



NXAI TRAVEL

Tailored safaris. Timeless landscapes.

Mma-Botswana Self-Drive Explorer

21 nights/22 days

This 22-day self-drive safari journeys from Chobe to the Okavango Delta via Victoria Falls is 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. A route map will be supplied on enquiry.

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 selected.

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
- Glide along the Delta waterways in a traditional dug-out canoe
- See the Victoria Falls from the air (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-to-day itinerary

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-to-day itinerary

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.

Standard accommodation: Nxai Pan Camp
Camping accommodation: Nxai Pan Campsites

Day-to-day itinerary

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.

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-to-day itinerary

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 giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and lions.

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.

Standard accommodation options: Deception Valley Lodge or Tau Pan
Camping accommodation: 1-night Passarge, 1-night Piper Pan, 1-night Deception Valley

Day-to-day itinerary

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-to-day itinerary

Day 12,13 & 14: Moremi Game Reserve (3 nights)

In the morning, there's time to stock up on supplies and fuel up in Maun before setting off toward the wild beauty of Moremi Game Reserve and Third Bridge, located on the edge of the Okavango Delta.

The day is ideal for game drives, offering exceptional opportunities to encounter the diverse wildlife that thrives within Moremi. Lions, hyenas and leopards are often seen, along with elephants and a wide variety of antelope species.

Camps in Botswana are unfenced, allowing animals to roam freely through the area, and at night, you may be treated to the unforgettable experience of wildlife passing close to camp.

Luxury accommodation: Camp Moremi

Standard accommodation: Camp Xakanaxa

Camping accommodation: Third Bridge / Xakanaxa Campsite





Day-to-day itinerary

Day 15,16 & 17: Khwai
(3 nights)

As one of Botswana's premier wildlife havens, campsites in Khwai offer an extraordinary game viewing experience.

Situated along the scenic Khwai River floodplains, the area teems with diverse wildlife and bird species, making it an ideal spot for encountering predators such as leopards, lions, and the elusive painted wolf (African wild dog).

Luxury accommodation: Camp Khwai
Standard accommodation: Khwai Guest House
Camping accommodation: Khwai Campsites / Magotlho

Day-to-day itinerary

Day 18 & 19: Savute
(2 nights)

The journey from Khwai in the Moremi Game Reserve to Savute in Chobe National Park is a game drive in itself, offering rich wildlife encounters along the way. As with any Botswana safari, an early start is recommended, with time for a final game drive around North Gate before continuing north.

You will arrive at Savute in the afternoon. This legendary region is known for its powerful bull elephants and the famous Savute lion pride that patrols the Savute Marsh. Once dry for decades, the Savute Channel has flowed again in recent years, breathing new life into the landscape. The afternoon is perfect for an extended game drive to explore this remarkable wilderness.

Standard accommodation: Camp Savute
Camping accommodation: Savute Campsites





Day-to-day itinerary

Day 20 & 21: Chobe
(2 nights)

From Savute, you travel north through sandy tracks where a 4×4 is essential. This route leads into the northern reaches of Chobe National Park, where wildlife density increases dramatically.

Your destination is Ihaha, beautifully positioned along the Chobe River, with sweeping views across to Namibia. This region holds the highest concentration of elephants in Africa, and watching vast herds descend to the river to drink and bathe is one of the great spectacles of the safari world.

Standard accommodation: Kubu Lodge
Camping accommodation: Ihaha/ Senyati

Day-to-day itinerary

Day 22: Chobe (Departure / End of Tour)

It's the end of your adventure and time for you to return your rental vehicle at Kasane Airport before flying onward.

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

Don't forget to share your stories. And begin planning your return.

