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**15 NIGHT BOTSWANA AND ZIMBABWE EXPEDITION SAFARI
SMALL TENTED CAMPS – WALKING, MOKORO, CANOEING AND 4 X 4**



Small tented camps. Action. Adventure. Luxury. This trip is all about balance. It has the perfect amount of authentic safari experience with all the trimmings. Start your safari on the heart shaped island of Pelo in the Okavango Delta. Explore the Linyanti wetlands on foot and experience all that the African bush has to offer. Gaze at Victoria Falls and enjoy some white water rafting or microlight over the Falls, Get closer to elephants as you sit by the elephant pool at Somalisa Expeditions in Hwange National Park and watch the elephants come to you. Canoe down the Zambezi River with experienced river guides watching as elephants cross your path and hippo call from the shallows.

DAY ONE

On arrival into Maun International Airport you will be met and assisted to board your light aircraft flight to Pelo Camp in the Okavango Delta for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

The word Pelo in Setswana means 'heart' – a fitting name inspired by the distinct heart-shaped island in the heart of the private Jao Concession on which the camp is built. This is the Delta as it is meant to be enjoyed – remote, genuine, and wild.

Pelo's main area features a tented dining area and lounge situated under wild date palms, jackalberry and Natal mahogany trees and there is a small plunge pool for refreshing dips in the midday heat, an outdoor boma area and a raised lookout deck perfect for sundowners.

The five guest tents all have comfy beds, covered verandas and en-suite bathrooms with both an indoor and outdoor shower. The camp's low-impact, carbon-neutral activities allow unobtrusive wildlife viewing and a sense of being at one with nature.

Pelo lies in a true wetland area of the Okavango Delta, an ideal habitat for the elusive sitatunga antelope and common red lechwe. Hippo and crocodile are also regularly sighted. In the dry season lechwe, impala, elephant are prevalent, with lion, leopard and buffalo sighted occasionally. Birdlife is exceptional with the largest concentrations of Endangered wattled crane found here as well as slaty egrets, rosy-throated longclaws, African skimmer and Pel's fishing-owl.



DAY FOUR

Today you will be transferred back to the airstrip for your flight over the Okavango Delta to the Linyanti where you will be met by Linyanti Expeditions and transferred to camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Linyanti Expeditions is located on the southern banks of the Linyanti River in northern Botswana set in the Linyanti Wilderness Reserve - a private concession of grasslands, riverine forest and meandering lagoons. The camp is a very comfortable but simple tented camp with a hint of style - elegant touches of copper and cut-glass add a dash of old-world charm.

With only 6 tents the camp has an intimate atmosphere and personal service. The main area has two canvas-covered hubs; a dining area with an exposed kitchen and an open lounge. The guest tents are firmly rooted on the ground giving that extra level of connection to nature and each room has en-suite bathrooms with chemical eco-friendly toilets and al fresco bucket showers



Each tent has Star Suite - a gazebo extension where beds can be moved at night to give the experience of sleeping beneath a blanket of stars. You can immerse yourself in the wilderness while still staying in the security of a mesh-enclosed area.

The lodge is in a very good area to experience wildlife - herds of elephant, buffalo and zebra that attract predators such as lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena and wild dogs. Activities include walking safaris, river activities such as mokoro trips, day and night game drives.



DAY SEVEN

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight to Kasane International Airport where you will be met and transferred across the border into Zimbabwe and on to Batonka Guest lodge for 3 nights on a half board basis.

Set in lush gardens, a tranquil haven away from the bustle of town but within easy walking distance of the main attractions; this little lodge has become renowned for its exceptional service standards.

The lodge offers 27 well-appointed rooms with elegant, contemporary style décor encompassing Victoria Falls' colonial past and African flavour. All rooms are air conditioned; have ensuite bathrooms and a private balcony/patios and there are a few rooms offering an interleading room option ideal for families.

The main lodge offers indoor and outdoor dining, a cosy lounge and beautiful veranda opening out onto the surrounding gardens and swimming pool areas.



DAY TEN

Today you will transfer to Victoria Falls International Airport in time for your light aircraft flight to Hwange National Park. On arrival you will be met by Somalisa Expeditions and transferred to camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Capturing the ambiance of a mobile tented camp but with all the comforts of a tented camp, Somalisa Expeditions gets you closer to elephants. Sit out on a raised deck in front of the camp with a waterhole right in front of you and watch at the elephants come to drink just a few meters from your chair!

Guest tents are set on the ground giving you a closer connection to a wilderness experience and the tents are well equipped with proper beds and ensuite facilities at the back. The main tent has a comfortable sitting and dining area and a bar.

Set within a private concession in the Hwange National Park activities include walking safaris and game drives all led by experienced and qualified guides passionate about wildlife and the wilderness.



Hwange's mix of different veld and landscape types means that game viewing is excellent year round. Wildlife you may see includes lion, large herds of elephant, buffalo, cheetah, leopard, spotted hyaena, wild dog, giraffe, sable, roan, blue wildebeest, impala, waterbuck and reedbuck. In summer, wildebeest, zebra and eland are found in abundance on the open plains, while in winter elephant congregate in enormous numbers around the waterholes. Birdlife in the area is prolific with over 400 species recorded.



DAY THIRTEEN

Today you will be transferred back to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight to Mana Pools. On arrival you will be met by Zambezi Expeditions and transferred to camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Zambezi Expeditions has one of the most magnificent settings in Zimbabwe's Mana Pools National Park. Comfortable yet classic – this simple tented camp sits in the shade of winter thorn and ebony trees. Each tent has en suite bathroom facilities with hot bucket showers and the main area has comfortable seating, a dining area and charging facilities for your cameras and devices.



The camp is right next to the Zambezi River and offers adventurous canoeing safaris, tracking game along the shorelines by foot, fishing for tiger fish and game drives in open 4 x 4 along the flood plains and into the heart of the Mana Pools UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Wildlife in the area offers large concentrations of buffalo and elephant and predators such as lion, wild dog, leopard and cheetah are often sighted. Greater kudu, Burchell's zebra, impala, warthog and common

waterbuck can be seen on the surrounding plains and the grunting of hippo can be heard all day. Birdlife is superb, with numerous local specials like collared palm-thrush and racket-tailed roller.



DAY SIXTEEN

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight to Harare to connect with your international flight home.

If you would like to extend your safari then you can enjoy some more time in Botswana either in the desert areas of the Kalahari Desert, Nxai Pan or the Makgadikgadi Pan, the Okavango Delta or Chobe. You can extend your safari at the end to the remote and stunning Chilo Lodge in the Gonarezhou National Park – please ask!





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