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**Trans Botswana - Caprivi - Victoria Falls &
Chobe National Park**

26 February to 12 March 2019

15-day /14-night adventure (camping, tree house and formal
accommodation)

Cost: R26 500 per person sharing

Single person: A supplement charge of an additional 15% if not sharing

The Adventure

Join us on a fifteen-day, fourteen-night safari adventure starting across the Botswana border not far from Martin's Drift Border Post. We'll meander all the way north-west to the Okavango Delta panhandle in the western Caprivi Strip in Namibia and then back to Botswana where we'll spend our last night in formal accommodation near the town of Francistown.

This tour promises to be an unforgettable experience that will expose you to the inconceivable contrasts and sensuality of Africa.

Together we shall marvel at and be mesmerised by the ancient natural beauty of Moremi Gorge within the Tswapong Hills in Botswana, the ghostly, baobab-laden rock island called Kubu Island, the mystical Tsodilo Hills with their magnificent

Bushman paintings, the splendour of Africa's great rivers and the crystal clear waters of the Okavango Delta.

We'll also visit Chobe National Park, the third largest reserve in Botswana, famous for its large concentrations of wildlife. No African trip will be completed without following in the footsteps of the great explorer, David Livingstone and visit Victoria Falls, the Smoke that Thunders...

The Team

This tour is led by Kinyemi Africa. The passionate team consists of an experienced nature conservationist and adventure guide who will be in radio contact with you at all times and impart a wealth of biological, cultural, historic and four-wheel drive knowledge.

The Kinyemi crew, will host this adventure, seeing to all your needs and ensuring that this tour is most fulfilling and memorable.

Our modest wizard of mealtimes, an experienced bush chef, will surprise and treat you daily with three scrumptious, healthy meals. Expect to be amazed and awed by the delicious surprises that magically appear from his mobile kitchen. The good old coffee pot will be on the fire from dawn until late and meals will be enjoyed sitting around the campfire beneath the star-strewn African sky.

This trip can be done in a 2x4 vehicle with high clearance and diff-lock. A 4x4 is therefore not essential.

This is not a very “technical” 4x4 trip; however, should you experience any difficulty, the crew has the “know-how” and recovery equipment to assist with off-road problems.

Accommodation

Accommodation varies from camping, with tents provided by us (where our logistics crew will pitch and take it down at all the overnight spots we visit), to tree houses with stunning views of the river and formal, en-suite rooms and chalets.

Adventure travel plan

Day 1: Home - Goo-Moremi

In the late afternoon we'll meet at a lodge approximately 1½ hour's drive from Martin's Drift Border Post. This is our first night of camping and after settling in we'll gather for a leisurely dinner around the campfire, meeting our fellow travelers. Your guide and hosts will enlighten and orientate you fully and elaborate on the wonderful adventures that you can expect over the next two weeks before retiring to your canvas dwelling for the night.

Day 2: Goo-Moremi

After a hearty breakfast, we'll explore our breath-taking surroundings on foot, guided by an experienced representative of the National Museum.

It is interesting to note that the gorge was formed by numerous seasonal rivers fed by natural springs, which carve deep into the hills and cliffs. The springs form permanent waterfalls which plummet down into deep pools below, fringed by a variety of unique vegetation found nowhere else in Botswana. NB: the pools in the gorge are reserved for the ancestors, and swimming is not allowed in them...

After a light lunch you can spend the afternoon at your leisure, bird watching, taking a drive to the nearby local village or just enjoying the breath-taking surroundings.

Day 3: Goo Moremi - Kubu Island

After an early morning light breakfast, a safety briefing and the issuing of two-way radios for communication, we'll commence our journey towards the vast, flat expanse of the Makgadigadi Pans.

The island consists of giant, pinkish-grey granite boulders and Baobab trees, jutting out from the dazzling white salt pan, especially when touched by the gentle, pinkish-grey and purple hues of sunrise and sunset - the perfect backdrop for sundowners.

This is a photographers dream and a sight you will never forget.



Day 4: Kubu Island - Maun

For the early birds and keen photographers, an awe inspiring sunrise will greet you whilst you enjoy coffee and rusks. After breakfast and an informative meander around the island, we head north on a two-spoor track along the edge of the empty salt pans. Our destination: a lodge located on the banks of the Boteti River.

Day 5: Maun - Shakawe River Lodge

In the early morning there is an opportunity for a highly recommended hour long scenic flight over the Okavango Delta. This is optional and not included in the tour pricing.

After refueling, we'll navigate our way along the western side of the delta towards the panhandle of the mighty Okavango River, past the town of Gumare and arrive at Shakawe River Lodge. Situated under the shady canopy of riverine trees, our camping site nestles, with unspoilt views of the Okavango River. The main bar area at the campsite has a small restaurant with a basic bar menu.

Day 6: Shakawe River Lodge - Ngepi Camp

We'll rise early and after breakfast, we'll set off to look for one of the most highly desirable birds in the world, the illusive Pel's Fishing Owl. The Okavango Delta of Botswana; however, provides one of the very best opportunities to catch a glimpse of this beautiful feathered creature.

Later we'll head out in a northerly direction to cross into Namibia via the mystical Tsodilo Hills with their magnificent Bushman paintings. We'll learn more about the Bushmen, visit the museum and have a picnic lunch in this geological wonderland, which is the highest point in Botswana.



The Tree Houses at Ngepi Camp will be our accommodation for the next three nights. The camp is situated in a belt of giant Jackalberry trees and boasts a floating swimming pool in the river. Each tree house has been specially designed so that guests can see the sun rise between their toes when lying in bed!



Dinner will be served around the camp fire on the banks of the river.

Day 7: Ngepi Camp

We'll spend the day testing our game-viewing skills in the Mahango Game Reserve, where a brunch will be served at one of the many scenic stops. Apart from antelope, you can expect to see Elephant, Hippo, Buffalo, Crocodile, Warthog, Baboon and Vervet Monkeys. This section of the Bwabwata National Park has over 300 bird species and boasts four of the Big Five. It is also renowned for its herds of Roan and Sable antelope.

Day 8: Ngepi Camp

Today, you'll have the opportunity to have a lie-in as you will decide on your own morning activities. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the lodge and you have the opportunity to relax in the camp or visit the nearby Buffalo Core Area, a part of Bwabwata National Park, with its unique sand tracks and very interesting history or even visit the Popa Falls.

There are also a number of activities available in and around the camp such as bird watching, dug-out canoe trips, village tours and fishing. These activities are additional and not included in the price.

In the late afternoon we'll meet for a relaxing sundowner cruise on the Okavango River.



Day 9: Ngepi - Nambwa

We'll pack up and head east to an extraordinary piece of wilderness, a campsite near the remote Bwabwata National Park. Bwabwata National Park holds the distinction of being the largest wetland area with conservation status in Namibia. More than 450 different bird species have been counted in this region and it promises to be a mecca for all the bird lovers.

Our campsite is unfenced and wildlife can roam freely...



Day 10: Nambwa

We'll spend the day relaxing and game driving in the park. We can expect to see lion, leopard, spotted hyena, giraffe, impala, red lechwe, reedbuck, large herds of elephant and buffalo as well as the elusive sitatunga. The two days in this region promise to be one of the many highlights of the trip and an opportunity very few people will have the privilege to experience in their lifetime.



Day 11: Nambwa - Kasane

After breakfast we'll say goodbye to this wonderland. Our next stop: a lodge outside Kasane in Botswana, where we'll spend the next 3 nights in formal accommodation.

En route, we'll stop in the town of Katima Mulilo for some open air market shopping at the centre of the city offering a peek into Katima's locals and their lifestyle. There is a meat market and various open stalls selling fresh vegetables. The Zambezi region is known for various wood carved items and a must, if you want to buy souvenirs.

Lunch will be enjoyed at Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge situated a few kilometres east of the town of Katima Mulilo. It is nestled amongst a lush green garden overlooking the banks of the Zambezi River. Here you'll have an opportunity to spot the beautiful Schalow's Turaco.

Day 12: Kasane

Our destination for today: one of Africa's largest wonders and attractions – the mighty Victoria Falls, visited by bus. After visiting the Falls there will be time to do some sight-seeing and shopping in the Victoria Falls village and, for the brave of heart, the most scenic "bungee jump" in the world can be taken off the Vic Falls Bridge.

Scenic helicopter flights over the falls can be arranged and are highly recommended.



Day 13: Kasane

Chobe National Park day - In the morning, we'll enjoy a three hour game drive on an open safari vehicle and, in the afternoon, a three hour boat cruise on the Chobe River into the park.

We'll spend our second-last night around the camp fire, enjoying the unique bond of friendship that can be formed only among fellow travelers who have experienced the magic of the African bush together.



Day 14: Kasane - Francistown

Our journey has come to an end and our last stop is Woodlands Stop-Over & Lodge overlooking the Tati River. Crisp white linen, lush green lawn and a sparkling swimming pool awaits us after a long, adventurous and unforgettable trip. One last time, we'll join each other around the campfire for a delicious meal, reflecting back on the past two weeks and reliving a few moments. This night promises to be one of the highlights of the trip.

Day 15: Francistown – Home

Sadly after breakfast we say goodbye and head home.