



NXAI TRAVEL

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Rra-Botswana Self Drive Explorer – 20 Nights

This immersive 21-day self-drive safari journeys from the dramatic landscapes of Goo Moremi Gorge through the vast Kalahari, into the waterways of the Okavango Delta, and back along Botswana's eastern corridor via the iconic Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.

Designed for adventurous travellers who prefer freedom with structure, this safari has all key accommodations and park camps pre-booked, allowing you to focus on the road, the wildlife, and the wonder.

Avoid national park booking frustrations and long queues by choosing this comprehensive self-drive package, which secures your campsites in premier reserves such as Moremi and Chobe. Traverse remote wilderness routes and encounter Africa's legendary Big Five along the way.

Many stops along the route can be upgraded to lodge or en-suite safari tent accommodation, giving you the flexibility to balance rugged adventure with added comfort whenever you choose.

Tour details:

Tour days: 21 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: Goo Moremi
Day 2: Khama Rhino Sanctuary
Day 3 & 4: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park & Boteti River
Day 5 & 6: CKGR
Day 7: Maun
Day 8 & 9: Moremi Game Reserve
Day 10 & 11: Khwai
Day 12 & 13: Savuti
Day 14 & 15: Chobe
Day 16: Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
Day 17: Lekhubu Island
Day 18: Francistown
Day 19 & 20: Tuli
Day 21: (Departure)

****The meals and activities included depend on the lodges you choose. Contact us for full details.***

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to Goo Moremi Gorge and Khama Rhino Sanctuary



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- Visit Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans in the Kalahari, Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta
- Well-maintained, clearly signposted road routes
- Travel and explore at your own pace with a 4x4 vehicle equipped with GPS and optional satellite phone
- Cruise the Chobe River during sunset
- Explore the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- Go on thrilling game drives in Chobe National Park
- Glide along the Delta waterways in a traditional dug-out canoe

- Zebra migration

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: GOO MOREMI GORGE

(1 night)

A long but rewarding travel day brings you across the Botswana border and onward to Goo Moremi Gorge. Nestled at the foot of the Tswapong Hills, this lush sanctuary of waterfalls and deep ravines is rich in cultural heritage and wildlife. Here you will camp at the campsite of Goo Moremi Gorge Resort

Goo Moremi Gorge is a community based cultural and heritage Tourism product managed by the Moremi-Manonnye Conservation Trust (MMCT) in partnership with Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO). This spectacular site sits on an expansive 1836-hectare conservation zone at the foot of the Tswapong Hills, about 342km from the capital city Gaborone, 67km east of Palapye and a 2-hour drive from the Martins Drift border.

Coordinates: S 22^o34.9589, E 027^o25.8511

The official National heritage site is where perennial streams have cut deep gorges into the hills, with waterfalls cascading into deep pools surrounded by lush vegetation. The gorges are home to many birds that feed on fish and small crabs in the pools and are breeding grounds for the endangered Cape vulture. Leopard, hyena and kudu live in the hills, and the cliffs above the gorge harbour baboons and rock rabbits. Steeped in myth and legend, the gorge offers a peaceful introduction to Botswana's natural wonders.

Standard Accommodation: Goo Moremi

Campsite Accommodation: Goo Moremi

Day 2: Khama Rhino Sanctuary

(1 night)

Travel north to the renowned Khama Rhino Sanctuary. Ease into safari driving on sandy tracks and enjoy a game drive or relax at the waterhole hide. With luck, you'll witness several rhino drinking at sunset, a powerful and unforgettable sight.

Camping Accommodation: Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Day 3 & 4: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park & Boteti River

(1 night)



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After breakfast, begin the journey toward Khumaga on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.

The Boteti River forms a vital lifeline for wildlife in this arid region and plays a key role in the annual zebra migration. Expect dramatic horizons, vast skies, and extraordinary sunsets across one of Earth's largest salt pan systems.

Standard Accommodation: Boteti River Camp

Camping Accommodation: Boteti River Camp

Day 5 & 6: Central Kalahari Game Reserve (2 nights)

Enter the immense wilderness of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve. Explore Passarge and Deception Valleys, where open grasslands host giraffe, cheetah, hyena and powerful Kalahari lions.

This raw and untamed landscape offers a deep connection to Botswana's ancient wilderness; a true safari in its purest form.

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

Day 7: Maun (1 night)

Arrive in Maun, the vibrant gateway to the Delta. Spend the afternoon at leisure; explore the town, enjoy a local restaurant, and soak up the easy rhythm of safari life before heading deeper into the wild.

Standard Accommodation: Thamalakane River Lodge

Camping Accommodation: Sitatunga

Day 8 & 9: Moremi Game Reserve (2 nights)

Stock up on supplies and fuel before driving into the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve and onward to Third Bridge.

This is prime wildlife territory; lions, hyenas, leopards, elephants and antelope roam freely. Camps are unfenced, allowing animals to pass through naturally, offering a thrilling and authentic bush experience after dark.

Camping Accommodation: Third Bridge / Xakanaxa Campsite

Day 10 & 11: Khwai (2 nights)

Set along the Khwai River floodplains, this region delivers exceptional predator sightings, including lions, leopards and African wild dogs. Rich birdlife and varied habitats make every game drive unpredictable and rewarding.



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*Luxury Accommodation: Camp Khwai
Standard Accommodation: Khwai Guest House
Camping Accommodation: Khwai Campsites / Magotlho*

Day 12 & 13: Savuti (2 nights)

The journey from Khwai to Savuti doubles as a game drive. Early starts increase your chances of sightings along the way.

This legendary region of Chobe National Park is famous for its bull elephants and lion prides. The revived Savuti Channel now brings water, and life, back to this historic marshland.

*Standard Accommodation: Camp Savuti
Camping Accommodation: Savuti Campsites*

Day 14 & 15: Chobe (2 nights)

Travel north to Ihaha, perched along the Chobe River with sweeping views into Namibia. Home to Africa's densest elephant population, this region offers unforgettable riverfront wildlife encounters and dramatic sunsets.

*Standard Accommodation: Kubu Lodge
Camping Accommodation: Ihaha/ Senyati*

Day 16: Ntvetwe Pan & Nata Bird Sanctuary Experience (1 night)

Journey south to the edge of Ntvetwe Pan. Enjoy a guided village visit and quad biking across the vast white plains, an exhilarating contrast to forest and floodplain ecosystems.

Serviced Camping Accommodation: Zoroga Expedition Camp

Day 17: Lekhubu Heritage Trail (1 night)

Venture deep into the pans to sacred Lekhubu Island, a place of silence, symbolism and surreal beauty. Ancient stone walls, built as far back as 1300 AD, and ritual cairns speak of long-past initiation ceremonies, while towering baobabs and birdlife dominate the skyline, most of them migratory such as the flamingo that nestles here seasonally.

*Standard Accommodation: Makgadikgadi Adventure Camp
Camping Accommodation: Lekhubu Campsite*



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Day 18: Francistown (1 night)

Continue to Francistown, Botswana's second-largest city. Overnight beside the Tati River, you can enjoy a restful pause before the final wilderness stretch.

Standard Accommodation: Woodlands Stop Over
Camping Accommodation: Woodlands Stop Over

Day 19 & 20: Tuli (2 nights)

Arrive in the rugged beauty of the Tuli Block along the Limpopo River. Activities may include tracking rhino with anti-poaching teams, walking safaris, or sundowners atop rocky koppies.

Wild dogs, elephants and leopards frequent the area, and every moment unfolds at nature's pace.

Limpopo-Lipadi is where you can take it easy and adjust to the relaxed rhythm of the bush, where the journey truly is the destination.

Standard Accommodation: River Camp (Self Catering)

Day 21: Limpopo (Departure / End of Tour)

Your journey ends along the Limpopo River.

You'll leave with dust on your boots, stories in your heart, and one unavoidable thought: *This is not the end, it's just the beginning of your next Botswana adventure.*