

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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### **11 NIGHT ICONIC VICTORIA FALLS AND BOTSWANA A LUXURY PRIVATE JOURNEY STAYING AT OUTSTANDING CAMPS**



**This journey will take you to some of the most iconic areas of this region and you will be staying at stunning camps and lodges which all reflect a romantic and bygone era of travel. Your journey will include Victoria Falls, Selinda Private Reserve, the game rich Duba Private Concession in the Okavango Delta and time in the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans in the south of Botswana. This is a wildly luxurious journey staying on some of the very best private areas of Botswana, the chance to see outstanding wildlife, and guided by some of the very best guides.**

#### **DAY ONE**

On arrival into Victoria Falls you will be met and transferred by road to the Victoria Falls Hotel for 2 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

*One of the world's Classic five-star hotels – the Victoria Falls Hotel commands prime location overlooking Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - a Natural Wonder of the World. The Edwardian-style hotel, built in 1904, was*



*splendidly redecorated in 2013 to combine its traditional majesty with modern sophistication. For more than 110 years The Victoria Falls Hotel has been a luxury icon in Africa.*

*With dramatic views of the gorges of Zimbabwe's spectacular Victoria Falls, The Victoria Falls Hotel, built by the British in 1904, was originally conceived as accommodation for workers on the Cape-to-Cairo railway) and today it is a famous luxury hotel. Serene Lily ponds, arched loggias and broad verandas offer magnificent vistas – enjoy a spot of high tea or a relaxed gin and tonic on the terrace. Some rooms offer stunning views of the gorges and bridge below.*



### **DAY THREE**

Today you will transfer by road across the border into Botswana and on to Kasane International Airport where you will be met and assisted your light aircraft flight to Zarafa Camp for 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis.

Zarafa means “the beloved one” in Arabic and comes from a giraffe that was presented to Charles X of France in 1826 by the Viceroy of Egypt. Today Zarafa is an exquisite camp located on the private 130,000 hectare Selinda Reserve. The Reserve links the Okavango Delta with Chobe National Park and every area of the camp offers stunning views over the Zibadianja Lagoon, the source of the Savuti Channel.

Each of Zarafa Camp’s four guest tents are 1000 square foot (100m<sup>2</sup>), set on raised decking, under flowing canvas. Entering through a Lamu door guests, find a lavish space of deep reds and browns. The bedroom is connected to a full lounge and open layout bathroom complete with cooper claw-foot bath. Extensive decking includes a private plunge pool and outdoor shower.

Under a canopy of ebony trees the camp has a sizable main lounge, library, dining area and bush boutique. An outdoor gym and in-room massage are available. With all its careful appointments, Zarafa maintains the perfect balance between luxury, romance and adventure and the camp has no equal when it comes to its environmental credentials. Only recycled hardwoods and canvas were used in the construction, all the camp’s electricity comes from its solar farm and a bio-gas system converts vegetable waste into usable cooking gas.



Selinda Reserve is home to leopard, lion, cheetah, elephant, buffalo, red lechwe, zebra and giraffe. It is also a refuge for some of the more uncommon species such as African wild dog, roan and sable. And for birders the nearby African skimmer colony is a highlight. From camp, hippos are visible in the Lagoon and elephant wander through regularly. It is an exciting area, and guests are in the heart of this wilderness wonderland.



## DAY SIX

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Selinda Explorers Camp located in a private concession within the Okavango Delta for 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis.

*Duba Explorers Camp is a wildlife connoisseur's getaway; situated on an island in the northern reaches of the 33,000 hectare Duba concession and surrounded on all sides by pristine Okavango Delta. This intimate camp, with its own private traversing area within the concession and away from that of Duba Plains Camp, consists of five expedition-style tents of light airy canvas on slightly raised decking, each with views of the surrounding floodplain.*

*Each tent is stylishly furnished and designed to capture a spirit of exploration. Each room has a campaign writing desk and private veranda as well as ensuite facilities consisting of flush loo, double vanities and indoor shower. Fans and open air design maintain a comfortable climate for rest and relaxation. The main area is open-air, under sweeping marquee canvas, on raised decking and consists of an open-concept dining and lounge area.*

*Duba Explorers Camp prides itself on its extraordinary wildlife experiences. Guests of the camp enjoy regular sightings of a diverse range of species, including lechwe, kudu, tsessebe and giraffe. Herds of*



*elephants and buffalo move around the camp and hippo trudge through the swamps creating their channels and paths daily. Lions, leopards and even African wild (painted) dogs are spotted regularly. Birds abound, and the area is a birdwatcher's paradise. Enjoy guided walks, mekoro and boating opportunities or early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives and revel in the one of the most stunning and varied wildlife areas in the world.*



## **DAY NINE**

Today you will transfer back to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight to Maun and on to San Camp for 3 nights on a fully inclusive basis.

*San Camp sits at the edge of the mysterious Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (overlooking Nwetwe Pan to be precise) in the heart of the Kalahari Desert and adjoining the Makgadikgadi National Park. The pans were once a super lake covering most of Botswana, and they shimmer seemingly never-ending all the way to the horizon, interrupted only by scattering of desert palms and baobabs. The beautiful nothingness brings with it a cathartic sense of silence, and there is truly nowhere on earth like this magical corner of Botswana.*

*Think enormous four-posters, draped in crisp cotton and feather-soft blankets, raised high above Persian rugs. Mahogany writing desks and leather armchairs contrast the rugged surroundings, and there's a lazy day bed just outside, perfect for an afternoon of view-gazing. Ensuite bathrooms have hot, running water showers and flush loos, and there's plenty of water in the elegant copper jugs and basins. The entire camp runs on solar-power and when darkness falls, you'll find lanterns scattered around to light the way.*

*At the main area, the open-sided pavilions are bright and breezy – and let that view do the talking! Gather in the splendid mess tent for a three-course feast, accompanied by white linen and crystal glasses, or sink into a cushion in the tea tent and treat yourself to one of the best brownies in the desert.*

*San Camp's great appeal is the nothingness, but that certainly doesn't mean there's nothing to see. You'll find wildebeest and zebra roaming in straggled herds, standing out like sore thumbs against the pristine whiteness of the earth, and ostrich bobbing on the horizon. Stay for a few days and there's a good chance of spotting lion and elephant on a game drive, and even brown hyena, one of the continent's most rare and elusive mammals that's pretty much impossible to see anywhere else. The pan is home to Kori bustards and northern black korhaan, chestnut-backed finch larks and capped wheatears. And we couldn't talk about the Makgadikgadi without mention of our meerkats. The camp has worked with researchers to habituate a whole mob of them, and the cheeky fellows aren't afraid to come and find out exactly who you are.*



## **DAY TWELVE**

You will enjoy your last light aircraft flight over the desert back to Maun where you will be met and assisted to check in for your international flight home.

**Alternatively why not extend your safari to Africa! Enjoy some time in Hwange National Park before you visit Botswana or enjoy more time in the Okavango Delta.**

**You can also enjoy some time on a wonderful soft sand beach in the stunning Bazaruto Archipelago in Mozambique – please ask. This is a tailor made journey and can be changed to reflect your wishes.**





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