



Kalahari & Moremi
Heritage Blue Ribbon Safari



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A Set Departure Safari

Experience a unique mobile safari into the wild places of Botswana. Trek across this fascinating country, travelling from the wild, untouched beauty of the vast Kalahari to the wildlife-rich Moremi Game Reserve in the famed Okavango Delta.

A mobile safari is the ultimate way to experience the natural grandeur of Botswana. On your journey you'll encounter true nature as well as the authenticity and rich diversity Botswana has to offer. Witnessing stunning landscapes and wildlife spectacles that will remain with you forever.

A Heritage Blue Ribbon Safari is a fully serviced mobile safari. All you need to do is sit back in comfort and enjoy your safari experience. With only twelve places available (six per vehicle), a Heritage Blue Ribbon Safari is for those looking for a truly exclusive safari experience.

Kalahari & Moremi Heritage Blue Ribbon Safari Itinerary

Day 1: Island Safari Lodge, Maun

On your arrival you will be met by your guide or one of our representatives to welcome you to our beautiful Botswana. Our team will be ready to assist you in anything that you may need assistance with. After a quick welcome we will then transfer you to Island Safari Lodge.

Located on the banks of the Thamalakane River, Island Safari Lodge is a cool and welcoming oasis in the heart of Maun. Shaded under a huge canopy of large trees, the lodge overlooks the river and floodplain beyond.

Island Safari Lodge is set on a 300 acre private island reserve, just 10 km from Maun Airport. The protected reserve has several walking trails running through the bush, perfect for a nature walk.

Relax by one of the two swimming pools or head to the restaurant and bar for the river view.

Meals: Bed and breakfast.

Day 2: Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Departing from Island Safari Lodge, you'll head south on a tar road for about 70km,

followed by 160km on sandy road to the entrance of the reserve. Once through Makalamabedi village you now start to enjoy a game drive en route to where your campsite is situated.

The Central Kalahari Game Reserve covers a large section of central Botswana. Its harsh, sprawling terrain is dominated by grasslands, home to wildlife such as giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dog.

On arrival at the campsite, you will find your mobile camp set up ready for you. You will have an opportunity to offload your luggage and settle into your tents for a short afternoon rest. A late afternoon/sunset game drive will top off your day before returning to camp for dinner and quality time around the fire listening to the night sounds, before retiring to bed.

Meals: Full board. Drinks (local brands) included.

Day 3-4: Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Start the day with a morning game drive after you have enjoyed a continental breakfast. There are few experiences that beat listening to the early morning sounds of

the Kalahari, with a cup of coffee in hand around a warm campfire.

The morning is spent exploring this diverse reserve until mid-day where you return to camp for lunch. Set off again on an afternoon game drive in search of the famous desert fauna and flora.

In the evening, marvel at the incredible night sky studded with a million stars and share the stories of the day's adventures around a crackling campfire.

Meals: Full board. Drinks (local brands) included.

Day 5: Maun

After enjoying a wholesome breakfast, we'll pack up camp and start our return journey to Maun. We will prepare a packed lunch that we will have in a suitable location en route to Maun. Using this time to enjoy a game drive whilst we are still in the reserve.

Arriving at Island Safari Lodge will give you a bit of time to relax. The lodge has a main bar and restaurant area with seating indoors or out in the gardens. You are able to choose from a la carte menu for lunches and dinners accompanied by our wine list.

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It is an ideal place to relax alongside flowing waters, or beside one of the swimming pools, using the free WI-FI services and ordering refreshments from the restaurant.

Meals: Bed & breakfast.

Day 6: Moremi Game Reserve

For this excursion you will depart from Island Safari Lodge by 6:00am, heading north towards Moremi Game Reserve for approximately 45km. From this point on you'll start to enjoy the rich and diverse fauna and flora this area is famous for.

Moremi Game Reserve is in northern Botswana, in the Okavango Delta, which becomes a lush animal habitat during seasonal floods. You will spend the day exploring this wildlife rich and diverse area enjoying the scenery, capturing these moments in your minds and experience the photographic opportunities of a lifetime.

Stopping at a suitable and scenic area, you will enjoy a light but wholesome lunch. You'll then continue to explore the area for the rest of the day, arriving in your campsite in time for the evening, enjoying the campfire, stargazing and the sounds of the African bush.

Meals: Full board. Drinks (local brands) included.

Day 7: Moremi Game Reserve

After enjoying a light continental breakfast you depart to explore the reserve by open game viewer on a morning game drive.

Although just under 5,000 square kilometres (1,900 sq mi) in extent, Moremi is a surprisingly diverse reserve, combining mopane woodland and acacia forests, floodplains and lagoons. It is home to nearly 500 species of bird, and a vast array of other species of wildlife including Cape buffalo, lion, elephant, hippopotamus, zebra, cheetah, hyena, jackal, impala, and red lechwe.

You return to camp midday for lunch and afternoon siesta. In the afternoon embark on another game drive to explore this unique and legendary game reserve.

In the evening you will return to camp, enjoy the campfire and pre-dinner drinks and exchange stories of the day. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by our camp chef.

Meals: Full board. Drinks (local brands) included.

Day 8: Maun

On this morning after enjoying a wholesome breakfast, we start our return journey to Maun, spending the day exploring the area as we head towards Maun.

We arrive in Maun mid to late afternoon at Island Safari Lodge for your post safari night. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Meals: Bed & breakfast.

Day 9: End of Itinerary

On this morning, we will bid farewell to you as your safari has come to an end with us. Check out from Island Safari Lodge is at 10 am, after you have enjoyed a tasty breakfast.

Should you require assistance in arrangements for your onward travel, please don't hesitate to ask and we will happily see how we can assist.

Set Departure Schedule

6 Jan - 13 Jan 2020	\$2,900
10 Feb - 16 Feb 2020	\$2,900
10 Mar - 17 Mar 2020	\$2,900
10 Apr - 17 Apr 2020	\$3,335

Safari Information

Included With Your Safari

- Spacious tents (3m x 3m) with stretchers and bedrolls included and en suite private bush ablutions.
- Open dining room tents for a natural outdoor feeling, whilst still protecting you from the elements.
- Open sided 4x4 safari vehicle. Professional guide and camp assistants.
- National park and camping fees.
- The safaris are on a dinner, bed & breakfast and lunch basis to suite the duration of the safari. Should you be accommodated at Island Safari Lodge for a pre-night, breakfast will be included.
- All drinks included (soft, local alcoholic drinks, still water).

What to Bring

Luggage

- A soft bag or rucksack as they are easier to pack.
- One item of hand luggage (e.g. a small backpack) which can be kept at your feet

for easy access during activities.

Please do not exceed 20 kg of luggage.

Clothing & Equipment

- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulbs. A head torch is a good idea as it keeps your hands free.
- Hat or cap. A wide-brimmed hat is best to shade your face and neck.
- Scarf and gloves during winter as we can experience very low temperatures.
- Warm fleece and windbreaker jacket. Windproof during the winter months (May - Sept), waterproof during the summer months (Nov - Mar).
- Swimming costume. You may like a swim when visiting a lodge or either pre or post safari.
- Natural colour clothing (i.e. no white or bright colour clothing). Bring T-shirts, shorts, a pair of lightweight long trousers and a lightweight long sleeve shirt (long sleeves are extremely useful for sun protection during the day and mosquito protection during the evening).
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals.
- Camera equipment, binoculars and batteries. Bring spare memory cards for

digital cameras as the opportunity to download photos is limited.

- Adaptors for cables, chargers, USB, etc. Please label them so as to avoid confusion on safari.
- Small, spare power bank so you can recharge your camera batteries.
- Water bottle.

Personal Toiletry items & Medication

- Personal toiletries and medication in a small bag.
- Sunscreen.
- Malaria prophylactics. Please consult your doctor before your safari.
- Mosquito repellent.
- Water proof/zip lock bags for storing personal items to keep dry and dust free.
- Personal first aid kit.

A first aid kit will be present throughout the safari but personal medicine must be brought for the duration of the safari.