

Miracle Rivers and Beyond – Mid Range

11 nights / 12 days

Starts Maun, Botswana / Ends in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



From US \$ 4430 per person

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| Day | Location | Accommodation | Transfers / Activities | Meals |
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| 1 | Moremi Game Reserve, Xakanaxa area | Camping wilderness tents with en-suite bush facilities | Upon arrival in Maun, you are met by a Safari Specialists representative and assisted to your light aircraft flight into Moremi Game Reserve where you are met by Letaka Safaris and proceed to the campsite. Afternoon activity. | Afternoon tea, D & SB |
| 2 | Moremi, Xakanaxa area | Camping | Game drives in Moremi Game Reserve | B, L, D & SB |
| 3 | Moremi, Xakanaxa area | Camping | Activities as above | B, L, D & SB |
| 4 | Khwai area bordering Moremi | Camping | Drive across to Khwai area, game drive en-route. Camp is moved to the Khwai area. | B, L, D & SB |
| 5 | Khwai area | Camping | Day and night game drives, guided walks and mokoro excursions | B, L, D & SB |
| 6 | Khwai area | Camping | Activities as above | B, L, D & SB |
| 7 | Linyanti, Eastern Selinda Spillway | Selinda Explorers Camp , luxury safari tents | Following breakfast and possible morning activity (flight time permitting), light aircraft flight from Khwai to Selinda, transfer to camp. | B, L, D & SB |
| 8 | Linyanti, Eastern Selinda Spillway | Selinda Explorers Camp | Day of activities from a choice of: guided walks and canoe trails in addition to a day trip game drive in the main Selinda area. | B, L, D & SB |
| 9 | Linyanti, Eastern Selinda Spillway | Selinda Explorers Camp | As above | B, L, D & SB |
| 10 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Gorges Lodge chalets | After breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitted), light aircraft flight to Kasane then road transfer across the border to Victoria Falls onto Gorges Lodge. Afternoon activity – see activity inclusions chart below. | B, L, D & SB |
| 11 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Gorges Lodge | After breakfast enjoy 2 lodge activities with further activities optional. | B, L, D & SB |
| 12 | Safari Ends in Victoria Falls | Ends Victoria Falls Airport | Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting), transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for onward travel. | B |

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Reference: B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner / SB=selected beverages

Highlights

- Small group camping Safari in Khwai Community area and Moremi Game Reserve
- Highly experienced Professional guides on the camping safari
- Guided walks, canoe trails, day and night game drives in the Selinda Spillway
- Victoria Falls



Cost of the safari 2015/2016:

| Safari Departure Dates | Cost per person sharing | Single supplement* | Average nightly rate per person |
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| 06 -17 March 2016 20 - 31 March 2016 | US \$ 4430 per person | US \$ 170 | US \$ 403 per person per night |
| 09 – 20 April 2016 18 – 29 April 2016 06 – 17 May 2016 20 - 31 May 2016 | US \$ 5590 per person | US \$ 170 | US \$ 508 per person per night |
| 04 - 15 June 2016 | US \$ 6130 per person | US \$ 170 | US \$ 558 per person per night |
| 25 June – 06 July 2016 | US \$ 6990 per person | US \$ 1430 | US \$ 635 per person per night |
| 09 - 20 July 2016 27 July - 07 August 2016 06 - 17 August 2016 13 - 24 August 2016 24 August – 04 Sept 2016 28 August – 8 Sept 2016 10 - 21 September 2016 14 - 25 September 2016 22 September - 03 Oct 2016 08 - 19 October 2016 19 - 30 October 2016 | US \$ 7540 per person | US \$ 1425 | US \$ 685 per person per night |
| 29 Oct – 9 November 2016 | US \$ 6680 per person | US \$ 170 | US \$ 607 per person per night |
| 16 - 27 November 2016 | US \$ 6130 per person | US \$ 170 | US \$ 557 per person per night |

Please Note:

- Please note that the camping section runs with a minimum of 2 persons booked
- Only the mobile camping sector operates with fixed dates, the balance of the safari is flexible to run in either direction, subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Optional alternatives available pre and post mobile safari in Victoria Falls and Okavango Delta on request – please discuss with your consultant
- Additional surcharges on transfers may apply for single travellers, the single supplement covers accommodation only, solo travellers please apply for a personal quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in National park fees
- Subject to availability at time of booking
- Optional pre and post safari extensions on request
- Please note actual order of the campsites (Xakanaxa/Khwai) may vary
- Pre-night in Maun recommended

Botswana Park Fees and Departure Taxes – Increase

Please be aware that the Botswana Park Fees and Airport Departure taxes may increase in 2016/2017. Regrettably such increases are beyond our control and are excluded from any bookings, provisional or confirmed. We will inform you should any increase be advised.



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By booking this itinerary, you donate USD\$2 for every night of travel per person on the booking. Your donation goes to **Travel for Impact (TFI)** and ensures that your safari has a meaningful impact on the people who live locally. For more information on giving back to your chosen destination of travel, visit www.travelforimpact.com

| Inclusions | Exclusions |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 nights Comfort Plus Mobile Camping in Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai Community area including camp beds, bed linen and wilderness tents with en-suite bush bathroom facilities, all meals, selected beverages and activities/current park fees – game drives, mokoro excursions in Khwai and day and night game drives in Khwai Community area • 3 nights Selinda Explorers Camp includes all meals, selected beverages, laundry service, activities/concession fees – day & night game drives, guided walks (safety permitting), mokoro boating, fishing (seasonal/water level permitting) • 2 nights Gorges Lodge, Victoria Falls Zimbabwe side, includes all meals, selected drinks, laundry service, 1 return shuttle transfer per day into Victoria Falls town, visit to Victoria Falls plus 4 activities from a choice of: guided tour of Victoria Falls, sundowner cruise, guided tour of the craft village, visit to the local village, school tour and gorge/birding walk • Light aircraft transfer Maun – Moremi • Road transfer from Moremi area to Khwai Community area during the mobile camping safari • Light aircraft transfer Khwai airstrip - Selinda Explorers - Kasane Airport • Road transfer: Kasane Airport across the border to Gorges Lodge, Gorges Lodge to Victoria Fall Airport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases in National Park Fees for 2015/2016 – package calculated on P70 per person per day entry fee in Moremi Game Reserve • Increases in government taxes and levies, exchange rate fluctuations and fuel surcharges • All extras and personal spending such as telephone calls/curio shopping/postage and so forth • International flights & taxes • All Travel Insurances • Any additional transfers/activities whilst at Gorges Lodge in Victoria Falls • Visas if required for travel in Zimbabwe and Botswana unless otherwise indicated • Premium imported wines, champagnes, spirits & liqueurs where drinks are included |

Detailed Itinerary:

Days 1 - 6: CAMPING, Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai Community area (fully inclusive)

Travel time: Maun – Moremi Area approx 30 min air transfer

Upon arrival in Maun you are met by a Safari Specialist representative and assisted to the light aircraft flight into Moremi Game Reserve. On arrival at Xakanaxa airstrip you will be met by the Letaka Safaris guide and proceed to your private pre-erected campsite (or straight onto a game drive, depending on arrival time). The following days will be spent exploring the Moremi Game Reserve and surrounding areas on game drives, including a mokoro excursion on Khwai River. Your six nights will be split between two different locations within the reserve and the neighbouring Khwai community area.

Please note that the flight is booked on a 'seat rate' basis and therefore flight times are not scheduled until the day prior to flying, the lodge management will arrange your activities and transfers accordingly. Please note that there is a strict luggage restriction on all light aircraft flights of 15kg per person in soft bags, plus hand luggage.

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Letaka Safaris mobile tented safaris are exclusive comfortable and fully serviced providing the perfect balance between adventure and relaxation. The highly skilled guiding on the camping safari takes you that extra step forward in learning about the wildlife of Botswana and together with your group; you will enjoy an in depth bush experience.

Accommodation is in spacious walk in safari tents with large mesh windows, a private bathroom en-suite and a shaded veranda. The tents are furnished with two single beds, complete with comfortable mattresses, duvets and pillows (bed and bath linen are provided), a bedside table, a small carpet and a battery powered lamp. Guest tents are serviced daily. The en-suite bathroom includes a hot water bucket shower, traditional long-drop toilet and hand basin.

Each tent has an oil/paraffin lamp on the veranda and in the bathroom. Although each tent has lighting and there are lamps strategically around the camp for navigation, an essential tool for your safari is a headlamp which lets you read a book at night in your tent or catch up with your safari journal as you listen to the sounds of the wild outside!



The central guest area is set out in the open wilderness, taking full advantage of the natural surroundings, and is furnished with a dining table and directors chairs. There is a dining tent where meals are served but due to the excellent weather and skies often dinner will be served beneath the stars. All meals are prepared by the camp chef and dinner is 3-course.

As well as our professional guide you will also be accompanied by a back up team consisting of a chef and camp assistants who are there to make your safari even more enjoyable. The camp staff set-up and break down camp as required as well as carrying out various daily camp chores ensuring our guests enjoy total relaxation on safari.

Letaka Safaris safari vehicles are spacious and comfortable, ensuring guests enjoy the best possible game viewing experience. All vehicles are fitted with inverters and strip plugs allowing guests to charge batteries whilst on safari with us using the ac charger that came with your appliance.

Letaka Safaris use Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana Sites (HATAB) within the National Parks and Game Reserves which are exclusive wilderness sites and can only be booked by members of HATAB. There are no fixed buildings or facilities at these sites and the entire camp is erected and removed by the supply team. Please contact us for a detailed itinerary for the mobile camping safari.

AREA DESCRIPTION – MOREMI GAME RESERVE & KHWAI COMMUNITY AREA

The Khwai Community area lies just north of the Moremi Game Reserve and is easily accessible via the North Gate of the park. Although the Khwai area is not officially part of the Moremi Game Reserve it can be seen as an extension of it as there are no fences and animals are free to roam. Khwai was established by the former inhabitants of the reserve (the River Bushmen) and is now managed by the community through the Khwai Development Trust. The wildlife experience in Khwai is the same as inside the reserve with the key advantage being the freedom to participate in walking safaris, off-road driving and night drives as the area is not governed by National Park rules.

The vegetation is varied, with dry land complemented by permanent and seasonal swamplands, resulting in an excellent diversity of both wildlife and birdlife. Game is more concentrated around the permanent water during the dry season (Apr - Oct) with it becoming very hot in the later months. The rainy season (Nov - Apr) invigorates the lush scenery with wild flowers, dramatic thundershowers, spectacular sunsets and the birthing season brings great predator and prey interaction.

Days 7, 8 & 9: SELINDA EXPLORERS CAMP, private Selinda Concession, eastern Selinda Spillway, Linyanti (fully inclusive)

Travel time: Khwai - Selinda Explorers Camp
Approx 30 min flight and 45 minute road transfer

After breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time dependant) you will be taken to the Khwai airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Selinda airstrip from which you enjoy a scenic game drive to camp.

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Selinda Explorers Camp is poised in a remote location on the famous Selinda Spillway west of the main Selinda camp. This luxury bush camp is set under canopies of jackelberry and mangosteen trees. As the lifeline of the Selinda Reserve, the Selinda Spillway is a crucial gathering point for the wildlife of this pristine 320,000-acre Reserve.



This classic camp, consisting of four custom-designed tents, transports guests back to authentic safaris, but with a modern twist and hospitality. Each of the four walk-in tents is expansive; in keeping with a bit of traditional safari the en-suite flush loo and shower are attached and enclosed, but under the stars. Hot/cold water is provided by jug on demand. The double- vanity copper vanities and dressing make for spacious accommodation. Stylishly decorated with campaign-style furniture, decanters of cognac, Persian rugs brass hipbaths and persona hammocks adorn each verandah, the décor pays homage to the roots of safari. In balance with the wild location of this camp (about 45 minutes game drive northwest of Selinda airstrip) the camp is ecologically sensitive with 100% solar power, grey water treatment, borehole water for drinking.

The Selinda Reserve is centered on the famous Selinda Spillway, which flows through the concession from east to west linking the far reaches of the Okavango Delta in the south with the Linyanti systems in the east. It flows into the Zibadianja lagoon, then through the Savute channel and eventually ends at the Savute marsh.

Activities concentrate on getting back to nature with a guided walking and canoeing a focus. In addition day and night game drives available exploring the eastern reaches of the Selinda Reserve where there is an extensive networks of tracks. It is wildlife hot spot, with huge herds of elephants and buffalo, lion, wild dog, sable and roan antelope all frequently spotted. On safari it is possible to see a tremendous diversity of species, with particular emphasis on the smaller things only seen outside of a vehicle.

Days 10 & 11: GORGES LODGE, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
(full board and selected inclusions)

Selinda Explorers camp – Gorges Lodge
Approx 50 min flight
And approx 2.5 hour road transfer

After breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time dependant) you will be taken back to the Selinda airstrip for your flight aircraft flight to Kasane airport. At Kasane airport you will be met by a Wild Horizons representative and transferred across the Botswana border and into Zimbabwe and then on to Gorges Lodge in Victoria Falls.

Gorges Lodge is a small property situated on a natural outcrop overlooking the Batoka George where the Zambezi cuts its way downstream after falling 111 meters down the Victoria Falls, offering stunning views. The local environment comprises of unspoiled riverine vegetation inhabited by numerous species of wild animals and birds.



Gorges Lodge welcomes a total of 20 guests in 10 recently renovated stone and brick thatched en-suite chalets situated along the edge of the gorge with verandas overlooking the river. There are 8 twin and 2 double chalets. Four of the chalets are double storey with a bedroom upstairs and a bath and dressing room below.

The lodge offers an all-inclusive rate which includes accommodation, meals, one daily return transfer to the town centre and a choice of 2 activities per day from the following: a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, curio shopping at the craft village, visit to the local village, a school tour, traditional dancing display, gorge walk with snacks, black eagle viewing with sundowners and snacks and a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River.

While staying at Gorges, guests have the opportunity to experience more than the usual activities in Victoria Falls. One of the highlights is to visit the nearby Chisuma Village to gain insights into some of the real life daily activities of a typical Zimbabwean rural community.

Your time in camp can be spent enjoying the entertainment by a pair of Verreaux's Eagles nesting in the gorge opposite the lodge that provide guests with amazing displays of their aerobatic skills and courtship rituals, often at eye level. The eagles are not the only birds resident here – lanner falcons, peregrine falcons and augur buzzards also call the gorge home.

In addition guests can explore the area around the lodge accompanied by a guide and when done enjoy refreshments and freshly prepared snacks while watching the sunset at Peregrine Point.

Day 12: SAFARI ENDS IN VICTORIA FALLS

**Travel time: Gorges Lodge – Victoria Falls Airport
approx 25 min road transfer**

After the breakfast and a morning at leisure you transfer by road from the lodge Victoria Falls Airport for your own onwards arrangements.

SPECIAL NOTES

Shared Transfers and Activities

Road, boat, air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (on a shared basis and NOT private) unless otherwise requested or specified. Private charters/transfers can however be requested at an additional cost. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination adding to the duration of the transfer. International flight connections are accounted for in the daily schedules.

On shared transfers all the flight times are arranged a day before travel to avoid endless schedule changes. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times.

Weight and Luggage restrictions

Please advise upon requesting a quotation where a traveller **weighs over 100kg**, as well as at time of confirming the booking, as it may be necessary to cost in an additional seat on internal flights for the passenger's safety and comfort.

Luggage is restricted on flight transfers to **20kg per person in soft bags**, which includes all hand luggage and camera equipment. Please refer to your itinerary notes, as in some instances, and in some countries, such as Zambia and Zimbabwe this limitation is decreased to 15kg per person. Please note that luggage in excess of the above restrictions shall result in additional costs for transport and/or storage and should be arranged in advance. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges.

Health

Please confirm that all Clients are medically fit, in good physical and mental health and that there is nothing which renders him/her unfit to undertake the tour at the time of booking. Any Client with a pre-existing medical condition or illness must declare the true nature of such conditions to the Company before the commencement of the tour. The Client is responsible for attending to any medical condition which he/she may have and must consult with his/her physician in respect of all medical conditions which might be affected by his/her participation in the tour, activities or associated activities.

The Client accepts that certain areas included in the tour are malaria-infected areas and that he/she should take reasonable anti-malaria precautions.

Insurance

Travel, cancellation and health insurance are highly recommended for all Clients.

Visas/Passports/Travel Documents

The Client is solely responsible to ensure that his/her passports, visas, insurance cover and vaccination certificates, (and any other travel documents and/or requirements of any nature whatsoever) are valid for the duration of the tour and in the countries to be visited.

Arrival and Departure Details

It is imperative that we have the correct International/Regional arrival and departure details for the clients in order to plan the itinerary and ensure efficient onward transfers. Costs may be incurred if these details are not given on quotation, or if they change subsequently.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We require that you have read and understood our full **SAFARI INFORMATION** and **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** before confirming the itinerary and commencing the safari. However we would like to highlight the following important notes.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

In terms of the trading conditions, and any contract(s) concluded pursuant hereto, the Company acts as a booking agent only, for and on behalf of the Client in procuring services. The Company utilizes the products of various travel Subcontractors. The Company does not provide any direct services to the Clients as its services are limited to procuring and compiling tour packages for its clients.

While the Company makes every effort:

- to engage quality Subcontractors among the airlines, hotels, tour operators and other service providers to constitute the itinerary of the tour; and
- to ensure that the various services that constitutes the tour package will be carried out efficiently and as advertised;

it does not have direct control over the provision of services by Subcontractors and shall not be liable for *inter alia* any loss, damage, injury, additional costs, delay or irregularity that may be occasioned by an error or default, act or omission of any Subcontractor in carrying out the logistics of the tour package, or associated activities.

Payment Terms

Bookings must be confirmed in writing by fax, email and/or registered letter and the deposit payment must be received before the Company can confirm in full to all subcontractors. Once the deposit is received and the booking is confirmed, all terms and conditions apply and our cancellation policies will be in immediate effect.

By confirmation of the booking, the Client acknowledges that all terms and conditions of the Company have been provided and accepted.

The full amount of the tour is payable not less than 60 days prior to the date when the tour commences.

In the event that a booking is not paid in full as per the above payment terms the Company reserves the right to refuse the Client(s) participation in the tour, and the client will be liable for any applicable cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations should be made in writing and will only be deemed effective upon acknowledgment of receipt by the Company.

Cancellations will be subject to the following penalties:

- 20% of the total booking fee shall be payable immediately upon confirmation.
- 50% of the total booking 45 - 90 days prior to commencement of the tour.
- 100% of the total booking 44 days or less prior to the commencement of the tour.

Standard Cancellation fees shall apply in instances of postponed departure dates.

RESERVATIONS

Please be advised that for any quotes, no provisional bookings have been made unless otherwise specified by your consultant. Accommodation is subject to availability at the time of the booking.

Costs quoted are subject to change at any time due to *inter alia* excessive exchange fluctuations, fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange, and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers and government that are beyond our control.

Provisional bookings will be held for a period of 12 days (unless otherwise advised), where after confirmation of the booking and payment of a 20% non-refundable deposit will be required to secure the booking, failing which the booking will be cancelled.

Clients are to advise the Company at the time of requesting a quotation, and of making a booking, of the ages of all children (under the age of 21 and as at the time of travel) that will be participating in the tour,

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together with their date of birth, as not all lodges accept children, and there may be restrictions or conditions applicable. Some properties will require that children under the age of 18 share with an adult.

It is recommended that optional additional activities should be requested at the time of requesting a quotation and/or making the booking, specifically in Livingstone or Victoria Falls e.g. sunset cruise, to guarantee availability of such activities.

All Clients should allow a minimum 2 - 3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. Please ask your consultant to check your flight details before booking.

With confirmation of the booking the Client accepts that the tour carries inherent risks, and that the Clients voluntarily assume all risks, which are associated with the tour. All Clients will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps/lodges/service providers, and abide by the Operators Code of Conduct in order to ensure their safety.

On confirmation of a booking, the Company requires personal information with respect to each and every Client e.g. Medical Conditions, Dietary requirements, Travel Insurance details and Emergency contact details. Please complete the Booking form on confirmation of a booking. By choosing not to complete and submit this information to the Company the Client will compromise the Company's response time in the event of an emergency.

With confirmation of the booking the Client confirms that he has read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions of the Company and its Subcontractors.