

Delta, Chobe & Kruger 2011 (CAMPING)



Price: ZAR 12,395 (1.260€ cambio Zar/Eur a 25/05/2011)
Local Payment: \$ 295 (210€ cambio Zar/Eur a 25/05/2011)
Single Supplement: ZAR 530 (60€ cambio Zar/Eur a 25/05/2011)

Length: 13 days, 12 nights
Meals: B x 8, L x 10, D x 8
Start Point: Johannesburg
End Point: Johannesburg
No. of Days: 13 No. of Nights: 12
Accommodation: Twin Share Tents

INTRODUCCIÓN:

Más allá del angosto corredor oriental, en el que se concentra la mayor parte de la población, Botsuana es una tierra salvaje y escasamente comunicada por carretera, constituida por sabanas, desiertos, zonas pantanosas y salinas. Para garantizar la preservación del patrimonio natural de la nación, el gobierno ha adoptado una política destinada a alentar únicamente el turismo de elite y de bajo impacto. El Okavango, denominado el río que nunca encuentra el mar, desaparece en un laberinto de lagunas, canales e islas de 15.000 km² en el noroeste de Botsuana. Es el delta interior más amplio del planeta, y en él convive una intensa vida salvaje. Destaca la presencia de numerosas aves, elefantes, cebras, búfalos, ñus, jirafas, hipopótamos y kudus, una especie de antílope.

Parque Nacional Chobe

Los 11.000 km² de superficie de Chobe albergan la mayor variedad de formas de vida salvaje de Botsuana. Kasane, en la punta norte del parque, supone su puerta de entrada y centro administrativo. El principal atractivo lo constituyen los 73.000 elefantes agrupados en manadas de más de quinientos ejemplares y contemplar las consecuencias de su paso por la zona: parece como si la hubieran bombardeado. También significa una excelente oportunidad para contemplar leones, guepardos, hipopótamos, búfalos, jirafas, antílopes, chacales, jabalíes verrugosos, hienas, cocodrilos, nutrias, cebras y numerosas especies de aves.

Parque Nacional Kruger

Es uno de los parques naturales más célebres del mundo, figura entre los más grandes y antiguos: está a punto de cumplir el siglo de existencia. Aquí pueden verse los cinco grandes (leones, leopardos, elefantes, búfalos y rinocerontes), así como guepardos, jirafas, hipopótamos y toda clase de antílopes y animales de menor tamaño. Aunque la mayoría de las personas han visto especies africanas en el zoológico, nunca se exagera al afirmar lo extraordinario y diferente que es contemplar estos animales en su entorno natural.

ITINERARIO:

Itinerary Day 1 Botswana - Palapye

We depart Johannesburg heading north to Botswana to cross the border and spend our first night in Palapye, located on the banks of the Lotsane River.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Khama Rhino Sanctuary - Maun

This morning we visit the Khama Rhino Sanctuary, a community based wildlife project, established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino. We arrive in Maun in the afternoon and prepare for the Okavango Delta. In the late afternoon there is sometimes time to visit a local Crocodile Farm. Optional Activity: Crocodile Farm

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3/4 Okavango Delta

During our time in the Delta we enjoy the best nature has to offer. We go on nature walks and if possible will explore the Delta by mokoro. The Delta is the world's largest inland delta. The rivers leading to the Okavango Delta have no passage to the ocean and irrigate instead some 15,000 square km's of Kalahari Desert. This is a truly spectacular and unforgettable experience where wild animals are not familiar with people.

We travel into the Delta on a large 4x4 vehicle and in high water season boats are also an option. We join up with some of the local people and set up our bush camp for the next 2 nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Gweta

We leave the Delta behind us and travel east to Planet Baobab, which is located halfway between Maun and Nata, near the Makgadikgadi Pans. You can explore the bush around our campsite and view some of the oldest Baobab trees in the area. Optional Activities: Baobab Nature Walk

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Kasane - Chobe National Park

Today we head north to Kasane, on the banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon is spent game viewing on a river cruise, into the renowned Chobe NP. This is an excellent opportunity to view some of Africa's spectacular wildlife

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

On arrival in Victoria Falls we visit the spectacular Victoria Falls and experience the thundering of the mighty Zambezi as it drops over 100m in to the gorge below. Optional Activities: Chobe National Park Early Morning Game Drive, Zambezi Sunset Dinner Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8 Victoria Falls to Palapye Martinsdrift

Departure is at 6.00 am from Elephant Hills Hotel. We drive south through Botswana to Palapye, or the border post at Martinsdrift, where we will spend the night at a lively campsite. Optional activities: South African Braai (BBQ) (±R80 - R150) All Meals.

Meals: No meals included

Day 9 Palapye Martinsdrift to Johannesburg

After another 6.00 am departure, we enter into South Africa. Covering the next 450 - 550 km on sealed roads we should get to Johannesburg as early as possible.

Meals: No meals included

Day 10 Kwa Madwala Reserve

An early start from Johannesburg, we travel through the north eastern Province of Mpumalanga en route to Kwa Mawala Game Reserve, located on the southern side of Kruger National Park. We take a 3 hour game drive in a 4x4 safari vehicle in the evening. Keep your eyes open for elephant, lion, leopard, and rhino as well as many other species of animals and birds. After dinner there is a local dancing performance.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Kruger National Park

Before leaving Kwa Madwala we have a morning guided walk, and then spend the afternoon game driving in Kruger NP. Keep your eyes open for the 'Big Five' - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo. Our truck gives us a more elevated view of the park, and it's easier to spot big cats and other smaller game that can be hiding in the vegetation. Optional Activities: Night game drive with SANP Game Ranger.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Kruger National Park

Another day spent driving in the park, keep your eyes open for Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo, known as Africa's 'Big Five' as well as many other species of animals and birds.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Panorama Route - Johannesburg

There is the opportunity to go on an optional guided morning game walk before we pack up for our journey back to Johannesburg. On the way we travel along the spectacular Panorama Route. Blyde River Canyon is the 3rd largest canyon in the world, with breathtaking views of formations such as God's Window and the Three Rondavels. We also see The Bourke's Luck Potholes, which have been gradually eroded by the Treur River. Your tour ends on arrival in Johannesburg and most groups spend this last night together at a local restaurant. Optional Activities: Morning Game Walk with SANP Game Ranger, Dinner in a Local Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

END OF SERVICES

