

The DELA ULTIMATE: 20 Day Ultimate Mobile Safari: Botswana & Namibia

MU = Mobile Unit

TT = Travel time

Trip Summary:

The 20 Day DELA ULTIMATE Mobile Safari is the most recommended Safari after we carefully put together an itinerary which includes the popular National Parks of Botswana as well as the wild and beautiful Kwando Core area in Namibia. This Safari takes you through the open plains of central Botswana and the Makgadigadi Pans National Park, Elephant Sands, Chobe National Park and around the Okavango Delta to Maun. Other highlights include the Khwai Core Conservancy, Moremi Game Reserve and Savuti, before ending the Safari in style at Ihaha Campsite on the great Chobe River near Kasane. Join us for a trip of a lifetime in this specially made Safari package with Dela Safaris. Distances between destinations are easy and comfortable to travel, making this ultimate Safaris ideal for families or couples of all ages.

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:

Kasane – Nambwa Campsite (Kwando Core Area) *TT: 289km 4 hrs*

Activities: Game Drive through the Chobe National Park in the morning, before the Botswana – Namibia border crossing. Late afternoon game drive around Nambwa.

Things to see: Sable and roan antelope and hippo.

Day 7:

Nambwa

Activities: Morning game drive to see the famous horseshoe lake in the Kwando Core Area after which we have a lovely brunch next to the Kwando River at the camp. As well as an afternoon game drive deeper into the park for sunset snacks and drinks

Things to see: Hippo, elephant, wild dogs and leopard.

Day 8:

Nambwa

Activities: Daytrip into the Kalahari bushveld surrounding Kwando and then a game drive along the Kwando River on the way back. We will have a bush lunch under a large tree in the Kalahari.

Things to see: Cheetah, meerkat (suricate) and martial eagle.

Day 9:

Nambwa to Okavango River Camp: *TT: 214km 5hrs*

Activities: Game drive en route to Divindu, a small town on the Okavango River where we have a short break and stop looking at the river, before heading across the Namibia border back into Botswana on the western side of the Okavango Delta. We will do a game drive along the Okavango River on the way to the camp.

Things to see: Roan antelope, red lechwe, warthog and giraffe.

Day 10:

Okavango River Camp – Maun *TT: 358km 5hrs*

Activities: The drive to Maun takes you through the Kalahari on the western side of the Okavango Delta. Optional late afternoon 1 hour flight over the Okavango Delta.

Things to see: Ground squirrel, meerkat (suricate) and honey badger.

Day 11:

Maun – Khwai Core Conservancy *TT: 100km 4hrs (game drive on the way)*

Activities: Game drive on the way to the Mokoro Camp next to Moremi Game Reserve.

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

Day 12:

Kwai Mokoro Camp

Activities: Early morning Mokoro (dugout canoe) ride on the Khwai River. Game drive along the Khwai river and a visit to Khwai village. Late afternoon game drive along the Khwai River.

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

Day 13:

Khwai Mokoro Camp

Activities: Day trip and long game drive into Moremi Game Reserve towards XAkaZaka island and paradise pools.

Things to see: Hippos, waterbuck, spotted hyena and elephant.

Day 14:

Khwai – Savuti *TT: 80km 4hrs (game drive on the way)*

Activities: Game Drive on the way to the famous Savuti, passing through large open savanna.

Things to see: Lion, blue wildebeest, burchell's zebra and ostrich.

Day 15:

Savuti

Activities: Morning Game Drive around Savuti Camp passed waterholes and exploring the marsh area. After a midday break we will head out across Savuti Marshlands to visit Rhino Pan. This pan is ironically known for great numbers of elephants visiting instead of rhinos.

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

Day 16:

Savuti

Activities: After a quick continental breakfast we head north into Savuti to explore the denser bushveld areas and baobab trees. In the early afternoon we drive towards Rhino and Maraboe Pans to increase our chances to find the big cats!

Things to see: Lion, leopard and cheetah.

Day 17:

Savuti – Kasane (Thebe River Safaris) *TT: 214km 5hrs (Deep sandy roads)*

Activities: Game drive on the way to the most northern town of Botswana called Kasane on the mighty Chobe River. Afternoon- sunset boatcruise on the Chobe River into Chobe National Park.

Things to see: Hippo, crocodile, buffalo, red lechwe and African fish eagle.

Day 18:

Kasane – Ihaha Camp (Chobe National Park) *TT: 25km 2hrs (Game drive)*

Activities: Game drive on the way to Ihaha Camp right on the Chobe River.

Things to see: Giraffe, sable antelope, puku and elephant.

Day 19:

Ihaha (Chobe National Park)

Activities: Game drive around Ihaha camp, with a satisfying brunch on the Chobe River. Late afternoon and sunset game drive along the Chobe River. Optional Victoria falls daytrip.

Things to see: Lion, leopard, warthog and giraffe.

Day 20:

Ihaha Camp – Kasane Int. Airport. *TT: 25km 2hrs (Game drive)*

Activities: Morning game drive to the Chobe National Park's eastern gate.

Departure: Kasane Int. Airport.

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: **2985km** excluding game drives (Ending in Kasane)

