

TRACKS SAFARIS

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WALKING ADVENTURE ACROSS THE OKAVANGO DELTA A FLYING SAFARI - BOTSWANA



Day One – Footsteps Across the Okavango Delta

On arrival in Maun you will be met by our representative, then board a light aircraft transfer to the Shinde Private concession. The flight is approximately 25 minutes and you will be amazed as the desert transforms to delta before your eyes. At the airstrip you are met by your guides and transfer in a 4x4 safari vehicle to camp. Over a refreshing drink and light lunch, you will be briefed on activities and safety during your stay, then it is time to settle into camp.

Later in the afternoon begin your first lesson in bush craft and some basic pointers regarding animal behaviour and respect for all the inhabitants of the wilderness. Following this introduction over tea and cake, it is time to set out on your first short walk, allowing you to time to become accustomed to some of the sights, sounds and smells that make up the language of the African bush.

On return to camp take a piping hot, bucket shower under the stars, before aperitifs around the fire. During a sumptuous dinner, we discuss the lessons of the day, and learn more about Botswana, the history and its people.



Day Two – Footsteps Across the Okavango Delta

The day begins before sunrise with coffee/tea around the fire, and breakfast before heading out to see what the bush has in store for us.

Following the water's edge provides spectacular views of curious hippos and the multitude of water birds often including many migratory visitors. Plains game abounds; giraffe, zebra, tsessebe, impala, wildebeest and herds of lechwe graze on the open flood plains. On return to camp walking along the forest's edge you will often find bachelor elephants dozing in the shade, or bathing in the lagoons as the day heats up.

After a delicious lunch and a lazy afternoon napping or reading it is time to venture out again, this time (water level permitting) by mokoro on the lookout for the sitatunga, one of the world's most unusual and secretive species mainly found in the Okavango Delta. The mokoro provides one of the best opportunities to view this wonderful semi aquatic antelope, while discovering some of the multitude of plants and animals that make up this diverse ecosystem.

Day Three – Footsteps Across the Okavango Delta

Woken early by the sounds of the bush we head out again in search of wildlife learning about tracking skills over the thick Kalahari sands. Lions can be found and other species of mammals seen on walks include buffalo, wild dog and cheetah. All can be viewed safely on foot from a respectable distance and encounters like these are the ones you'll never forget!

The afternoon is time to take it easy after the long morning walk! Perhaps trying a spot of fishing, Okavango style, either along the banks of lagoons and channels or, for the more adventurous from the mokoro! Alternatively, should you wish to take a game drive to explore the area slightly further afield you may also do so as the safari vehicle is always at your disposal. The final dinner is cause for much celebration as the safari draws to an end, toasting new friends, reminiscing over unique experiences and lifelong memories, finally drifting off to sleep with the ever-present chorus of the hippos and the tinkle of the reed frogs.



Day Four – Fly to Kanana

This morning transfer to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Kanana for 3 nights. A hidden jewel on the Xudum River, Kanana is located in the southwest of the Okavango Delta. The area encompasses a necklace of islands dotted with palms, figs, ebony and knobthorn, and is home to a myriad of birds, plants and animals. The nature of the habitat means it is the perfect place to experience the diversity of species found within the Okavango Delta.



Guests are accommodated in seven spacious twin and double-bedded safari tents and one family tent, each with en-suite bathrooms with shower, hot and cold running water and flush toilet. The tents are well spaced, affording privacy whilst remaining within comfortable distance from the main camp area.

Activities include morning and late afternoon game drives in open safari vehicles, with afternoon game drives often continuing into the evening. Alternatively, you can explore the crystal clear waterways by Mokoro or motorboat, and enjoy the magnificent variety of birds, plant and reptile species found in the area. Birding is spectacular, and Kanana hosts a seasonal heronry that teems with activity, a Kanana highlight which converts all visitors to avid 'twitchers'. Guided bush walks are highly recommended as is fishing for tilapia, African pike and sharptooth catfish.

Day Seven

Today you will transfer to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Maun and on to the Kalahari to stay at Dinaka for 3 nights. An exclusive private reserve hugging the northern edge of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Dinaka is host to one of the most unique bio-diversities in Southern Africa. This ever-changing desert landscape gives refuge to the Kalahari lion, springbok, Oryx and brown hyena. The camp itself was acquired in 2017 and provides the perfect start or finish to any discerning travellers Botswana safari.

Guests are accommodated in seven spacious twin and double-bedded safari tents, each en-suite bathroom has an indoor and outdoor shower, hot and cold running water and flush toilet. Families are accommodated in a two-bedroomed tent, sharing a spacious en-suite bathroom – ideal for families in this child-friendly camp. Dinaka's tents are well spaced and raised up on wooden decks giving the perfect vantage point over a permanent water hole. Connected by wooden walkways all areas of camp are accessible by wheelchair.



Situated alongside the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, the focus of activities at Dinaka is exploring the Kalahari experience with wildlife ranging from giraffe to the antelope, small mammals like the honey badger, bat eared fox and porcupine to predators including the Kalahari lion, cheetah, leopard and brown hyena. Activities include morning and afternoon game drives in open safari vehicles, with afternoon game drives often continuing into the evening. Our window seat guarantee ensures no more than four guests per vehicle when out on game drives. Alternatively, you may get more up close and personal with nature on foot with guided bush walks. Birding is

particularly spectacular as Dinaka hosts over 200 different bird species including the Kori Bustard and Crimson Breasted Shrike and a high concentration of Pale Chanting Goshawks.

Day Ten

Today you will transfer to the airstrip for you light aircraft flight to Maun where you will be assisted to check into your international flight to Johannesburg and on to the UK arriving the next day.

Alternatively extend your safari to visit the vibrant city of Cape Town for a few days after your safari – please ask.

Safari Includes:

- Light aircraft flights as indicated in the itinerary
- Road transfers as indicated on the itinerary Accommodation on twin basis
- All meals when in camp
- Selected (local brand) beverages (South African wines and spirits) Activities as indicated on the itinerary
- Park fees and concession fees in accordance with the itinerary

Excludes:

- International flights, visas, tipping



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