

THE MIGRATION ROUTES OF NORTHERN BOTSWANA



Highlights:

This is a small group (Maximum 8) adventure safari leaving on set dates in the month and visiting some of the finest wildlife areas in Botswana.

This exciting route takes the time to explore the changing areas, stunning beauty and continually moving game of Northern Botswana: from walking on islands in the Okavango Delta, to the diverse, wildlife-filled Linyanti concession, with its seasonal elephant herds and the world renowned Moremi Game Reserve. The camps are located in a range of different habitats to maximise the best possible game viewing through all times of the year. Accommodation varies with a combination of serviced camping in private concession areas and a small comfortable lodge in Zambia.

To partake in a Migration Routes is to experience a nostalgic camping safari through private nature areas off the beaten path that recreates a sense of wildlife viewing adventure reminiscent of the times of the early African explorers.

Explorations are led by highly skilled and qualified professional guides with an incredible passion for the natural regions they work in. Sharing the adventure and guiding you on this journey of discovery combined with their vast knowledge of

the natural world, history and culture. Many of our guides are also skilled photographers and can assist you in taking amazing wildlife photographs. Accommodation at the Adventurer Camps is in comfortable three metre square dome tents with en suite facilities and bucket showers.

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Day 1: Victoria Falls

After arrival in Livingstone you will be met by a representative and transferred directly for a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1708 metres wide, it is the largest curtain of water in the world and drops 103 metres 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 Mosioa–Tunya National Park, some 12 kms (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 and Linyanti Wetlands

After a full breakfast, we leave Zambia and enter the Chobe National Park in Botswana by way of the Kazungula border, a point where the four countries of Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe meet.

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 road for the Linyanti region. This interesting drive lets us observe rural life along the northernmost tip of Botswana and also affords views across the Chobe and Linyanti Rivers into Namibia's Caprivi Strip. The last part of the road journey is a game drive as we approach the Linyanti, where our pre-erected Linyanti Adventurer Camp is situated. This part of the Linyanti is famed for its myriad of changing landscapes, from riverine to savannah and from forest to plains.

The Linyanti region's life–giving perennial waters attract herds of wildlife that walk

well-worn game paths to slake their thirst in the dry season. Predators follow in their footsteps and, coupled with the area's diversity of habitat, make for exciting game viewing.

Days 5 – 7: Moremi Reserve and Okavango Delta

After breakfast, we drive to the airstrip for light aircraft transfer to Khwai Adventurer Camp.

Khwai Adventurer Camp is 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 hyena, while birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the colourful palette of habitats.



Days 8 – 9: Xigera Mokoro Trails, Okavango Delta

A light aircraft flight takes us to the water-filled paradise of the remote Xigera area, within the Moremi Game Reserve. Xigera is the ultimate Okavango Delta experience, with serene waters flowing through innumerable channels around remote islands and a profusion of plant and animal birdlife.

There is no better way to experience the Okavango than to travel through it by mokoro, walking and camping out on a vegetated island – all essential elements of the Xigera Mokoro Trails. The experience is aimed at highlighting the permanently flooded inner Delta, in the serene waterways and on the islands of trees and bush.

Activities include mokoro and walking safaris on remote islands, which enable up-close encounters with an excellent diversity of birdlife (including Pel's Fishing-Owl), frogs and some game species including those adapted to water, such as the red lechwe. Walking activities vary in length and duration depending on the season, especially in the months when the Okavango is at peak flood (June, July and August) when walks become shorter as more islands are flooded.

Day 10: Transfer to Maun Airport

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

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A LIVINGSTONE TO MAUN BASIS

All dates in 2012 except as below	US\$4940 (£3294)
1 st June to 31 st October 2012	US\$5130 (£3420)

Single Supplements:

No supplement is charged for the first two singles on any departure

Early Booking discount

An early booking discount may be applied for all bookings made more than six months prior to departure. (Please call for details)

What's included:

All Light aircraft, boat and road transfers to and from the regional airport and between camps

Full Board accommodation

All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks

Laundry

All scheduled game activities

What's not included:

Visa fees (Only applicable to Zambia US\$50 per person)

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

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, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Civet, Chacma baboon, Vervet Monkey, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Sable Antelope. Roan Antelope, Impala, Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Sitatunga, Tsessebe, Waterbuck, Steenbok, Red Lechwe, Greater Kudu. Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Scrub Hare, Bat Eared Fox, also many bird and reptile species.

When to go:

This Safari is available with set departure dates throughout the year. Migration Routes is enjoyable at any time of year and is exceptionally good value during the dry, peak season months from July to October.

Who should go:

Perfect for first time safari visitors or seasoned safari buffs and ideal for those who like a bit more adventure on their safari trip, a wonderful trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. The Migration Routes Safari is also great fun for adult family groups or families with older children who would like an active and adventurous trip together. Children under 12 not permitted.

We say:

A superb safari for any season with fantastic wildlife viewing, great scenery, a full range of game activities, superb hosting and top quality guiding, You have a realistic chance of seeing all of Africa's big six predators. This affordable safari takes you away from the main tourist trails and into Botswana's exclusive private

wildlife concessions which are usually very expensive to visit on a private safari. Why not extend your safari with a few extra days at Victoria Falls to enjoy some of the many unusual and adventurous activities including Elephant Back Safaris, White Water Rafting, Canoeing on the Zambezi or walking with lions?

During the summer months between December and May an extension to visit the Central Kalahari and Makgadikgadi Pans which have some of the best game viewing in Botswana at this time is a great option.

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