 safari vehicles and the classic Okavango experience of being poled slowly through the shallow waterways in a traditional Mokoro (Dug out canoe). Guided walks on the many nearby Islands are also possible. Your stay here includes a trip to the famous Chiefs Island.

The area provides good general game viewing combined with exceptional bird watching.

View at [http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/botswana\\_okavango\\_delta/xigera\\_camp/introduction/](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/botswana_okavango_delta/xigera_camp/introduction/)

### **Day 7**

After a morning game activity we board our light aircraft flight to the Selinda Concession a huge private area linking the Okavango Delta with the game rich floodplains of the Linyanti Wetlands Area. The large luxury tents each have spectacular views across the floodplains with plenty of game often on view from the deck of your tent.

Activities here include day and night drives in 4x4 land cruiser vehicles with highly knowledgeable and experienced guides.

On safari it is possible to see a tremendous diversity of species, from resident prides of lion to huge herds of elephant and packs of wild dog. It is also home to the ungulates, from the rare roan to the ubiquitous zebra. Nocturnal wildlife is prolific as well, and there are frequent sightings of aardwolf and civet. Exploration of this vast area defies imagination... by foot, 4x4 open game drive vehicle, boat or simply sitting quietly in a hide.

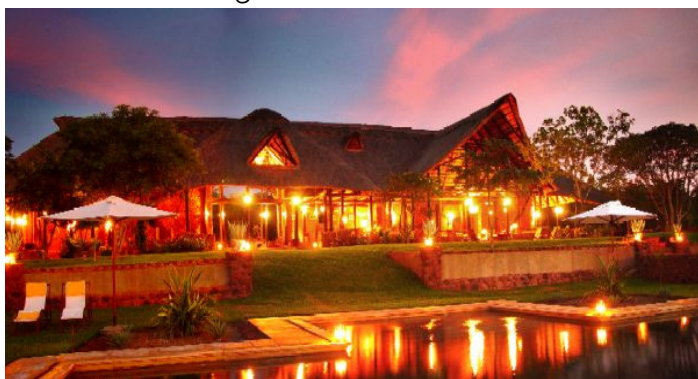
View at <http://www.greatplainsconservation.com/selinda/index.html>

### **Day 10**

Today you will transfer to Livingstone by road and boat from where you will catch your International flight to Johannesburg and onward flight to UK or elsewhere. Or if you chose to extend your stay to include a couple of days at Victoria Falls, you will transfer to your hotel.

### **Day 10 Victoria Falls Extension**

At the end of your Botswana Safari you will fly or drive to Kasane from where you will travel by road and boat to Livingstone (approx 2.5 hours) you will be transferred to your accommodation at the Stanley Safari Lodge, a small boutique lodge with excellent service. You will be staying in an Open fronted or closed cottage on a fully inclusive basis for two nights.



Stanley Safari Lodge



This is a great place to relax at the end or start of your safari or to base yourself whilst trying the superb range of activities available at Victoria Falls.

There are many fascinating activities available in the area, these are listed below and are available at extra cost.

View at <http://www.stanleysafaris.com/>

## **Day 12**

You will be transferred to Livingstone Airport for your return flight to Johannesburg.

### **TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A MAUN TO LIVINGSTONE BASIS**

**Nine Night Safari Only £2895 per person**

**Extra for two night Victoria Falls Extension:£495 per person**

**SPECIAL NOTE: No single supplement applies to accommodation although a supplement may be payable for local light aircraft flights.**

#### **What's included:**

All Light aircraft transfers to and from the regional airport, Maun, Kasane, Livingstone

Full board accommodation at all properties

All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks

Laundry

All scheduled game activities

Guided Tour of Victoria Falls, Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi, Cultural Village Visit

#### **What's not included:**

Visa fees (not required for Botswana, Namibia or South Africa at present, Zambia US\$50 per person)

Zambia Airport Security Tax (US\$5 per person)

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

International Flights

Entry fee for Victoria Falls (US\$20 per person)

Additional activities at Victoria Falls

#### **Additional Activities available at Victoria Falls include:**

White water rafting, bungee Jumping, elephant back safari, walking with lions, canoeing above the Falls, high tea on Livingstone Island, micro light and helicopter flights, Golf, steam train ride with dinner.

#### **Wildlife Sightings**

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Wild Dog, Spotted Hyena, Brown Hyena Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Civet, Chacma baboon, Vervet Monkey, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Sable Antelope. Roan Antelope, Puku, Impala, Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Sitatunga, Tsessebe, Waterbuck, Steenbok, Red Lechwe, Red Hartebeest, Greater Kudu. Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Scrub Hare, Bat Eared Fox, Honey Badger, gemsbok, meerkat and the famous Black Maned Kalahari lion, also many bird and reptile species.

#### **When to go:**

This Safari is available from 6 th January 2012 to 10 April 2012 and offers a superb value for money, quality safari, in Botswana during the Secret Season.

### **Who should go?**

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Botswana, a wonderful excellent value trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. This safari will also suit experienced safari travellers including keen birders and those interested in exploring some of the less well known of Botswana's safari areas.

### **We Say:**

Summer Secrets is a very varied safari at a great price showcasing three very different wildlife areas. This safari has superb wildlife with a good variety of game activities and very comfortable accommodation. As the safari includes Private concession areas, night drives and off road driving following game tracks into the bush are permitted. There is a realistic chance of seeing all of Africa's big six predators on this safari. The quality of the guiding is excellent and highly professional. The safari is perfectly flexible and additional nights can be added to any of the camps and lodges or new areas included.

If you have the time and money then Victoria Falls should not be missed. Stanley's offers a very attractive, good value, place to stay. Clients who prefer to stay on the river should consider alternative options, please discuss with your consultant.

### **SAFARI CLUB PROMISE**

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