

9 DAY OKAVANGO DELTA, CHOBE & VIC FALLS SAFARI



Start in Maun, Botswana

End in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

From USD 3,415 Per person sharing

HIGHLIGHTS

Awesome wildlife, water & wilderness experiences
Day & Night drives & Bush walks at Pom Pom Camp
Glide gracefully along the Delta channels on a mokoro
Chobe River Sunset Cruise with abundant game and birdlife
Scenic flights over the Okavango Delta and Chobe
Beautifully located Lodges and Camps
Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi Royal
Guided Tour of the magnificent Victoria Falls
Walk with Giants - Elephant Encounter



ACCOMMODATION

1 Night Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun
3 Nights Pom Pom Camp, Okavango Delta
2 Nights Chobe Safari Lodge, Chobe River
2 Nights Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Zimbabwe



COST OF SAFARI 2021

1 Jan - 31 Mar - USD 3,415 per person sharing
1 Apr - 30 Jun - USD 4,360 per person sharing
1 Jul - 1 Oct - USD 5,260 per person sharing
1 Nov - 30 Nov - USD 4,395 per person sharing
1 Dec - 31 Dec - USD 3,450 per person sharing

Rates based on 2 people sharing

Single supplements may apply

Accommodation subject to availability

Please Note : Christmas surcharge of USD 100 p.p. will apply at Pom Pom Camp from 20 to 31 Dec 2021



OVERVIEW

The water, wildlife and wilderness experiences of the **Okavango Delta**, **Chobe River** and **Victoria Falls** make this safari very special.

Maun is the gateway to the **Okavango Delta** and a focal area for visiting **Northern Botswana**. You will enjoy the light aircraft flights over the **Delta** with a bird's eyeview perspective of this spectacular region. **The Okavango Delta** is known as the **Jewel of the Kalahari**, a treasure trove of spectacular landscapes where an abundance of wildlife can be seen. **Pom Pom Camp** offers land and water based activities including day and night game drives, bush walks, mokoro excursions along the gently flowing channels and boat cruises.

The **Chobe River** attracts an abundance of wildlife coming to slake their thirst and the diverse birdlife will entertain you too. **Chobe Safari Lodge** is beautifully located on the **Chobe River**. Enjoy thrilling game drives and the highly popular **Chobe River Sunset Cruise** that take you into **Chobe National Park**.

Victoria Falls is a magnificent natural phenomenon where you will enjoy a guided trip of **Victoria Falls** and a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambezi River**. There are also a great variety of other exciting activities here.

BOTSWANA



Wildlife, wilderness, open savanna, pristine landscapes, idyllic bush atmospheres and more wildlife. This is what makes **Botswana** the perfect and most sought-after wildlife destination in **Africa** and the archetypal **African Safari** destination as the experience is really wild and exciting.

Northern Botswana is where most of the wildlife is to be found and where the jewel of **Botswana** is located, the **Okavango Delta**. It is the largest inland delta in the world with permanent swamps in the north and floodplains in the south that start filling up from the end of July.

The **Chobe River** region inside **Chobe National Park** offers great gameviewing during the dry season. Breeding herds of elephant and massive herds of buffalo congregate here to slake their thirst and wallow in the water and muddy pools. This is a good area for all large predator sightings.

VICTORIA FALLS



The **Victoria Falls**, also known as **Mosi-oa-Tunya** (the smoke that thunders), is one of the most incredible natural wonders of the world and popular tourist destinations in **Southern Africa**. Situated about 60 kms downstream from the confluence of the **Chobe** and **Zambezi Rivers** (where the four countries of **Botswana**, **Namibia**, **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe** meet), the **Victoria Falls** is shared between **Zimbabwe** and **Zambia**.

Measuring 1,7 kms wide and 108 metres high, the spectacular Falls has a myriad of different viewpoints and is best seen from both the **Zimbabwean** and **Zambian** sides. On the **Zimbabwean** side is the town of **Victoria Falls** which caters for the tourist market, offering accommodation, adventure, leisure and cultural activities, local craft markets, restaurants and bars.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Babbler Chalet - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast



THAMALAKANE RIVER LODGE, MAUN, BOTSWANA

On arrival at **Maun Airport** you will be met and transferred to **Thamalakane River Lodge**, beautifully located on the **Thamalakane River** that flows out of the **Okavango Delta** and through **Maun**. You are booked into an **Ensuite Chalet** with **Dinner** and **Breakfast** included. Here you are just beyond the buzz of **Maun** and will find a tranquil atmosphere that is unique to **Northern Botswana**.

Chalets, public areas and the swimming pool share a 180 degree view of the riverbanks lined with fluttering reeds visited by an ever changing array of water fowl and birds. The restaurant serves a la carte and buffet meals from an ever changing menu. **Dusk** is spectacular, with the sun setting the river ablaze as it slowly dips behind the trees. Get your first taste of **Botswana** on a sunset cruise along the **Thamalakane River**.

Included : Accommodation, breakfast, dinner, sunset cruise, return airport transfers

<http://thamalakane.com/>

DAYS 2,3 & 4

Luxury Meru Tent - Full Board

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to **Maun Airport** for your light aircraft flight to **Pom Pom Camp** in the **Okavango Delta**.

Pom Pom Camp is located on **Pom Pom Island** in a private concession situated in the heart of the **Okavango Delta** and on the headwaters of the **Xudum** river system. The area lies on the western boundary of **Moremi Game Reserve** and offers superb scenery and a true **Okavango** wilderness experience.

The **Okavango Delta** is one of the last remaining unspoiled wilderness areas of **Africa**. The water from the **Okavango River** fans out into the **Okavango Delta** forming a wetland system of beautiful palm-fringed channels, lagoons and islands that support a wealth of fauna and flora alike.

The **Luxury Safari Tents** overlook a scenic lagoon and are quietly nestled under a grove of shady trees. Sit around the camp fire each night as bushlore anecdotes are recounted, whilst a gracious meal is prepared and elegant wines uncorked. In the main thatched building you will find a cozy bar, lounge and table settings for imaginative meals prepared by safari chefs. **Pom Pom Camp** is known as much for its "soul" as for the game and wildlife in the area.

Included : Intercamp charter flights, accommodation, all meals, local brand beverages (alcoholic & non-alcoholic), tea & coffees, snacks, scheduled activities, National Park fees, government taxes & levies, emergency evacuation cover.

Excluded : Drinks other than stipulated, travel insurance, items of a personal nature.

<http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/pom-pom-camp.php>

POM POM CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA



DAYS 5 & 6

Luxury Room - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast



boasts the largest concentration of elephant in **Africa**. Game drives and boat cruises offer you the opportunity to witness this amazing spectacle.

Included : Accommodation, dinner, breakfast, 2 game drives, 2 boat cruises, light aircraft & road transfers, Park Fees.

Excluded : Drinks, visa costs, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

<http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/chobe-safari-lodge.php>

CHOBE SAFARI LODGE, CHOBE RIVER, KASANE

After breakfast you will be transferred by light aircraft to **Kasane** where you will be met and transferred by road to **Chobe Safari Lodge**, beautifully located on the banks of the **Chobe River** and sharing a border with **Chobe National Park**. Right on it's doorstep is the meeting of four African countries: **Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe** and **Zambia**, making it the perfect gateway to **Chobe, Victoria Falls** or **Caprivi**.

Safari rooms afford you the luxury of air-conditioning, luxurious en-suite bath and shower facilities, as well as satellite TV and telephone. The Safari rooms enjoy expansive lawns which form the banks of the **Chobe River**. Each room has its own patio that gives one the privacy of enjoying views of the river from the comfort of your own room. The rooms are also in close proximity to the main complex.

Along with many species of big game, **Chobe National Park**

DAYS 7 & 8

Standard Room - Bed & Breakfast

After breakfast you will be transferred by road to **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge** in **Zimbabwe**.

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is set high on a plateau which forms a natural boundary with the **Zambezi National Park** and enjoys uninterrupted views of unspoilt bushveld, spectacular **African** sunsets and an on-site waterhole. A complimentary shuttle transports guests to the **Victoria Falls** and town centre on an hourly basis throughout the day.

Standard Rooms have a balcony overlooking the **National Park** and a bathroom with luxury bath and shower. Room facilities

VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE, ZIMBABWE

include a digital safe, air conditioning, mosquito nets, complimentary tea and coffee station and extra length beds.



The **Makuwa Kuwa Restaurant** and **Buffalo Bar** overlook the waterhole and there is a swimming pool with a sun deck. Just 500 metres from the lodge, **The Boma Restaurant** offers a unique experience including traditional dancers, an interactive drumming show and mouth-watering local and international dishes every evening.

Included : Bed and Breakfast, Complimentary Wifi, Road Transfers from Kasane and to Victoria Falls Airport, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Guided Tour of the Victoria Falls, Elephant Encounter, Complimentary Shuttle to town and Falls.

Excluded : Meals not specified, drinks, visas.

<http://www.africaalbidatourism.com/safari-lodges/victoria-falls-safari-lodge/>

DAY 7

ZAMBEZI ROYAL SUNSET CRUISE

This afternoon you will be collected at **15:50** by **Wild Horizons** for your **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambezi Royal**.

The luxurious **Zambezi Royal** is a single level cruise boat and offers a unique and intimate way to view the **Zambezi River**.

During the premium two hour guided Sunset cruise, departing daily from the **Wild Horizons Jetty Site**, you will enjoy 5-star service on board, consisting of imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot & cold canapés. A variety of game is consistently spotted, such as elephant, hippo, crocodiles, as well as a vast plethora of bird species. The **Zambezi Royal** is the optimum way to view the beautiful stunning scenery and surrounds of the upper **Zambezi River**.

What to Wear : Comfortable attire, warm clothing in winter (April to August)

Things to Bring : Mosquito repellent, camera, binoculars

Included : Imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot & cold canapés, return transfers, Park River Usage fee.

Wild Horizons Details :

Contact : Tel: +263 213 2844 571 or +263 213 2842 313

Website : <http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/zambezi-royal-sunset-cruise/>

DAY 8

GUIDED TOUR OF THE VICTORIA FALLS

Today you will be collected by **Wild Horizons** at **08:10** for your **Guided Tour of the Falls**. En route you may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where you can stop and take photos. Then on to the magnificent **Victoria Falls** where you will be accompanied through the **Rainforest** on a 2 hour tour by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the Falls as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist clients with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.

At about **10:45** you will be transferred across the bridge to the **Zambian** side of the **Victoria Falls** where you can explore the diverse and very different parts of the Falls.

What to Wear : Comfortable attire that provides sun protection, hiking/running shoes, warm clothing in winter (April to August)

Things to Bring : Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, camera

Included : Guided tour of the Falls, return transfers, Rainforest Entrance Fee, raincoats.

Wild Horizons Details :

Contact : Tel: +263 213 2844 571 or +263 213 2842 313

Website : <http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/tour-of-the-victoria-falls/>

DAY 8**ELEPHANT ENCOUNTER**

This afternoon you will be collected at **15:25** by **Wild Horizons** for your **Elephant Encounter** activity. You will have the opportunity to unobtrusively interact with some of the biggest personalities in **Africa** in a pristine wilderness environment overflowing with raw natural beauty. You can spend time and connect with elephants in the most positive and natural way possible.

An open-design thatch Boma gives you an uninterrupted view of the beautiful **Masuwe River** and against this breathtaking backdrop, you will be given an insightful and educational presentation on the **Wild Horizons Elephant Sanctuary and Orphanage**. The sanctuary was founded on the principle of conservation, and one of the most effective ways to evoke a sense of environmental responsibility is to show what stands to be lost.

You will have an opportunity to talk to guides that have journeyed, physically and metaphorically, incredible distances with these elephants and learn more about the complexities of the individuals and the herd structures. You will learn about the elephant as well as their history and the threats facing elephant populations today, in an interesting and informative talk. You will venture out into the bush to spend time with the elephant and the sight of the gentle grey mammals up close and personal will be imprinted on your mind long after you have returned home. Witness the special relationship the elephant keepers share with the animals and become a part of it. You will have the opportunity to take photographs with the elephants, marvel at their size and watch them behaving normally; browsing and interacting with one another.

After the encounter with these amazing creatures you will be offered a selection of refreshments in the cool of the **Wild Horizons Elephant Wallow**. A transfer back to your lodge concludes the experience.

What to Wear : Comfortable attire that provides sun protection, hiking/running shoes, warm clothing in winter (April to August)

Things to Bring : Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, sun hat, camera, binoculars

Included : Return transfers, Elephant Encounter, soft drinks, local beer, wine, water, coffee, tea and a selection of hot & cold canapés.

Wild Horizons Details :

Contact : Tel: +263 213 2844 571 or +263 213 2842 313

Website : <http://www.wildhorizons.co.za/see-and-do/victoria-falls/walk-with-the-elephants/>

DAY 9 :**END OF SAFARI**

Today you will be transferred to **Victoria Falls Airport** in time to check in for your outbound flight.

1 2 Go Tours wishes you a safe and thrilling journey that will leave lasting impressions and a desire to return.

WHAT TO BRING

Torch, malaria prophylactics, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, batteries, chargers, sunglasses, warm clothing and jacket for game drives, walking shoes, neutral coloured clothing, swimsuit.

The early mornings and evenings can be cold on game drives though blankets are often provided. It is advisable to dress warmly.

Electrical Adaptors - see <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/za/south-africa/> for the types used in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

It is recommended to buy a universal set of adaptors for your electronic equipment. If you are not able to purchase this at home, this set can be purchased at OR Tambo and Cape Town Airports in the CNA shop.

Wifi is available at some but not all of your accommodation establishments.

Please Note : A **KAZA Visa** is obtainable at **Kazangula Border Post** at a cost of **US\$ 50** per person that is valid for **Zimbabwe and Zambia**.

Malaria is a low to medium risk in all the places you will visit. **Malaria** in Southern Africa is transmitted by the female anopheles mosquito that is only active between dusk and dawn. It is advisable to wear long trousers and shirts and spray mosquito repellent on your hands and neck at dusk, before going to bed at night and when you awake early in the morning. There is no risk during the daytime.