

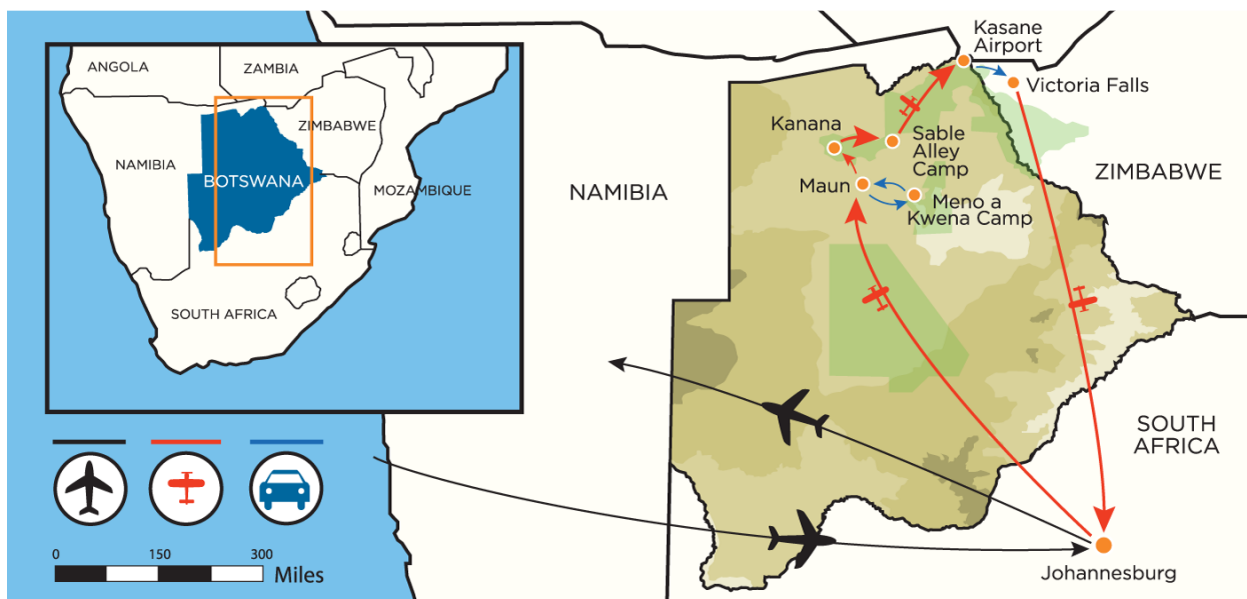
BOTSWANA

Botswana: Discovering the Delta & Victoria Falls

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe African wildlife at home in their natural habitats and learn all about them from naturalist guides
- ▶ Travel to two game reserves in Botswana's famed Okavango Delta and visit Makgadigadi Pans
- ▶ Experience the thrill of walking through the African bush in search of animals as well as game drives by night
- ▶ Sleep in luxurious tented camps as you try to distinguish between the call of a lion and the bark of a hyena

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

- Day 1 arrive Johannesburg, overnight near airport
- Day 2 meet your guide, fly to Maun, drive to your first safari camp
- Day 3 full day of safari activities
- Day 4 head to your next safari camp in the Okavango Delta
- Day 5 safari activities by vehicle, foot, or canoe conducted by professional guides in Kanana
- Day 6 another day of safari activities led by professional guides in Kanana
- Day 7 fly to your final safari camp
- Day 8 have one last day in the bush searching for African wildlife
- Day 9 fly to Zimbabwe, relax at your lodge
- Day 10 explore Victoria Falls, sunset cruise on the Zambezi River
- Day 11 fly to Johannesburg and depart for the U.S.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$14,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$3,500

TRIP DATES

May 9 - 19, 2025

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DAY 1
Friday
5/9/25

Arrive Johannesburg

Arrive in Johannesburg, the largest city in South Africa. This is the perfect place to meet up as a group before heading into the bush on a safari.

Arrival Information

Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB) at any time today.

Pick-up and Transfer

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner on your own this evening,

Accommodations
City Lodge
Johannesburg

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DAY 2
Saturday
5/10/25

Johannesburg to Makgadikgadi

The Makgadikgadi Pan is a salt pan smack in the middle of the dry savannah of north-eastern Botswana, and is one of the largest salt flats in the world.

Fly to Maun

Transfer as a group to the airport for your flight to Maun, Botswana. Then you will drive for about 90 minutes to Meno a Kwena, your home for the next few days.

Settle in at Camp

Settle into your stunning camp this afternoon. Unpack a bit and enjoy how private this camp is - with only ten tents, it will feel very intimate!

Activities at Meno a Kwena

You will do a number of activities while at Meno a Kwena, but the order in which the activities happen may change in order to give you the best experience possible.

Afternoon Game Drive

This afternoon head out to the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Search for antelopes, and just enjoy the vastness of the scenery.

Welcome Dinner

Enjoy your official welcome dinner back at camp. Toast the adventures to come!

Accommodations
Meno a Kwena

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 3
Sunday
5/11/25

Makgadikgadi Pans and the Kalahari

The Kalahari Desert takes up most of Botswana as well as part of Namibia and part of South Africa. The Central Kalahari Game Reserve covers almost 10% of Botswana's total land area.

- Morning Walk** Head out this morning on a walk with the Kalahari Bushmen. Stroll along the banks of the river and learn about traditional hunting and survival techniques. Enjoy a glimpse into the local traditional culture.
- Game Drive** Not far from camp, you will search for wildlife near the river. Be on the lookout for lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, warthogs, and more!
- Relax at Camp** Relax at your tent overlooking the river this is often flooded with elephants and other animals - you can watch the wildlife without leaving your bedroom!

Accommodations
Meno a Kwena

Meals Included
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dinner

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DAY 4
Monday
5/12/25

Makgadikgadi to Okavango

The Moremi Game Reserve is on the eastern side of the Okavango Delta, and was named after Chief Moremi of the Batawana tribe. Moremi combines permanent water sources with drier areas, which create startling and unexpected contrasts.

Fly to Okavango Delta

Drive about 90 minutes back to the Maun airport, where you will catch your flight to your next spectacular safari location - the Okavango Delta!

Settle in at Camp

Once you arrive, settle in at this beautiful safari camp adjacent to the Moremi National Park. The swimming pool gives it a luxurious feel - take a dip!

Afternoon Game Drive

Head off on an afternoon game drive in the Moremi Game Reserve. Search for all of the major predators in the area.

Accommodations
Kanana

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 5
Tuesday
5/13/25

Okavango Delta

In the Moremi Game Reserve, you can see an abundance of wildlife. Search for Cape buffalos, giraffes, rhinoceros, lions, elephants, hippopotamuses, cheetahs, hyenas, and many other species.

Safari's Life

Depending on the day, you may take an early morning walk to soak in the African sunrise, a game drive, or head out by canoe - enjoy the surprises that unfold for you along the way!

Night Drive

You'll have the opportunity to go out on a night game drive. Search for nocturnal animals and observe their behavior from your vehicle.

Accommodations
Kanana

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 6
Wednesday
5/14/25

Okavango Delta

Surrounded as it is by water and lying close to large rivers, water-based activities such as excursions by motorboats or traditional, canoe-like “mokoros” are a special feature here. The latter are especially popular as a means to experience the ambiance of the Okavango under the guidance of experienced watermen who pole guests quietly through these mesmerizing wetlands.

Today's Activities in Kanaka

The focus of activities at Kanana varies with the rising and falling levels of the Okavango Delta. Activities include morning and afternoon game drives in open safari vehicles, with afternoon game drives often continuing into the evening. Alternatively, you may explore the crystal-clear waterways by Mokoro or motorboat, and enjoy the magnificent variety of birds, plant and reptile species found in the area.

Accommodations
Kanana

Meals Included
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dinner

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DAY 7
Thursday
5/15/25

Okavango Delta

You will be transferred by light aircraft to Khwai private airstrip, a flight that takes about 20 minutes. Upon arrival, your guide will be waiting in an open 4x4 vehicle to drive you to camp. This drive is a game drive in itself and takes about half an hour, depending on what you see on the way and how many stops you make.

Morning Flight

Have breakfast this morning before catching your short flight to your next safari camp.

Explore Your Camp

When you arrive at your next camp, take some time to explore. At this camp, wildlife literally comes to you. There is an uninterrupted view of the plains.

Life at Camp

Enjoy an array of activities while at your camp - you will be able to go game viewing from safari vehicles, on foot and on the water.

Accommodations
Sable Alley

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 8
Friday
5/16/25

Okavango Delta

The water in the Okavango Delta does not flow into any sea or ocean but eventually just evaporates. The Delta is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Area was once part of Lake Makgadukgadi, an ancient lake that dried up by the early Holocene period.

Early Morning Walk

Get up early this morning and head out on foot. You'll search for wildlife and see the landscape from a different perspective while on foot. Enjoy the extraordinary quiet peacefulness of the African morning.

Breakfast at Camp

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at camp after your morning walk. Take some time to sit in an armchair and do some birdwatching.

Mokoro Adventures

This afternoon, head out in a mokoro, the traditional boat of the area. Search the waters for elephants, hippos, crocodiles, and the plethora of wildlife that come to drink at the banks of the river.

Accommodations
Sable Alley

Meals Included
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DAY 9
Saturday
5/17/25

Okavango Delta to Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is the largest waterfall in the world, and it is roughly twice the size of Niagara Falls. The Zambezi River flows into these world-famous falls.

Fly to Victoria Falls

Leave the Delta this morning and fly from Khwai private airstrip to Kasane airport. Next, you'll be transported to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at your hotel, get comfortable, take some time to discover the surroundings.

Accommodations
Victoria Falls Safari
Club
Meals Included
breakfast, dinner

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DAY 10
Sunday
5/18/25

Victoria Falls

The falls are formed as the full width of the Zambezi River plummets in a single vertical drop that is over 5,000 feet wide. There are also two islands on the crest of the falls that divide the flow of water.

Tour the Falls

Tour Victoria Falls today, just minutes from your hotel. Walk a path along the edge of the forest and brave the tremendous spray for an unparalleled view of the falls. You'll have a chance to view the falls from the Knife Edge Bridge, from which you can see the Eastern Cataract, the main falls, as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns to head unto Batoka Gorge.

Helicopter Flight

This 12-minute helicopter flight over the falls offers spectacular photographic opportunities. You'll fly circuits over the falls in both directions, as well as fly up and down the Zambezi River.

Aunt Flatter

Enjoy a local lunch with Aunt Flatter, an incredible local woman. She has lived through all of the ups and downs in Zimbabwe and will share what it has been like as a local woman. As a bonus, she will make a delicious lunch full of the local foods she grew up eating - this is a real treat!

Sunset Cruise

Take a sunset cruise this evening on the Zambezi River. Soak in the noise of the river and the falls as you search for elephants, hippos, and crocodiles.

Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a farewell dinner cruise with your group and toast the end of an amazing adventure!

Accommodations
Victoria Falls Safari
Club
Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 11
Monday
5/19/25

Depart Victoria Falls

Enjoy one more morning in Africa before departing for the U.S.

Midday Flight Fly as a group to Johannesburg mid-day. Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you catch your flight home.

Departure Information Depart Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB) at any time after 7:00PM today.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

City Lodge Johannesburg Airport

Conveniently located at Africa's busiest airport. Offers guests access to a wide variety of retailers, restaurants and banking facilities within the airport building. The Hotel is equipped with a fitness room and a pool deck.

Meno a Kwena

A tented camp that provides guests with a unique African wildlife experience. Nine luxurious guest tents, all with ensuite bathrooms, overlook a river often flooded with elephants and other animals.

Amenities: limited Wi-Fi available in the main lodge, laundry services available (with the exception of undergarments)

Kanana

The newly-renovated Kanana property is located in the Okavango Delta, and is home to an abundance of birds, plants, and animals. The tented lodges are spacious and well finished with a bathroom and shower.

Amenities: no Wi-fi or cell service; one guest computer with internet connection available, laundry services available (with the exception of undergarments)

Sable Alley

Sable Alley is a complete rebuild of a favourite old bush camp. Overlooking a lagoon that's connected to the River Khwai, just a stone's throw from the world-famous Moremi Game Reserve. From the camp's swimming pool, lounge and outdoor seating area there is an uninterrupted view of large herds of plains game, elephant and buffalo coming to drink.

Amenities: limited Wi-Fi available via a centrally located hotspot, laundry services available (with the exception of undergarments)

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Built on a plateau which overlooks the Zambezi National Park, Victoria Falls Safari Club offers luxurious and spacious accommodation with uninterrupted views of the pristine bushveld from your private balcony.

Amenities: soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairdryer, Wi-Fi, laundry services available (with the exception of undergarments)

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ All ground transportation
- ▶ Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Domestic airfare
- ▶ Gratuities for hotel and lodge staff

Not Included:

- ▶ International airfare to and from South Africa
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- ▶ Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Items of a personal nature
- ▶ Gratuities for guides and drivers

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable. For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

At AdventureWomen, we want everyone to understand that our excursions are adventure travel vacations and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one **actively participates**, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to **experience an active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends**. Most of all, we want our trips to be **fun!**

good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. **Being on time** is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a