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**9 NIGHT SMALL GROUP FLYING SAFARI TO BOTSWANA
CENTRAL KALAHARI RESERVE, OKAVANGO DELTA AND LINYANTI
WITH WILDERNESS SAFARIS
12th NOVEMBER 2021**



DAYS ONE TO THREE

Arrive into Maun where you are met by Wilderness Safaris and assisted to board your light aircraft flight to The Central Kalahari Reserve where you will be met by Wilderness Safaris and transferred to Kalahari Plains Camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Today you will transfer to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight down to the Central Kalahari Reserve for three nights at Kalahari Plains Camp on an all-inclusive basis.



Kalahari Plains lies in a remote part of the diverse Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) and offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Africa, particularly in summer. Located in the Kalahari Desert in central Botswana, this reserve is the largest conservation area in the country and one of the largest in the world. Its star attractions include the legendary Kalahari black-maned lion as well as some of the world's best cheetah viewing.

Kalahari Plains overlooks an immense pan with endless horizons and beautiful skies. It comprises eight en-suite canvas units with a sleep-out platform above each from which to enjoy moonlit or star-studded nights. The main area consists of a lounge and dining area with a pool and deck. Solar power provides all the electricity and hot water in the camp and insulated canvas walls and roofs keep temperatures inside the units comfortable.



Healthy wildlife populations are present in the area all year round but with the advent of the summer rains, the desert comes to life. A plethora of plains game such as springbok and gemsbok converge in their hundreds to graze, followed by lion, one of the highest concentrations of cheetah in southern Africa and leopard.

In winter, the Kalahari is a typical desert. General game is still easily seen, from the carnivores to wildebeest, red hartebeest and steenbok as well as small predators like black-backed jackal, Cape fox, honey badger and myriad mongoose species. Some 220 bird species have been recorded.

Activities at Kalahari Plains include 4 x 4 game drives, cultural experiences with the San Bushmen and each room offers a sleep out experience. Kalahari Plains is involved in a number of conservation initiatives that include wild dog research and working closely with local communities.

DAYS FOUR TO SIX

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip for 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 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 comprises a tented dining area and lounge situated under impressive wild date palms, jackalberry and Natal mahogany trees and the plunge pool allows for refreshing dips in the midday heat. There is also an outdoor boma area and a raised lookout deck perfect for sundowners.

The five intimate guest tents, complete with covered verandas, have 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.

Activities at Pelo include walking safaris, mokoro safaris and boating safaris. Pelo is an excellent example of a light-footprint camp, built using natural materials, operating on 100% solar power, and offering low-impact, carbon-neutral activities.



DAYS SEVEN TO NINE

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Linyanti – on arrival you will be met by Linyanti Tented Camp and transferred to camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Linyanti Tented Camp is in a superb location overlooking the Linyanti Swamps and is a wonderful place to start your Botswana Safaris. The camp is a traditional tented camp and the rooms are very well appointed with a proper bed and ensuite bathroom and really gets you out into the wilds of remote Botswana!

The camp overlooks the iconic marsh and floodplains and has just four large, airy and ensuite tents designed to recreate the style of the early explorers. Built on a slightly raised deck with impressive views, the camp's main area is the perfect place from which to watch the passing wildlife and relaxation inbetween game drives. Evenings are spent around the camp fire under the stars or in the traditional boma.

Given its location on the Linyanti Marsh and easy access to a combination of habitats, floodplains, open dry-land savannah and woodland, the area is a magnet for big game and birdlife. Well-known for its huge elephant concentrations as they congregate along the waterways during the dry winter months, the area is also well known for general wildlife including specials such as roan and sable. Predator sightings may include lion, leopard, wild dog and spotted hyaena.



Activities at Linyanti Tented Camp include day and night 4 x 4 safaris, walking safaris and watching wildlife from a photographic hide. Linyanti Tented Camp works closely with local government bodies to ensure the conservation of wildlife in the area through dedicated research focused on IUCN Red List species such as the African wild dog, elephant, lion and roan antelope.



DAY TEN

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight back to Maun. On arrival you are met and assisted to check in for your international flight back home.

This safari includes all your meet and greets, light aircraft and road transfers, accommodation, all meals, most drinks including wines and soft drinks/water (premium labels and champagnes are extra) sundowners, all your safari activities and all park/conservation fees.

Extra are your international flights, any personal expenditure and tipping.

Extend your safari – enjoy a couple of nights in Victoria Falls, Livingstone or Chobe at the end of your safari or enjoy the sights in and around Cape Town – please ask!



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