



NXAI TRAVEL

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Mma-Botswana Self Drive Explorer – 21 Nights

This 22-day self-drive safari journeys from Chobe to the Okavango Delta via Victoria Falls, ideal for travellers who want to explore Botswana and Zimbabwe at their own pace while enjoying the comfort of safari lodges.

Cross borders, travel from camp to camp, and lose yourself in Botswana's vast and exquisite landscapes, and rest in welcoming lodges between exhilarating safari days.

Track predators on bush drives, experience guided walking safaris, drift along the Chobe River at sunset, glide through lily-filled Delta channels, and encounter extraordinary wildlife at every turn.

Tour details:

Tour days: 22 days

Accommodation: Standard and/or Camping

Tour Type: Self-drive

Dates: All year round. Weather conditions during the rainy season may require adjustments to the itinerary

See route map

TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1: Victoria Falls

Day 2: Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

Day 3 & 4: Nxai Pan

Day 5 & 6: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park & Boteti River

Day 7,8 & 9: CKGR

Day 10: Maun

Day 11,12 & 13: Moremi Game Reserve

Day 14,15 & 16: Khwai

Day 17 & 18: Savuti

Day 19 & 20: Chobe

Day 21: Victoria Falls

Day 22: (Departure)

**The meals and activities included depend on the lodges you choose, contact us for more details.*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, Makgadikgadi Pans in the Kalahari, Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta
- Good road conditions that are well sign posted
- Travel and explore at your own pace with a 4x4 vehicle equipped with GPS and satellite phone
- Cruise the Chobe River during sunset
- Explore the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- Go on thrilling game drives in Chobe National Park



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- Glide along the Delta waterways in a traditional dug-out canoe
- See the Victoria Falls from the sky (optional)

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: VICTORIA FALLS (1 night)

At the heart of Victoria Falls lies its greatest wonder, the waterfalls themselves. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most awe-inspiring sights on Earth, the falls stretch more than a mile wide and plunge nearly 300 feet into the Zambezi Gorge.

Each minute, over 550,000 tonnes of water thunder downward, sending mist skyward and painting rainbows across the rainforest, a breathtaking display of nature's raw power.

Standard Accommodation: Shearwater Village
Campsite Accommodation: Shearwater Village

Day 2: Makgadikgadi Pans (1 night)

Depart Victoria Falls by road transfer at 07h00, crossing into Botswana at Kazungula, where the borders of four countries converge. After clearing customs and immigration, collect your vehicle and continue south toward Zoroga on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.

Begin your Botswana safari with a visit to these vast, silent pans; a landscape of elemental beauty and endless horizons. In the dry season, feel the thrill of quad biking across this ancient terrain; in the wet season, witness the pans transform into a wildlife haven teeming with birds and migrating animals.

Serviced Camping Accommodation: Zoroga Expedition Camp

Day 3 & 4: Nxai Pan

(2 nights)

The journey begins in the cool early morning light, with the drive lasting until mid-morning.

Nxai Pan National Park is one of Botswana's great fossil lakebeds, offering unique safari encounters. Elephants, giraffe, springbok, ostrich and lions gather around its waterholes. During the rainy season, the zebra migration brings dramatic movement across the plains, while birdlife flourishes throughout the year.

Luxury Accommodation: Nxai Pan Camp
Camping Accommodation: Nxai Pan Campsites

Day 6 & 7: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park & Boteti River (2 nights)

After breakfast, begin the four-hour drive to Khumaga, located on the western bank of the Boteti River.



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This river forms the boundary of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park and serves as a vital lifeline for wildlife. It is also a key corridor in the annual zebra migration, sustaining life across this arid landscape.

Standard Accommodation: Boteti River Camp

Camping Accommodation: Boteti River Camp

Day 8,9 & 10: Central Kalahari Game Reserve

(3 nights)

Today, you will embark on an incredible journey into the heart of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, where we'll spend the next three nights exploring the captivating section of this wild sanctuary.

This adventure will take you through the breathtaking landscapes of Passarge and Deception Valley, each moment brimming with excitement and discovery. The reserve's expansive and rugged terrain unfolds before us, revealing vast grasslands teeming with life.

Here, you will be on the lookout for an array of magnificent wildlife, including graceful giraffes, stealthy cheetahs, cunning hyenas, and the majestic lions that roam this untamed paradise.

As we delve deeper into the beauty of the CKGR, every encounter will connect us to the raw spirit of the Kalahari, making this an unforgettable experience in one of Africa's most remarkable ecosystems. Overnight Campsite in roof-top tents and shared facilities

Camping Accommodation: 1-night Passarge | 1-night Piper Pan | 1-night Deception Valley

Day 11: Maun

(1 night)

From the Kalahari, continue to Maun, the vibrant gateway to the Okavango Delta. On arrival, enjoy a free afternoon to explore this lively town, rich in local culture and warm hospitality.

Dine at a local restaurant (own expense) and sample Botswana's traditional flavours as anticipation builds for the wilderness adventures ahead.

Standard Accommodation: Thamalakane River Lodge

Camping Accommodation: Sitatunga

Day 12,13 & 14: Moremi Game Reserve

(3 nights)

In the morning, stock up on supplies and refuel in Maun before setting off for the Moremi Game Reserve and Third Bridge, located on the edge of the Delta.

This is a prime day for game drives, with strong chances of spotting lions, hyenas, leopards, elephants and numerous antelope species. Botswana's camps are unfenced, allowing wildlife to move freely, and at night, animals may wander close to camp.



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Camping Accommodation: Third Bridge / Xakanaxa Campsite

Day 14,15 & 16: Khwai (3 nights)

One of Botswana's premier wildlife regions, Khwai lies along scenic floodplains that attract abundant game and birdlife. This is prime predator territory, offering excellent opportunities to see leopards, lions and African wild dogs in their natural habitat.

Luxury Accommodation: Camp Khwai

Standard Accommodation: Khwai Guest House

Camping Accommodation: Khwai Campsites / Magotlho

Day 17 & 18: Savuti (2 nights)

The drive from Khwai to Savuti is a game drive from start to finish. Begin early and enjoy a final exploration around North Gate before continuing into Chobe National Park.

Savuti is famed for its massive bull elephants and its iconic lion pride along the Savuti Marsh. The revived Savuti Channel has transformed the area, and the afternoon allows for an extensive game drive through this dramatic ecosystem.

Standard Accommodation: Camp Savuti

Camping Accommodation: Savuti Campsites

Day 19 & 20: Chobe (2 nights)

Standard Accommodation: Kubu Lodge

Camping Accommodation: Ihaha/ Senyati

Day 21: Vic Falls (Departure / End of Tour)

Return your vehicle at Kasane Airport before crossing into Zimbabwe for an overnight stay at Victoria Falls, ready to fly out the following day.

If your flight departs around midday, there is time for a final activity or a sunrise visit to the falls.

It has been an adventure. Go home. Share your stories. And begin planning your return.

Standard Accommodation: Shongwe Lookout