



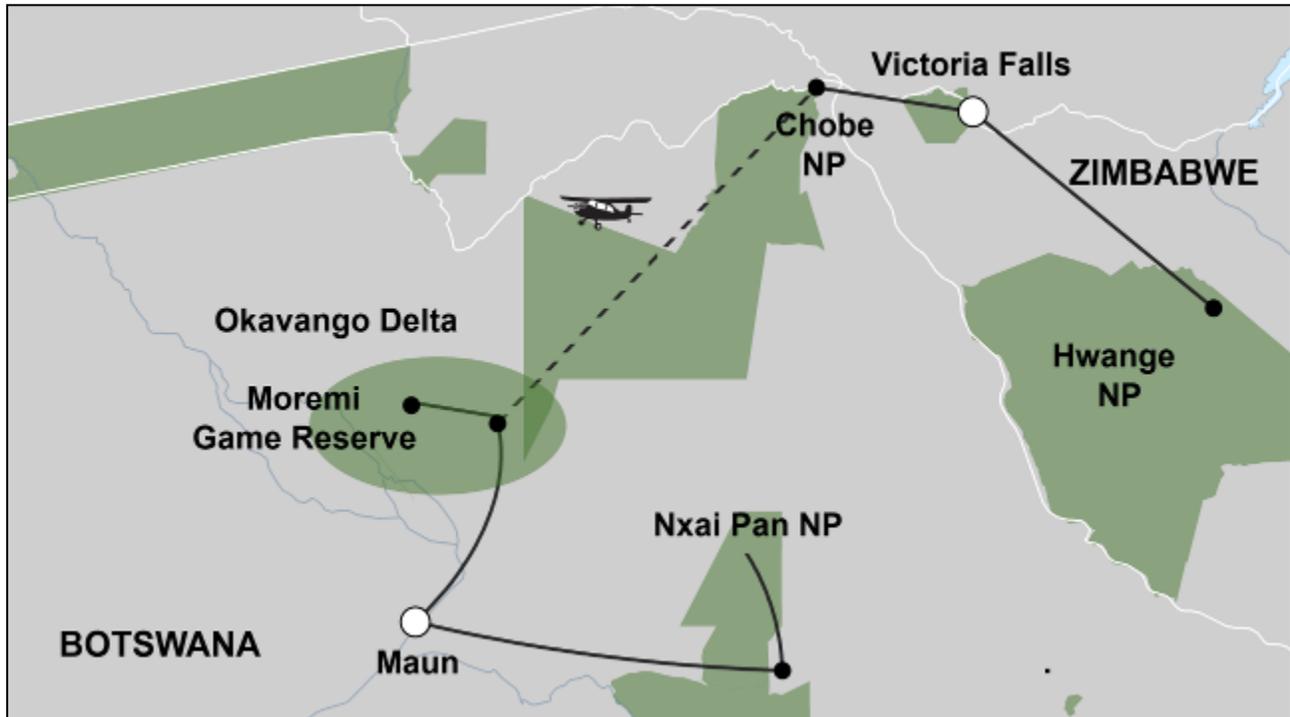
BOTSWANA LODGE ADVENTURER

JOURNEY FROM MAUN TO VICTORIA FALLS.

Experience the stunning beauty, the unimaginable vastness, the open plains at Nxai Pan, the world-famous Moremi Game Reserve and the untamed wildlife of the Chobe River and Chobe National Park. Your voyage then takes you to Hwange National Park before ending at the spectacular Victoria Falls.

Tour Code: BLA/20

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HIGHLIGHTS

Maun:	Arrival in safari town, gateway to your Botswana experience	Scenic flight:	Flight over the Okavango Delta (own account)
Makgadikgadi Pans:	Full day excursion to visit Nxai Pan OR Ntvetwe Pan	Chobe:	Morning game drive in the national park Game viewing by boat on the Chobe River
Moremi:	Night game drive in a private concession Full day wildlife viewing in game rich reserve	Hwange:	Full-day game viewing in Hwange National Park
		Victoria Falls:	Sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River

QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Small group lodge safari	Meals:	10 x Breakfast 06 x Lunch 06 x Dinner
Duration:	11 days	Vehicle:	Suitable touring vehicle according to group size. 2x4 vehicle for transfers
Start:	Maun, Botswana	Group Size:	Min. 4* / Max. 12 *Guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available
End:	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe		
Countries visited:	Botswana and Zimbabwe		

DEPARTURE DATES 2020

MONTH	TOUR START	TOUR END	TYPE	MONTH	TOUR START	TOUR END	TYPE
January	14/01/2020	24/01/2020		August	11/08/2020	21/08/2020	GD
February	17/02/2020	27/02/2020			29/08/2020	08/09/2020	D
March	13/03/2020	23/03/2020		September	10/09/2020	20/09/2020	
					18/09/2020	28/09/2020	
April	03/04/2020	13/04/2020	D	October	05/10/2020	15/10/2020	GD
	10/04/2020	20/05/2020			20/10/2020	30/10/2020	GD/D
May	11/05/2020	21/05/2020	GD		27/10/2020	06/11/2020	F
June	11/06/2020	21/06/2020	F	November	18/11/2020	28/11/2020	D
July	12/07/2020	22/07/2020	D	December	07/12/2020	17/12/2020	
					17/12/2020	27/12/2020	

D - German guided departures / F - French guided departures /
GD - Guaranteed departures

ITINERARY

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

DAY 1: MAUN, BOTSWANA

On arrival into Maun Airport, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. The name Maun is derived from the San word "maung", which means "the place of short reeds". The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure, either relaxing next to the pool at the lodge or if you are keen for some excitement, why not book a sunset cruise on the Thamalakane River. This evening you will meet your guide and the rest of the group for your pre-departure meeting at 18h00.

Accommodation: Thamalakane River Lodge or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Lunch: For your own account

Dinner: For your own account

DAY 2: PLANET BAOBAB, BOTSWANA

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Today we head off to the plains of the Makgadikgadi Pans area, known for its endless expanses, baobab trees and remarkable biodiversity. After settling into our accommodation, we take a stroll with our guide through the surrounding baobab grove, as he explains the local ecology, geology and the unique biology of the baobabs, which are in fact not trees but the largest succulents in the world.

Distance:	210 km	Departure: 15h00
Accommodation:	Planet Baobab or similar (Bakalanga huts with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)	
Breakfast:	At Thamalakane River Lodge or similar	
Lunch:	Prepared by the guide	
Dinner:	At Planet Baobab or similar	

DAY 3: PLANET BAOBAB, BOTSWANA

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After breakfast, we depart for either Nxai Pan or Ntwetwe Pan. These excursions are seasonal based on wildlife sightings and road conditions. Both pans form part of the greater Makgadikgadi system.

NXAI PAN EXCURSION: JANUARY – MAY & DECEMBER

An early departure takes us West towards Nxai Pan National Park. Nxai Pan adjoins the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park on its northern border. The pan itself is a fossil lake-bed about 15 sq. miles (40sq. km) in size. Covered in nutritious short grasses and small islands of acacia trees, Nxai Pan attracts vast numbers of desert herbivores such as gemsbok, springbuck, and extraordinarily large herds of giraffe, up to 30 in a group! In the South of the park are Baines' Baobabs, a cluster of millennia-old baobab trees, named after the famous artist who discovered them in 1862, Thomas Baines. It is rare to see Baobab trees so close together and as one was growing on its side, Baines named his painting 'The Sleeping Five'. The famous explorers: The Green brothers passed this way too and to this day their inscription into the bark, 'Green's Expedition 1858 -1859, can clearly be seen. We return to the lodge in the late afternoon after exploring this unique area.

NTWETWE PAN EXCURSION: JUNE – NOVEMBER

The Ntwetwe Pan is one of the two major pans that make up the Makgadikgadi Pans, and is amongst the largest salt pans in the world. The pan was fed by the Boteti River until it was left permanently dry following the construction of the Mopipi Dam, which provides water for the diamond mines in Orapa. The waters may have returned to the river but Ntwetwe is now famous for its extraordinary lunar landscape, particularly the rocky outcrops, dunes, islets, and channels found along the western shore. We explore the area, in search of uniquely adapted desert species such as bat eared foxes, springbuck, kori bustards, and some of the Kalahari's most fascinating inhabitants, the meerkats. We return to the lodge in the afternoon with some time to relax by the pool.

Accommodation:	Planet Baobab or similar (Bakalanga huts with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)	
Breakfast:	At Planet Baobab or similar	
Lunch:	Picnic lunch	
Dinner:	At Planet Baobab or similar	

DAY 4: MAKGADIKGADI PANS TO GREATER MOREMI, BOTSWANA

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This morning we travel via Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta, to our camp, which is situated in a private concession in the Greater Moremi Region. This large area is renowned for its concentration of mammals and it is not unusual to see many different types of wildlife during just one game drive. Game viewing is seasonal; depending on the time of the year you may see different species in different areas. The best time for game viewing is the end of the dry season or spring from August to November. During this season, in order for us to offer the best game viewing possible, extra driving may be required due to the animals migrating closer to the river. In the summer, birdlife can also be viewed in abundance with exceptional sightings of wildfowl and raptors. After dinner, we will explore the concession on a night game drive.

Distance: 330 km **Departure:** 07h00

Accommodation: Bedouin Bush Camp or similar (semi-permanent tented camp with en-suite bathrooms). **Please note that there is no electricity at the camp.**

Breakfast: At Planet Baobab or similar
Lunch: At Bedouin Bush Camp or similar
Dinner: At Bedouin Bush Camp or similar

ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION BEDOUIN BUSH CAMP:

Experience one of Botswana's finest game viewing areas in an unfenced, mobile bush camp located on a private concession next to the Moremi Game Reserve, a 2 hour drive from Maun. Twelve comfortable tents are positioned privately under big Acacia trees, offering travellers an authentic and secluded African bush experience. The camp is also equipped with a homely and communal dining and bar area.

The tents are covered with Bedouin-style fly-sheets, offering guests protection from Botswana's weather conditions and fashioning the camp with a distinctive nomadic appearance & atmosphere. Listen to the remarkable night sounds of the bush from the comfort of a safari tent equipped with twin beds, soft pillows and duvets. Doors and windows are fitted with mosquito screening and insect repellent is provided.

To limit the camp's impact on the environment yet still afford the necessary comfort in the bush, the en-suite bathrooms are equipped with flush toilets and hot bucket showers. Please note that the camp is solar powered, and cameras and mobile phones can be charged in the communal areas should the power levels allow it. At night the paths to your tents will be illuminated by lanterns and your guide will escort you back to the privacy of your tent.

DAY 5: MOREMI GAME RESERVE, BOTSWANA

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Today we head into the famous Moremi Game Reserve known as one of the most beautiful and varied reserves in Africa with an unprecedented concentration of wildlife. The full day is spent in the unspoiled nature of the Moremi Game Reserve.

Distance: 150 km **Departure:** 07h00

Accommodation: Bedouin Bush Camp or similar (semi-permanent tented camp with en-suite bathrooms)

Breakfast: At Bedouin Bush Camp or similar
Lunch: Lunch pack on game drive
Dinner: At Bedouin Bush Camp or similar

DAY 6: CHOBE, BOTSWANA	B
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You will be transferred to either the Khwai or Maun Airstrip for your flight to Kasane (For your own account). On arrival you will be met and transferred to your lodge. We enjoy game viewing by boat on the Chobe River in the afternoon, watching elephants, hippos, crocodiles and a variety of birds without having to reach for our binoculars – you'll be near enough for close-up photographs, as well as having the chance to witness a spectacular African sunset.

Departure: 09h00

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant).

Breakfast: At Bedouin Bush Camp or similar

Lunch: For your own account

Dinner: For your own account

DAY 7 & 8: CHOBE TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE	BLD, BLD
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This morning we depart Chobe and make our way to our lodge in a private concession near to Hwange National Park. The next two days are spent exploring this wildlife rich area. This afternoon you can partake in an optional game drive if time allows. On the following day, we will have plenty of time to explore this vast wilderness on a game drive. Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus varied birdlife. We will also visit the Painted Dog Conservation Centre to witness the work that is done to protect these endangered species.

Distance: 270 km (Day 7)

Departure: 08h00

Accommodation: Sable Sands or similar (chalets with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool & bar area)

Day 7

Breakfast: At Chobe Safari Lodge or similar

Lunch: Prepared by the guide

Dinner: At Sable Sands or similar

Accommodation: Sable Sands or similar (chalets with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool & bar area)

Day 8

Breakfast: At Sable Sands or similar

Lunch: Lunch pack on game drive

Dinner: At Sable Sands or similar

DAY 9 & 10: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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Today we travel to Victoria Falls, an essential African experience. In the afternoon we have a relaxing sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, basking in the afterglow of the day. The rest of our time in Victoria Falls is at your own leisure and with the freedom to partake in one of the many optional activities on offer (at own expense).

Distance:	190 km	Departure: 08h00
Accommodation:	Ilala Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)	
Day 9		
Breakfast:	At Sable Sands or similar	
Lunch:	For your own account	
Dinner:	For your own account	
Day 10		
Breakfast:	At Ilala Lodge or similar	
Lunch:	For your own account	
Dinner:	For your own account	

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN VICTORIA FALLS

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

15 Minute Helicopter Flight	Flying Fox (Cable Slide)
22 Minute Helicopter Flight	Gorge Swing
Boma Dinner incl. transfers	Zip Line
Guided Tour of the Victoria Falls	Horse Back Safaris (novice)
Dinner Cruise	Canoeing (full day)
Bungee Jump	Rafting (full day, low water)
Bridge Swing	Rafting (full day, high water)
Bridge Slide	Batoka Gorge Hike and Ndebele Village Tour
Historical Bridge Tour	Traditional Village Tour
Canopy Tour	

DAY 11: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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Our safari ends after breakfast. You will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport in time for your departure flight. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.



PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

The Botswana Lodge Explorer departs from Thamalakane River Lodge or similar.

Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.

On the evening of day one, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 18h00, at your lodge. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

TRANSPORT:

I C Africa Safaris & Tours uses fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers, Sprinters, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing, a music and PA system and air-conditioning to be determined by the company. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle. Some game drives may be conducted in open-sided safari vehicles. For transfers between Kasane and Victoria Falls (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised.

TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

ACCOMMODATION:

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in national parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps with en-suite bathrooms. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools, restaurants and/or bar areas.

MEALS:

Where included most breakfasts and dinners will be enjoyed in the restaurants of the various accommodation establishments, however on certain nights the guide will provide an authentic meal for the group, which will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Botswana & Zimbabwe prior to departure. Please note that travellers entering Botswana will be required to present a valid international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever should they originate from or have travelled through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas within the preceding 6 months.



TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with I C Africa Safaris & Tours. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

Botswana Lodge Adventurer

Duration : 11 Days / Tour code : BLA/20

A small group lodge safari from / to Victoria Falls through Botswana and Zimbabwe

Tour Price 2020

Price per person sharing @ US\$ 3,590 / EUR 3,190

Single supplement @ US\$ 950 / EUR 850

Guide Supplements

German or French Guided Departures

USD 80 / EUR 70 per person

Flight Price

Scheduled flight Khwai/Maun to Kasane @ US\$ 390 / EUR 350

*Please note that all rates are subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstances including rate of exchange fluctuations.

PRE & POST TOUR ARRANGEMENTS – SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION:

Pre Tour

Maun, Botswana

Thamalakane River Lodge , Babbler Chalet, BB

Post Tour

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Ilala Lodge, Standard Room, BB