

14 Day Botswana Mobile Safari:

MU = Mobile Unit

TT = Travel time

Trip Summary:

The Botswana 14 Day Mobile Safari starts off from Johannesburg when we depart early morning to head to the Botswana Border at Platjan. From Platjan it is only a 1 hour drive to Molema Bush Camp. The camp is situated right on the great Limpopo River, surround by large Ana and Nyala trees. We will do a short but detailed introduction for the Botswana Safari while enjoying a traditional South African braai (barbeque). From Molema we head to Khama Rhino Sanctuary, an attractive Kalahari bushveld area that was created as a safe haven for a strong population of white rhinos. After Khama we head to Nata Lodge, to settle in and enjoy a late afternoon sunset drive to Nata bird Sanctuary, which is one of the highlights on the trip if there is water in the Makgadigadi Pans. The next day you relax by the lodge before we become neighbours with many elephants at Elephant sands. A night is spent under the stars with the large neighbours frequently walking right past our camp. The next morning we head to the Most northern town of Botswana called Kasane next to the Mighty Chobe River. Here is the only place in the world where 4x countries meet at the same point divided by waterways. (Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe). You will then do an amazing sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River. Early the next day we travel on Safari to the famous Savuti for three nights, after which we spend one night in the town of Maun for restocking of supplies before we spend 3x nights in the Khwai Conservancy on the edge of Moremi Game Reserve. One last night is spent in Maun before departure on Day 14.

Day 1:

Transfer via JHB Int. to Molema Bush Camp – **TT: 558km 6.5 hrs**

Activities: Introduction, map and details discussed at braai for Botswana trip at Molema Bush Camp. Sunset game drive / drinks. The next morning we do an exciting early morning bush walk next to the Limpopo River, before heading to Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Things to see: Elephant, impala, nyala, leopard and bushbuck.

Day 2:

Molema Bush Camp – Khama Rhino Sanctuary **TT: 272km**

Activities: Game drive and sunset drinks to get close to the highly protected rhinos in Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Things to see: White rhino, zebra, giraffe, ostrich and Kori Bustard

Day 3:

Khama Rhino Sanctuary – Nata Lodge *TT: 409km 4hrs 51min*

Activities: Rest, swim at lodge pool. Dinner at lodge. Sunset game drive in Nata Bird Sanctuary on the edge of the Makgadigadi pans.

Things to see: Springbuck, blue wildebeest, flamingo and northern black khorhaan.

Day 4:

Nata lodge – Elephant Sands *TT: 64km 55min*

Activities: Watch elephants from up close drinking and eating at elephant sands. Swimming pool and bar area. Elephants became relaxed with this camp over the past few years and you would probably never get as close to wild elephants as here. Care has to be taken going to the bathrooms as elephants like to block off the entrance.

Open Safari vehicle game drive with Elephant Sands. (Optional after transfer from Khama Rhino Sanctuary)

Things to see: Elephant, greater kudu and wild dogs.

Day 5:

Elephant Sands – Kasane Thebe River Safaris *TT: 305km 4hrs 15min*

Activities: Sunset Boat Cruise on Chobe River. Beautiful views of the Chobe National Park with a variety of mammals and birds to see including, elephant, buffalo, hippos, crocodiles.

Things to see: Crocodile, hippo, buffalo, puku antelope and saddle-billed stork.

Day 6:

Thebe River Safari - Savuti *TT: 161km 4-5 hours depending on sand road*

Activities: Game Drives in Savuti. Enroute to Savuti are quite deep sandy jeep tracks which with some adventurous off road driving. Game viewing in this area is generally quiet, although still part Chobe National Park and we often get surprise sightings of lion on the way to Savuti camp.

Things to see: Sable and roan antelope.

Day 7:

Savuti

Activities: Game Drives in Savuti, relax at camp. Savuti is one the key highlights on the trip and although we can't promise big cat sightings in the wild, this area has been extremely productive and seeing lions in the beautiful Savuti marshy savanna is a special sight. Other African mammals in the area are very diverse and numerous, and game drives are rarely quiet.

Things to see: Lion, leopard, elephant and spotted hyena.

Day 8:

Savuti

Activities: Half day trip around Savuti area and picnic in the wild, relax at camp and late afternoon sunset drive.

Things to see: Lion, leopard, elephant and spotted hyena.

Day 9:

Savuti – Tented Camp Maun **TT: 214km 5hrs**

Activities: Game drive en route to Maun. African pizza dinner next to river.

Things to see: Lion, elephant and cheetah.

Day 10:

Maun – Kwai Mokoro station campsite **TT: 124km 2.5hrs**

Activities: Sunset Game drive along Kwai river. Beautiful area showing off the green line contrast of delta water and higher dry savanna, decorated with hippos, elephants and waterbirds. Kwai are also well known for good sightings of wild dogs, leopard, hyena and lion.

Things to see: Hippo, elephant, waterbuck and Pel's Fishing Owl.

Day 11:

Kwai Mokoro Station campsite

Activities: Guided Mokoro canoe ride on Kwai river at 07:00 to 9:30. Visit Kwai village and sunset drive along Kwai river. Late afternoon game drive along the Khwai River.

Things to see: Elephant, kudu, wattled crane and African fish eagle.

Day 12:

Kwai Mokoro campsite ***TT: 48km 5hrs (game drive on the way)***

Activities: Game Drive into Okavango Delta to Xakaxaka island. Walk along river and island. Optional boatcruise in Okavango delta. Late afternoon game drive or bushwalk along the Khwai River.

Things to see: Leopard, wild dog, elephant, red lechwe and Pied Kingfisher.

Day 13:

Khwai – Tented Camp Maun ***TT: 124km 2.5hrs (Game drive on the way)***

Activities: Conclusion of trip and relaxing sunset drinks next to the river listening to hippos and fish eagles for a last time.

Things to see: Hippos, waterbuck and elephant.

Day 14:

Departure. (Flight from Maun to OR Tambo or drive back to Pretoria (2 days))

Meals:

*All meals are included which are continental breakfasts (yogurt, muesli, cereals, rusks etc) Brunch / lunch (depending on trip day timing) and dinners (traditional South African ex braais and potjies)

MAP: Total distance: **1767km** (Ending in Maun and excluding game drives)

