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# The Ultimate Astrophotography Safari on Kubu Island

## 6 nights/7 days

Embark on a rare photographic journey to one of Africa's most surreal locations – Kubu Island, rising like a dream from the endless white of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.

This 6-night fully inclusive guided astrophotography safari takes you far from modern life and deep into a world of ancient baobabs, granite boulders, and night skies so clear they feel unreal. With almost zero light pollution, Kubu Island is one of Botswana's premier locations for photographing the Milky Way, star trails, and dramatic silhouettes at sunrise and sunset.

Here, patience becomes poetry and the sky becomes your subject.





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## Master astrophotography

Learn about:

- Creative Composition: The basics and beyond, such as The Element Approach, Balancing Composition etc.
- Basic to advanced techniques in digital landscape photography. There are instructors (in groups of 4-6 participants) meaning that virtually all levels of photographer can be catered for.
- Workflow & digital asset management.
- How to create awe-inspiring astrophotography and star trail images.
- How to create panoramic images.
- How to create time lapses (optional)
- Advanced composition for landscape imagery
- Post-production using Lightroom, Capture One and Photoshop





## Tour details

Tour duration: 7 days

Accommodation: Serviced mobile safari tents

Tour Type: Serviced Mobile Safari

Dates: PLEASE ENQUIRE

Group Size: Maximum 6 guests (minimum 4 required)

### TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1: Zoroga

Day 2,3 & 4: Makgadikgadi Pans National Park & Boteti River Front

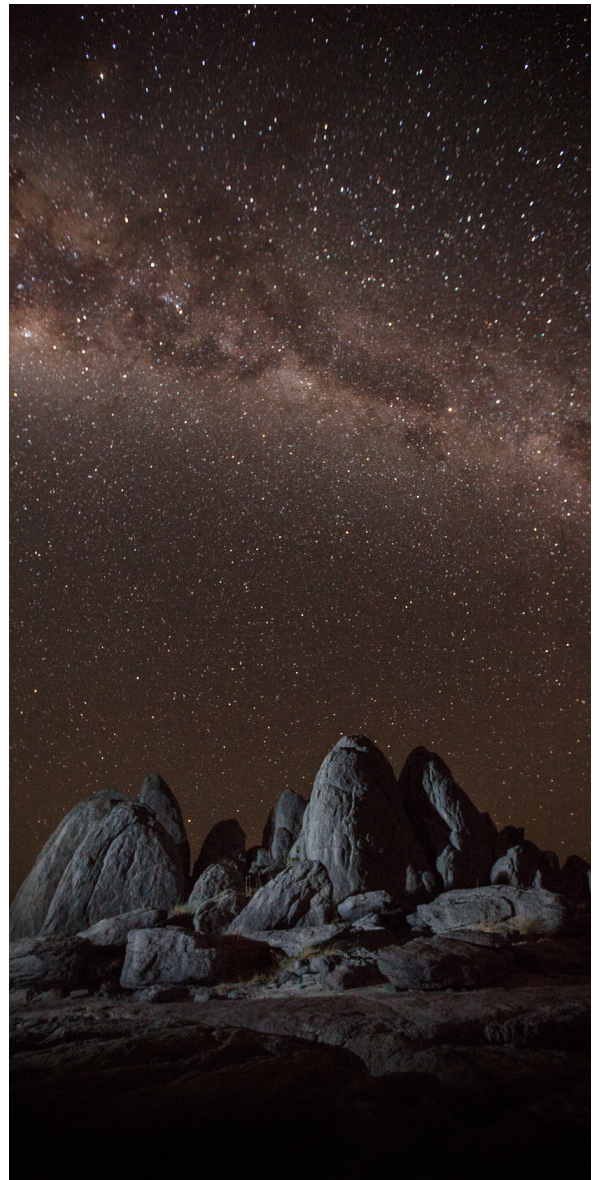
Day 5 & 6: Zoroga

Day 7: (Departure)

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

# Tour highlights

- Ancient baobabs as dramatic photographic foregrounds
- Night skies with exceptional visibility for Milky Way and star trails
- Vast salt pans creating striking sunrise and sunset compositions
- Granite boulders adding texture and scale to landscapes
- Luxury 4x4 transport and telescopes
- Use of astrophotography equipment and guided instruction
- Professional images of the tour and group
- Birding and photography at Nata Bird Sanctuary
- All meals, snacks, and selected drinks included





## Day-to-day itinerary

### Day 1: Zoroga (1 night)

Arrive in Maun and meet your guide before a scenic 5-hour road transfer to the edge of the Ntwetwe Pan. Settle into camp and prepare for your first night beneath desert skies.

Camping Accommodation: Zoroga Expedition Camp

# Day-to-day itinerary

## Day 2,3 & 4: Lekhubu Island (3 nights)

Depart early across the pans and arrive at Kubu Island by mid-morning. Receive introductory training in astrophotography and equipment use. Spend your days exploring the island's textures and trees, and your nights photographing the stars. Sunsets, silhouettes, and star trails become your rhythm here.

### Brief itinerary;

- Set up camp and start with exploring the island for photographic opportunities.
- Kubu Island – whole day of photography
- Exploring the island and capturing those amazing sunset images of Kubu.
- Photographic briefing

Camping Accommodation: Lekhubu Campsites





## Day-to-day itinerary

### Day 5 & 6: Zoroga ( 2 nights)

Leave Kubu Island and return to Zoroga. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Nata Bird Sanctuary, where thousands of waterbirds gather on nutrient-rich pans. Flamingos, pelicans, and raptors provide striking subjects by day, while evenings return you to desert stillness.

The Nata Bird Sanctuary is situated on the northeastern tip of the great Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, as such is one of Botswana's premier birding destinations.

Bird species that can be seen here include: the Grebe, the Cormorant, various Ducks, the Plovers, the Pelicans, pink-backed Pelican, the great white Pelican, the Avocet, the Black Winged Stilt, the Blacksmith Lapwing, the African Fish Eagle, the Pied Kingfisher, the Black-chested Snake-Eagle, the Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, the Martial Eagle, the Secretary bird and the African spoonbill just to name a few converge on the nutrient-rich waters of the pans.

Camping Accommodation: Zoroga Expedition Camp



## Day-to-day itinerary

### Day 7: Maun ( Departure / End of Tour)

After breakfast, transfer back to Maun International Airport for your onward journey.

Well... it has indeed been an adventure.

Go home.

Share your images.

Start planning your return.

Please note: Zoroga Expedition Camp transfers depart Maun International Airport for camp at 14h00 and depart camp for the airport at 08h00. Any deviation from these times will incur a private transfer cost.