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10nts Call of The Wild 2025

Zambezi National Park - Okavango Panhandle - Okavango Delta - Deception Valley Private Reserve 11 Days / 10 Nights

2 Persons



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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Duration
Day 1	<u>Chundu Island</u>	Zambezi National Park	2 Nights
Day 3	<u>Kala Camp</u>	Okavango Panhandle	2 Nights
Day 5	Little Sable	Okavango Delta	3 Nights
Day 8	Deception Valley Lodge	Deception Valley Private Reserve	3 Nights

Transport

Flight In Date	formation Flight Departure Airport	
Day 3	Shared Charter	Kasane Airport [BBK]- Jedibe Airstrip
Day 5	Shared Charter	Jedibe Airstrip - Khwai Private Reserve
Day 8	Shared Charter	Khwai Private Reserve - Deception Valley Lodge Airstrip
Day 11	Shared Charter	Deception Valley Lodge Airstrip - Maun International Airport [MUB]

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Vehicle
Day 1	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	Chundu Island	Transfer
Day 3	Chundu Island	Kasane Airport [BBK]	Transfer

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PACKAGE SEASON	PP SHARING	SINGLE SUPP
10 Jan – 31 March 2025	USD 7220	USD530
01 – 30 April 2025	USD 8750	USD 3250
01 – 31 May 2025	USD 9070	USD 3520
01 June – 30 June 2025	USD 9620	USD 3960
01 July – 31 August 2025	USD 11060	USD 6530
01 – 30 September 2025	USD 10630	USD 6210
01 – 31 October 2025	USD 10280	USD 2780
01 – 31 November 2025	USD 8730	USD 1360

Special notes

- Please note that where a booking crosses over 2 different rate periods e.g. Oct & Nov, neither rate is applicable please request a special quote
- The above rate is subject to change due to major currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and increases in national park fees (see below)
- Single supplement* is for accommodation only, applicable when travelling with more than 2 guests and excludes a flying surcharge for guests travelling solo rate available on request
- Subject to availability at the time of booking

Included



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Okavango Air Rescue

Please note that we include a fee into all our packages for a local medivac in case of an emergency. Please discuss further details with your consultant and for more information, visit <u>http://www.okavangorescue.com/</u>

Day 1-2 Chundu Island, Zambezi National Park

Day Itinerary

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, proceed through Customs/Immigration (let us know your nationality and will advise of visa fees accordingly) and collect your luggage before you are met outside the Terminal building by a Wild Horizons representative for your road transfer to Chundu Island - where you spend the following two nights on a fully inclusive basis.



Zambezi National Park is a National Park located upstream, just 5km from Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe and comprises 40km of Zambezi River frontage. It was split off from Victoria Falls National Park in 1979 and is 56,000 hectares (140,000 acres) in size. The park is bisected by a road to Kazungula, dividing it into a riverine side and a Chamabondo Vlei side. Most of the park is within the ecoregion of Zambezian and Mopane woodlands, while a small portion in the south is within the Zambezian Baikiaea woodlands.

The Zambezi National Park plays host to a wide variety of larger mammals including African elephant, lion, Cape buffalo and leopard. In addition to these charismatic members of the "big 5" there are herds of sable antelope, common eland, common zebra, Southern giraffe, greater kudu, waterbuck and impala. In addition, many species of smaller wildlife can be seen here.

Overnight: Chundu Island View iBrochure

Includes: accommodation, meals, local drinks, park fees & 2 lodge based activities per day, laundry. Scheduled transfers from Zambezi National Park Gate to Chundu Island. Pick up & drop off Victoria Falls **Excludes**: early or late transfers, spirits, liqueurs and premium wines and spa treatments. Falls entry fee and guide are excluded.

Activities: walking safaris, island walks, canoeing, sunset boat cruises, leisure fishing, and game drives

Chundu Island is a 1.4km long island on the mighty Zambezi River, only 21km from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and located within the Zambezi National Park.

Accommodation consists of eight spacious rooms, constructed on raised wooden decks, and clad with a double wall of canvas and generous windows, ensuring panoramic views. Each room has a walk-in wardrobe, ensuite bathroom and an outdoor shower with a river-view, a private deck with daybed, a fan and table and chairs. Chundu has 6 Riverview rooms and 2 family suites.

The main area boasts a lounge, with its bar, wine cellar, fireplace and sprawling deck perfectly situated to view the sun setting over the Zambezi and is the ideal place to end the day. Meals are served in the lodge's dining area and guests can relax at the swimming pool, while looking out for wild life on the banks of the river.

Activities offered at Chundu include walking safaris within the Park, island walks, canoeing on the Zambezi River, sunset boat cruises, leisure fishing, and game drives in the National park.

Airport transfer time: +/- 1 hour

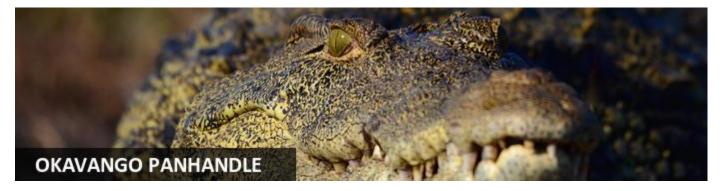


Day 3-4 Kala Camp, Okavango Panhandle

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a morning at leisure you will be met at reception at a pre-appointed time by a local representative for your cross-border road transfer into Botswana and through to Kasane Airport where you will be assisted by a porter with check in for your light aircraft transfer to Kala Camp where you spend the following two nights on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).

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, lodge managers 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 5kg hand luggage and there may be up to 3 stops en-route.



Before the Okavango River fans out into its familiar delta shape, its waters are channeled between steep banks created by parallel fault lines. This channel is commonly known as the Pan Handle, named as such as the Delta takes on the appearance of a giant frying pan lying in the heat of the Kalahari.

Permanent deep water has encouraged the growth of villages along the river, particularly on the western side which is accessed by a tarred road. The communities up in this area are mainly fishing based or cattle farming and there are opportunities for some colourful encounters with the locals and the area offers a true glimpse of village life, often not seen in Botswana as guests often only visit the uninhabited wildlife areas.

The Panhandle area is not within a protected reserve or park, but there are still huge areas of unspoiled wetlands and a number of well-established lodges on the western side. The wetlands offer exquisite birdlife, a huge population of hippos and some of the largest crocodiles to be found. The general wildlife common in the lower delta is less abundant in this area. The focus of activities in the area are water based - motorboating and fishing, and it is possible to travel by road or boat to the eastern side of the river where there are community based mokoro excursions offered. The Pan Handle area is also in proximity to the world heritage site of Tsodilo Hills. Being the spiritual home of the San and Bantu people, the hills feature many well preserved specimens of 'rock art' and there is a small museum where it is possible to hire a local guide for a personal tour of the area. The annual barbell run of catfish (September/October) attract hunting tiger fish in large numbers and is the best time for serous anglers to experience this fascinating phenomenon and catch this awesome predatory game fish.

Overnight: Kala Camp View iBrochure

Includes: Meals, local drinks, activities, laundry, intermittent Wi-Fi **Excludes:** Premium drinks

Activities: game drives (offered all year round but during high water months the game drives will be shorter and focus will be on boating and mokoros), bush walks, boat safaris and mokoro excursions (May-September and water level dependent)

Enjoying an idyllic island setting on a 50,000-hectare private concession in the Okavango Delta's Panhandle region, Kala Camp offers an exclusive, mainly water-based safari experience.

This small and intimate camp offers 6 classic meru-tents built on wooden decks overlooking a beautiful palm island. Each ensuite tent has its own veranda from which guests can enjoy a breath-taking view over the surrounding floodplains.

Kala's main area includes a dining area, and a boma with fireplace. Kala Camp has a well shaded relaxation area and swimming pool.

At Kala activities are focused on boating and mokoro trips, when water levels high (during the winter months usually between May and October). Game drives are available all year round but limited when water levels are too high.

Airstrip transfer time: Approximately 25 minute boat ride (April to November) and March)



Day 5-7 Little Sable, Okavango Delta

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you enjoy a light aircraft transfer flight to Khwai airstrip followed by road transfer game driving en-route to Little Sable Camp where you spend the following three nights on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).



The Okavango Delta is where the wild things are: an immense, waterlogged oasis alive with elephants and birdlife, adrift in the middle of Kalahari sands. The real magic of the Delta lies in its water, trickling through from far away highlands, and spreading across the channels and floodplains.

During winter in the Kalahari, when the sun has baked the earth bare and turned the desert its driest, water fills the Okavango; transforming the floodplains into a Noah's Ark of African wildlife.

As the water brings life to the delta, its local residents shape and recreate it. Termites slowly build mounds into islands, germinated with palm trees by passing elephants. Waterways open and close on the whim of wide-bottomed hippos, carving out channels where they crash through reeds, and leaving room behind them for exploration by mokoro.

The Okavango has many faces, which change throughout the year, prompted by that most unpredictable diva of all: the weather. Water levels rise and drop, expanding and shrinking islands, while animals move where the life is easiest and the grass greenest. In a few days, a sandy road driven by vehicle can become a waterway of unknowable depth, prompting a safari by boat instead.

Where and when you stay in the Okavango Delta will hugely influence what you do in the bush each day, the animals you're most likely to see and finally, the safari experience you'll have.

The delta's watery heart is best discovered by mokoro through shallow channels and floodplains, as well as crossing the islands on foot. For less water and more of the big game, visit a camp on its drier edges (including Moremi Game Reserve and the Khwai Community Area), jump on a vehicle and seek out the animals hiding in the woodlands.

Overnight: Little Sable View iBrochure

Includes: meals, local drinks, activities, park fees, laundry and intermittent wifi Excludes: premium drinks

Activities: game drives, mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions, boat trips (water level dependent)

Previously known as Jackal & Hide, Little Sable is in the heart of the 200,000ha Khwai Private Reserve, on the northern edge of the Okavango Delta. Khwai is comprised of multiple ecosystems in which a great variety of wildlife thrives, making it one of Botswana's most desirable wilderness regions to explore. The camp has exceptional views of the remarkable surrounding landscape.

The camp offers eight traditional style tents on raised wooden platforms, each with a private viewing deck. Each tent has an en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet and a fitted outside shower.

The central camp facilities are comprised of the dining, lounge and bar areas. An additional lounge area leads to a central firepit, both being ideal relaxation spaces. The pool area offers guests the perfect game-viewing platform and photogenic opportunities.

The reserve is carefully managed to maintain a truly pristine, natural environment with minimal impact from safari activities. Healthy populations of large game species such as elephant, buffalo and giraffe inhabit the reserve along with many antelope. Top predators might be glimpsed and bird life is prolific.



Day 8-10 Deception Valley Lodge, Deception Valley Private Reserve

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a possible morning activity (flight time permitting) you will light aircraft transfer from Khwai to the borders of the Central Kalahari where you spend the following three nights at Deception Valley Lodge on a fully inclusive basis (activities are shared with other guests).



The Deception Valley Private Reserve provides a soft introduction to the harsh expanses of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve next door. This is also one of the best places in Botswana to get a glimpse into the

hunter-gatherer lifestyle of the San people, who have survived in the arid desert for tens of thousands of years.

This private reserve contains desert-adapted wildlife from giraffes to ostriches, gemsbok and springbok. Ease of access, together with high chances of finding black-maned Kalahari lions during the winter months are key draw cards for heading out on safari here.

Unlike other desert safaris in Botswana, you won't be restricted by national park rules here. The freedom to look for nocturnal desert creatures on a night drive, sit out in a hide to soak up the sightings or to explore the bush on foot is what makes this area unique.

Despite the fences, big predators such as lion, leopard and cheetah move in and out of the concessions throughout the year. During the dry winter months, the big cats often prefer the easy access to water at the pumped waterholes here over the Central Kalahari itself.

When you're done with the typical safari routine, head out into the desert with the San bushmen. Watch in awe as these traditional hunter-gatherers pull food, water and tools for survival out of the sand in front of your eyes.

For self-drivers, the Deception Valley Private Reserve provides an ideal stop for experiencing the desert without the risks of heading into the vast Central Kalahari hundreds of miles from the nearest creature comforts and assistance.

Overnight: Deception Valley Lodge View iBrochure

Includes: meals, local drinks, activities, park fees, laundry, Okavango Air Rescue & intermittent WiFi in the main area

Excludes: premium drinks

Activities: day & night game drives and bushwalks

Situated on the northern edge of the central Kalahari Game Reserve in a private reserve, Deception Valley Lodge provides a unique experience for those who wish to soak up the true atmosphere of the bush in one of Africa's remote semi-desert areas where Bushmen once roamed. The Bushman experience is a highlight at this safari lodge.

Deception Valley Lodge accommodates up to sixteen people in six chalets and one family suite with two en-suite bedrooms, a large terrace and a private pool. Each unit offers an en-suite Victorian-style bathroom, an outside shower and a private spacious lounge. All units are fitted with ceiling fans and mosquito nets. The chalets are connected with the main lodge by wooden walkways.

The main complex boasts a dining room, lounge and bar area decorated in warm Kalahari colours and a large deck from which guests have an amazing view over the waterhole which frequently gets visited by a variety of animals. Guests can exercise in the lodge's very own gym or relax by the swimming-pool. A curio shop completes the offer.

Activities at the lodge are undertaken in the Kalahari Private Reserve and include game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles (with trackers), night drives in the reserve, bird watching and guided game walks with experienced guides. The Kalahari Desert is a harsh environment where water supplies are limited and the wildlife has adapted accordingly.

Airstrip Transfer Time: 10 minutes



Day 11

Day Itinerary

Following breakfast and a morning activity (flight time permitting), you will be transferred to the airstrip in time for your light aircraft transfer to Maun Airport. A Safari Specialists representative will meet you on arrival at the airport to assist with your onward travel.

End of Itinerary

Travel Information

Please take note of our Booking Terms & Conditions. It will be understood that these have been read and accepted by you on receipt of confirmation of the booking.

• For your safety and peace of mind, on confirmation of your booking, we strongly recommend that Travel Insurance is arranged to cover cancellation, curtailment, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods.

• Road and air transfers and activities are quoted on a seat basis (shared) unless otherwise requested or specified. Passengers may have various stops en-route to a destination. The transfer or charter company reserves the right to specify departure and arrival times. Private charters and airport assistance from arrival to departure can be requested at an additional cost.

• Passengers exceeding 100kg are kindly asked to notify us at the time of booking as a surcharge may be applicable on internal flights due to smaller aircraft having strict weight limits in compliance with industry safety regulations.

• The costs are subject to change at any time due to fluctuations in fuel costs, taxes, levies, government regulations, rate of exchange and factors that are imposed upon us by our suppliers that are beyond or control.

• Please advise us of the ages of children (under 18) travelling, together with their date of birth, at the time of booking as not all lodges accept children and there may be restrictions or conditions which can affect pricing.

• We recommend that optional activities be booked in advance at time of confirmation to guarantee availability e.g Dinner cruises in Victoria Falls

• Please allow a minimum 2-3 hours connection time in Johannesburg for international flights. It is important that you check that your flight tickets have been issued in your full names as per your passport. Ensure that your luggage is checked through to your final destination to avoid the need to collect and recheck it during transit, such as at OR Tambo International Airport

• We require full payment for international and domestic scheduled flights at the time of confirmation e.g

Airlink JNB/MUB, Proflight LIV/LUN within Zambia. We are not able to guarantee any flights before receipt of payment as seats are often held for a limited period before ticketing is required so this is a time sensitive issue. Air tickets are considered non refundable unless otherwise specified. Please confirm the details with your consultant at the time of booking.

Passports, Visas and Travel Documentation

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity before the expiry date and 6 empty pages (not including the endorsement pages). The onus is upon the guests to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Please note that certain visas can take up to 3 months to be processed so please consider this when booking.

If you are travelling with children through Southern Africa, please be aware that you will be required to have certified copies of their unabridged birth certificates, and passports on hand. If you are not their legal parents, or if only one of you is travelling – you will need to have consent in the form of an affidavit giving you permission to travel with the child.

Inter-camp transfers

Due to the remote locations of the areas in Southern Africa - your itinerary may include road, boat, helicopter and air transfers in small aircraft.

On shared air transfers, all the flight times between lodges are arranged a few days before the flights take place to avoid endless schedule changes. The lodge or camp where you are staying will be advised of your departure time the day before travel and will ensure that you are at the airstrip on time. Although every effort will be made to ensure that guests are transferred together in one vehicle / aircraft, this cannot be guaranteed, especially with larger groups. The aircraft used for inter-camp transfers vary in size from 3-, 5-, 7- and 12-seater aircraft. We recommend that guests susceptible to motion sickness take appropriate precautions due to flying conditions.

Weight & Luggage Restrictions

There are strict luggage restrictions in place on any itinerary, which includes light aircraft transfers for safety reasons. Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg per person travelling on seat rates. Only soft bags will be accepted - no hard suitcases or bags with rigid frames can be transported, as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft.

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags that can be accommodated are as follows: 25cm/10 inches wide x 30cm/11 inches high and 62cm/24 inches long. Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on the light aircraft are only 25cm high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment. Note that laundry can be done on a daily basis at most camps and lodges and they also offer amenities (shower gel/shampoo).

Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning, your baggage could be delayed, as we may have to fly the baggage into camp at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. However, should you notify us in advance that your baggage will exceed the limit; we may be able to assist you with alternative arrangements e.g. storage or purchase of additional luggage allowance.

For bookings including flights within Zambia & Mozambique, please note luggage weight exceptions under destination information.

Lost Luggage

Lost luggage on international flights is a common problem facing travellers today. We suggest that you pack a small bag with your essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with you as hand luggage. If travelling as a couple or family we suggest that you split your clothing between bags so that if one bag gets lost, you will have basic items on hand to see you through the first couple of days while we try and recover your lost baggage.

Please note that whilst we try our utmost to locate and re-unite you with your bags, that there may be charges involved in getting your bags to remote areas, which would be for your cost. Please remember to report the lost luggage to the airline as soon as you make the discovery - the airline will issue you with a Baggage Claim Form, which you will need in order for us to trace the bag.

Health and Dietary

Please note that you are travelling to a Malaria-risk area. Please consult your doctor for medical advice prior to travel.

Although usually safe to drink, we do not recommend that you drink the tap water. Filtered water is available at the camps and lodges.

The camps are remote, with limited power supply and access to resources, so it is very important to notify us in advance of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions and medical equipment you may need with you. Please carry critical medication in your hand luggage.

Yellow Fever Certificates - are only required if you have travelled to a Yellow Fever area as designated by the World Health Organisation. Please check with your Travel Clinic or doctor well in advance of your departure date.

General Travel Information

• Safari Camps and lodges offer limited electricity usually generated by solar or generator in order to make provision for charging cameras and electronic devices.

• Please ensure that you do not pack any valuables, cameras, cash, laptops travel documents and medication in your checked in luggage – these should be kept on your person at all times.

• Please notify us immediately of any changes to flight arrival and departure details as this affects onward transfer arrangements.

• Please note that most camps & lodges in Botswana do not have double beds. Twin beds are pushed together to make up a double room.

• Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules the company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

• By confirmation of the booking, you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept that the tour carries inherent risks, and that you voluntarily assume all risks which are associated with the tour. You will be required to sign indemnities at the various camps, lodges and service providers, and abide by their operators' code of conduct in order to ensure your safety.

• If you have any cause for complaint while travelling, you should immediately bring it to the attention of the camp manager and / or our Maun office that will attempt to resolve the situation immediately.

• Do not remove any animal artefacts, flora or fauna from any of the areas you visit, as there are strict international regulations on the export of such items.