

10 Day Botswana Mobile Safari:

MU = Mobile Unit

TT = Travel time

Trip Summary:

The Botswana 10 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 do an amazing sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River and enjoy a relaxed evening before we head out to Savuti for a long day trip Safari into Botswana's prime wildlife destinations. Two nights will be spent at Savuti so that we have one full day to explore Savuti towards Rhino Pan and look for the big cats for which Savuti is well known. Lion and leopard sightings are very good here and with a bit of luck we may have some action! After our time in beautiful Savuti, we head south towards the Khwai Core Conservancy. Here we settle in close to North Gate of Moremi Game Reserve and have a relaxing afternoon, with rich birdlife, hippo and elephants. We stay two nights here and do game drives from the camp around the Khwai area, before we head home to Maun for departure.

Day 1:

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

Activities: Introduction, map and details discussed at braai for Botswana trip at Molema Bushcamp. Sunset game drive / drinks.

Day 2:

Molema Bush Camp – Khama Rhino Sanctuary **TT: 272km 4 hrs with time at border**

Activities: Morning Bushwalk along the Limpopo River from Molema Bushcamp. Game drive and sunset drinks to get close to highly protected last rhinos in Botswana.

Day 3:

Khama Rhino Sanctuary – Nata Lodge *TT: 409km 5hrs 30min*

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Day 8:

Savuti – Khwai Core Conservancy

Activities: Game Drive from Savuti to Khwai. Rest and settle in at Camp at Khwai. *TT: 140km 5hrs*

Things to see: Tsetsebe, lion, zebra, ostrich and Kori bustard.

Day 9:

Khwai

Activities: Morning and late Afternoon exciting game drives. Morning Mokoro ride on the Khwai River.

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

Day 10:

Activities: Early morning short bushwalk along the Khwai River, depending on departure time on Maun.

Departure via Maun 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: **1767km** (Ending in Maun and excluding game drives)



