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The Journey into Africa's Last Eden- the Trans Okavango Expedition

An authentic safari experience in the Okavango Delta

With African safaris becoming ever more luxurious, one provider is offering a new way to experience the Okavango Delta. [Fitzroy Travel](#) have unveiled their Trans Okavango Expedition, an authentic safari with an open itinerary across the Okavango Delta, exclusive use campsites and a return to the spirit of simplicity.

The journey into Africa's last Eden, the Okavango Delta, is one that very few people get to make. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located in northern Botswana and is formed each year when the Okavango River floods the savannah, from the northern highlands of Angola and southeast into the Kalahari. The Okavango Delta is one of the world's largest inland deltas, formed of thousands of small islands, and is one of the seven natural wonders of Africa.



The Trans Okavango safari follows the floodwaters as they make their way south, creating what is in essence Africa's largest and greatest watering hole and a magnet for the region's diverse wildlife. By travelling the length of the floodwaters this safari involves travellers in an ecological narrative that is so often lost when merely going from lodge to lodge.

The wilderness paradise of the Okavango Delta is protected by the Moremi Game Reserve on its eastern edge and the many designated wildlife areas within Ngamiland, making it home to big cats, hippos, elephants and buffaloes as well as the five distinctly different Okavango peoples. There are a number of ways to experience the Okavango Delta like the luxurious lodges that we have come to associate with safari holidays in Africa. But on the Trans Okavango Expedition, you will be doing things differently.



Through papyrus swamps and replenishing lagoons, the Trans Okavango Expedition is a journey that starts north of the delta close to the Seronga, allowing the floodwaters to chart the course south east towards The Moremi Game Reserve. The camp's location is decided based upon seasonal factors such as the quality of the annual flood which dictates the wildlife densities, doing so enables explorers to experience the delta in all its guises. Far from chandeliers and full sized beds, the Beagle Expeditions Camp will be minimalist yet comfortable.

A 3 x 3 metre dome tent, a small bedroll and a private safari shower and toilet are setup in private operator sites, whilst the open fires and sounds of the delta provide the true safari expedition experience. As the new day dawns, the Trans Okavango Expedition continues by canoe, boat or foot offering a unique perspective of the delta.



Botswana itself is a country around the size of Texas, yet it has a population of just 2.2 million. Compare that to the 27 million inhabitants of Texas and you really get a feel for just how sparsely populated the country is. Any journey to Botswana, or indeed Africa, would not be complete without experiencing the Trans Okavango Expedition- an in depth, fascinating way to truly understand one of Africa's most remarkable wilderness areas.

Founder of Fitzroy Travel, Paul Callcutt said: *"As one of the premier safari destinations in the world, a trip to Africa is a dream for many people. The Trans Okavango Expedition represents, in my opinion, one of the most exciting safaris available in Africa. It's also different to the norm. There's not a luxury lodge in sight for a start, nor is there a set route through the delta, and that adds to the authenticity of the safari. Travelling in this way showcases the delta in a manner that can't be appreciated when just staying at a handful of lodges. By traversing the waterways you will develop of full understanding of the area in a wider context whilst the minimalist nature of the camp ensures that you are in the closest possible contact with the breath-taking nature of the area."*

Fitzroy Travel offer exclusive private travel itineraries across Africa, and are one of the few operators offering the Trans Okavango Expedition. **A 5 night Trans Okavango Expedition including flights and accommodation starts from £3745pp** or a **10 night Trans Okavango Expedition as part of a wider exploration of Botswana's ecosystems from £4987pp.** www.fitzroy-travel.com

Press information

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