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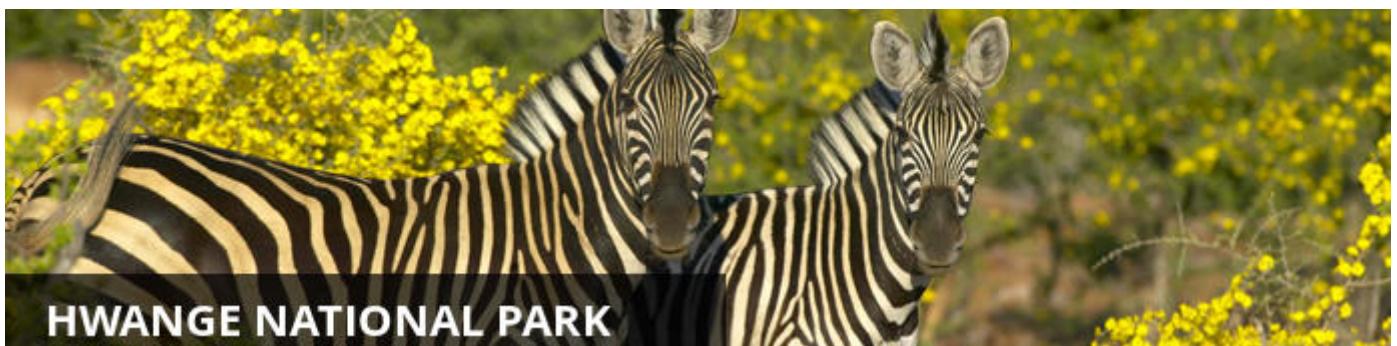
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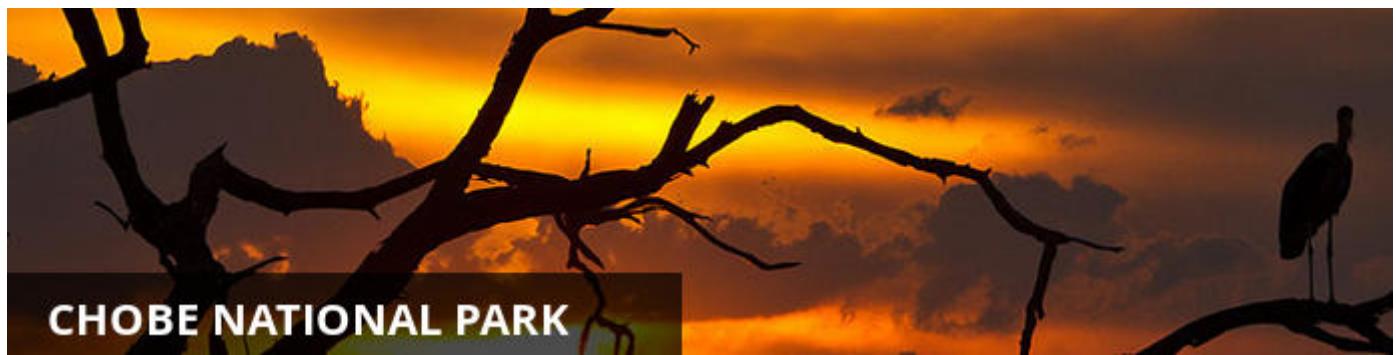
**CHOBE RIVER FRONT**



**VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**



**HWANGE NATIONAL PARK**



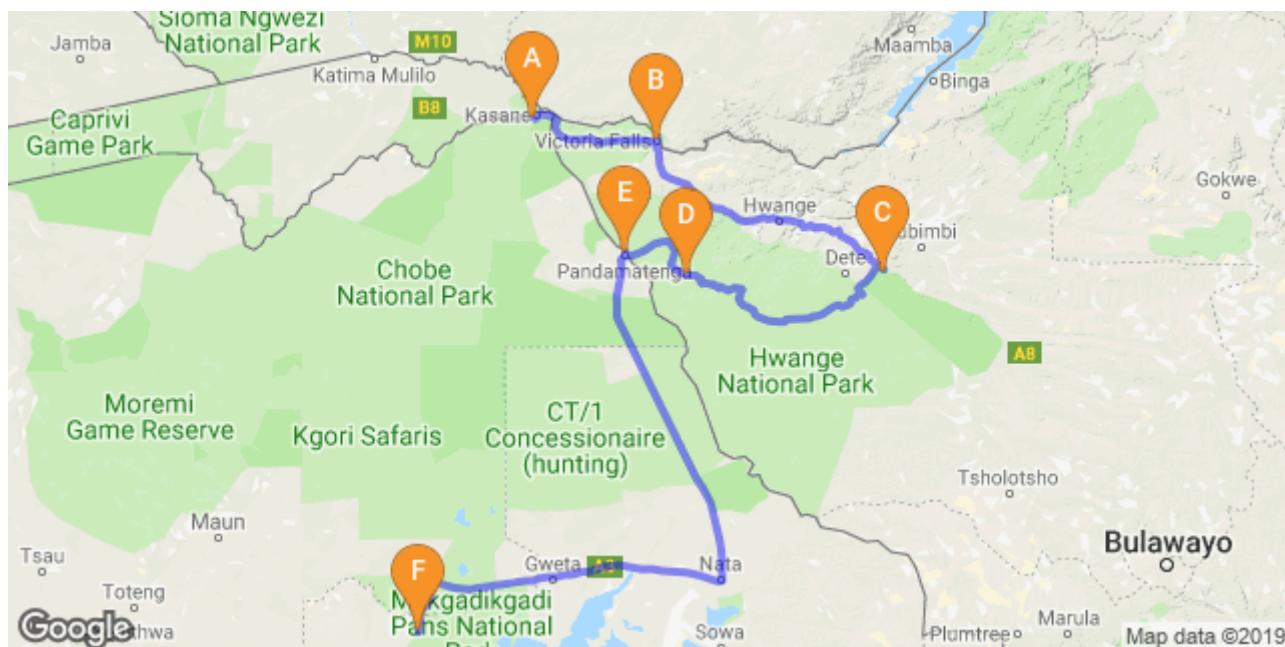
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Chobe River Front - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Chobe National Park - Xhumaga

13 Days / 12 Nights

2 Persons

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## Introduction

Bedankt voor uw belangstelling voor een safari naar Botswana en Zimbabwe. Een goede keuze en een prachtige safaribestemming. Fijn dat u Going Africa Safaris gevonden heeft als aanbieder van dit fantastische safariland.

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We gaan er bij Going Africa Safaris vanuit dat bijna iedereen die een safari naar Afrika boekt in enige mate Engels kan lezen, spreken of begrijpen.

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### De prijs

De prijsindicatie voor deze safari staat op de website. Sturen we u dit online reisschema toe als maatwerkvoorstel, dan ontvangt u de prijs in de begeleidende email.

### Documenten

Onder tab "documenten" hebben we ter informatie meteen documenten bijgevoegd aangaande onze Reisvoorwaarden en Privacyverklaring. Neem deze vooraf rustig door en u merkt dat u bij Going Africa Safaris in goede handen bent.

Wilt u de safari boeken, dan kunt u het bookingsformulier downloaden. Vul voor alle deelnemers het formulier in en stuur deze per email terug. We bevestigen dan de boeking per brief en factuur in PDF per email.

### Voorstel printen

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We wensen u veel plezier bij het doornemen van alle informatie als onderdeel van de voorstel.

Vriendelijke groeten

Paul Janssen  
Going Africa Safaris

<b>Start</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Day 1	Chobe Bush Lodge - 2Nt Getaway Deluxe	Chobe River Front	FB+	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 3	Bayete Guest Lodge	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 5	<a href="#"><u>Ivory Lodge</u></a>	Hwange National Park	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 7	Robins Camp - Full Board & Activities	Hwange National Park	FB+	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 9	Wildtrack Safaris Eco Lodge - Full Board	Chobe National Park	FB	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 11	Boteti River Camp - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast	Xhumaga	D,B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>

**Key**

B&amp;B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&amp;B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

## **Day 1-2: Chobe Bush Lodge - 2Nt Getaway Deluxe, Chobe River Front**

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### **Chobe River Front**

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them. A visit to this area guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to some exciting activities such as: driving along the game-dotted river banks in a 4WD; cruising along the river in a motorboat, spotting rare birdlife and for a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

### **Overnight: Chobe Bush Lodge - 2Nt Getaway Deluxe**

Includes: 2x breakfasts, 2x lunches, 2x dinners, 3 day's park fees and 2x boat cruise, 2x game drives & bed levy

Excludes: drinks, additional activities, laundry & transfers.

Chobe Bush Lodge is the smaller sister lodge to Chobe Safari Lodge, situated directly on the border with Chobe National Park on the edge of Kasane town.

The lodges 38 luxury air-conditioned en-suite rooms contain open plan bathrooms with both bath and shower. There are 4 large family rooms, with two bedrooms and own en-suite bathrooms. Rooms on the upper level of the lodge have balconies with views towards the Chobe National Park in the far distance, whereas lower level rooms have verandas with views of the bush.

The lodge's main area is semi-enclosed and overlooks the bush surrounds. Lodge facilities include the Bush Restaurant, serving a combination of buffet and a la carte style meals, swimming pool, cocktail bar, lounge areas with wi-fi spots and a curio shop.

The two night stay includes two game drives in the Chobe National Park as well as two boat cruises on the Chobe River.

### Kasane

This property is located in the small but thriving town of Kasane, where many bigger hotels are located along the Chobe River banks. Entry to Chobe National Park for game drives is via Sedudu Gate ten to fifteen minutes drive from town. For Chobe River cruises, boats depart directly from town. Although wildlife often passes through Kasane (most usually warthogs and the odd elephant) a typical bush experience is not on offer here. Instead you'll get all the comforts of civilization with easy access to the bush.

Airport Transfer Time: 15 minutes



**Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## Day 3-4: Bayete Guest Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

### Overnight: Bayete Guest Lodge

Bayete Guest Lodge has 30 rooms, surrounded by a lush tropical gardens which create an oasis in the heart of the quiet Victoria Falls residential area. Bayete offers comfortable and affordable accommodation, just 2.6 km away from the Victoria Falls Centre and 22 km from the airport. Deluxe and Executive rooms are available, as well as a honeymoon suite and a family cottage. The uniqueness of all of the different rooms makes Bayete suitable for couples, friends, families and corporate guests. Central to the lodge is the large tear drop pool which is hugged by the Caldecott Boma and Ngwezi Tavern, where guests are welcome to relax and enjoy. A full English breakfast is served to guests in the Caldecott Boma every day. Lunch and dinner are also available on special request and are delicious home cooked meals. BBQ's are available for group bookings or by special request.




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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 5-6: Ivory Lodge, Hwange National Park

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### Hwange National Park

Situated in western Zimbabwe, the Hwange National Park is the country's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides a sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. The park's magnificent terrain ranges from desert dunes, savannah lands and mopane woodlands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests. Visitors can look forward to game drives, guided walks or horse riding safaris. Other highlights include: the Bumbusi National Monument and the Nyamandhlovu Pan.

### Overnight: Ivory Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

A small intimate lodge featuring 7 luxurious tree houses and 2 Presidential Elephant Suites set on elevated platforms amongst the indigenous flora of Hwange Game Park.

Deep in the mystical teak forests of Hwange is this unobtrusive camp, bathed in the tales of pioneering hunters and explorers such as Fredrick Courtney Selous. Lumbering giants drift around your stilted platforms , their tusks glinting in salute to the sanctuary of shade offered up by these massive trees.

This is Ivory Lodge – place of elephants. It is here that great herds of elephants are found – sometimes over 100 strong.

Hwange is renowned for its huge tuskers – big old bulls with magnificent tusks. It is also here that the famous Presidential Herd drinks – these elephants' home-range is amongst the dense feeding areas of the Sikumi Vlei and where they find refuge from the scorching heat at Ivory's water hole.

Silently, elegantly, the lodge stands over the waterhole.... watch by flood light under a star spangled African night sky – the elephants in their play-fighting....their display of instinctive rituals, their caressing and murmurings...all which speak of years gone by.




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### Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

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## Day 7-8: Robins Camp - Full Board & Activities , Hwange National Park

### Hwange National Park

As previously described

### Overnight: Robins Camp - Full Board & Activities

Includes: accommodation, meals, 2x activities per day (Game drive or bush walk)

Excludes: all additional meals, drinks, additional activities, park fees, transfers & laundry

Activities: morning and afternoon game drives or bush walks

Robins Camp is part of the iconic Hwange National Park and situated in the rugged northern Basalt area of the Park. It is rich in natural water resources with seeps and springs dotting the area. Scenically, the setting of Robins is varied with kopjes (hills) and vleis (marshes) creating a unique habitat which has a lot to offer the wildlife enthusiast.

Robins Camp accommodation is in pleasant en-suite chalets. Camp sites are also available with shared ablution facilities. The main camp areas are comprised of the bar and restaurant.

The great appeal of the Robins Camp area of Hwange is that its specific habitat is favoured by buffalo which attracts the lions in the Park. The Robins Camp surrounds are also known for big populations of reedbuck, roan, sable and tsessebe antelope, as well as herds of elephants and other species usually encountered in the Park.

Airport Transfer Time: 1 hour 45 minutes from Victoria Falls Airport



### Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Day 9-10: Wildtrack Safaris Eco Lodge - Full Board, Chobe National Park

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### Chobe National Park

Renowned for its impressive, shifting migratory population of more than 50 000 elephants, Chobe National Park is situated in the far northeast of Botswana, bordered to the north by the mighty Chobe River. It is the second largest national park in Botswana featuring four distinct ecosystems: the Savuti Channel in the west; the Linyanti Swamps in the northwest; the arid hinterland in between and Serondela in the extreme northeast with fertile plains and thick forests. This diversity of habitats provides a sanctuary to an astonishing array of African wildlife. In addition to spotting Chobe's great pachyderm herds, you are likely to spot lion, leopard, hyena, wild dog, impala, waterbuck, kudu, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, and warthog. The park is also famous for its wonderful riverboat safaris, making Chobe an essential destination for any avid safari enthusiast.

### Overnight: Wildtrack Safaris Eco Lodge - Full Board

Includes: Meals

Excludes: Drinks, activities

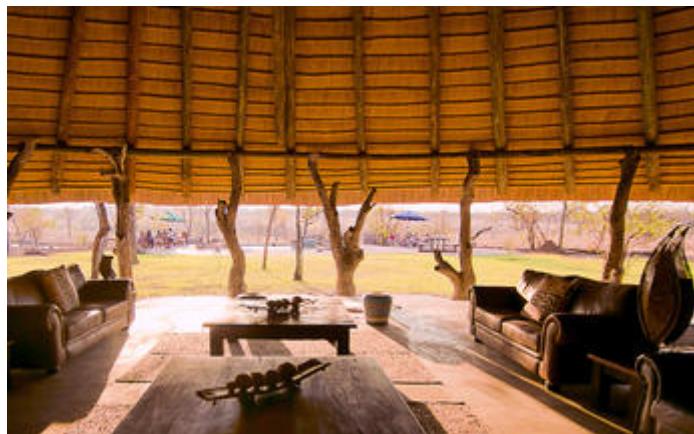
Wildtrack Safaris Eco Lodge is situated in Chobe region, near the village of Pandamatenga. The lodge lives up to its name to minimise the impact on the environment. The entire lodge is solar-powered, all hot water is supplied by solar geysers, the waste is recycled, effluent treated and returned safely to the environment

Guests are accommodated in eleven thatched comfortable suites - one of which is both wheelchair friendly and family oriented. Each suite is uniquely styled and themed to reflect Africa's rich and diverse cultures, with extra-length King size beds appointed with crisp, white linen. The en-suite bathrooms, with natural stone baths, open out to private outdoor showers with panoramic views, allowing guests to experience the true spirit of Africa

Take time to relax on the lush tree-filled lawns, or cool off in our sparkling swimming pool - while sipping on a sundowner as the sun sets ablaze with colours. After dinner, unwind at the boma overlooking a waterhole.

Activities on offer include morning and night game drives in open 4x4 game drive vehicles, guided bush walks, as well as interactive tours within the community of Pandamatenga - allowing guests the opportunity not only to observe, but also contribute towards ongoing community enrichment programs. Day trips to the Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park, the Okavango Delta and the Victoria Falls can be arranged whilst at the lodge. All activities can either be pre-booked or arranged at the Lodge (at an additional cost).

Airstrip Transfer Time: 30 minutes from Kasane Airport



## Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 11-12: Boteti River Camp - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, Xhumaga

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### Xhumaga

The small town of Xhumaga is situated in north-central Botswana and rests on the western bank of the Boteti River, flanking the Makgadikgadi National Park. This photographer's wonderland presents visitors with striking scenes of vast open plains, dramatic Acacia tree silhouettes and wandering herds of wildlife. The Makgadikgadi National Park, which encompasses the largest saltpan in the world, provides a home for antelope, zebra and wildebeest, and stone age tools and artefacts dot the landscape. At the Nxai Pan, nature enthusiasts can spot unusual species such as hartebeest, bat-eared fox, brown hyena, and cheetah. A rich culture flourishes here, and the town is happy to welcome visitors to their way of life. Make sure to try some of the region's traditional dishes such as mopane worms, lamb, meat stew (seswaa) and maize porridge (pap), as well as the sweet, tasty watermelon (lerotse) grown here.

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### Overnight: Boteti River Camp - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

**Includes:** accommodation, dinner and breakfast

**Excludes:** additional meals, drinks, activities, park fees, return transfers from Maun and laundry

**Activities:** game drives in the Makgadikgadi National Park and Nxai Pan National Park and cultural village walking tours

Set on the edge of the Makgadikgadi National Park, close to Khumaga Village, Boteti River Camp is ideally located for access not only to the Makgadikgadi Pans but also to Nxai Pan National Park and the Central Kalahari Game Reserve. The Boteti River is an important seasonal water source in this arid region and Boteti River Camp enjoys outstanding views over the riverbed and beautiful wilderness surrounds.

Seven comfy chalets feature en suite bathrooms with outdoor shower and loo and all are airconditioned. One platform tent – elevated on poles 4 meters above ground level – has an open air shower and toilet at ground level with the bedroom upstairs. The platform tent is not airconditioned.

The central camp facilities are made up of a bar, viewing lounge deck and swimming pool, all being ideal relaxation spots. Tasty, homestyle meals are served in the restaurant.

A great array of wildlife crosses the immense salt pans to reach the Boteti River water sources. Visitors may choose to explore this unique area in their own vehicles (4x4 vehicles essential), however activities offered at Boteti River Camp aim to enrich guests' game and cultural experiences. These include game drives in both the Makgadikgadi National Park and Nxai Pan National Park as well as cultural village walking tours (all activities and park fees at additional cost, please refer to basis booked). Return road transfers from Maun are also available at additional cost.

Boteti River Camp also offers eight campsites, all with water connection, fire place and a shade net roof beneath which self-contained travellers can set up their own tents. Ablutions and washing up areas are shared for the campsites. One Meru tent is set up in the campground with bedding and towels only provided. The Meru Tent is open from July to October annually.



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## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 13: End of Itinerary

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### Activities

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#### *Travel for Impact*

Travel for Impact, based in the village of Maun, Botswana, is a social enterprise that links the travel industry with local community projects in Northern Botswana.

With Travel for Impact, guests can experience The Okavango Delta, the lifeline of the Big Five – lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros.

The area also offers a variety of sites such as the Makgadikgadi Pans – one of the world's largest salt flats, which hosts thousands of flamingos, zebra and wildebeest. Guests may also choose to experience scenic boat cruises along Chobe National Park, day trips to Victoria Falls, trek the Gcwihaba Caves, or to explore the Central Kalahari Game Reserve which is the second largest in the world.

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Ivory Lodge		+263 9 243 954	23 Old Gwanda Road, Hillside, Bulawayo

## Travel Information



Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

### ***Banking and Currency***

#### **Currency**

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

#### **Banking**

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to expect in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana: your home driving licence will be accepted (with an official English translation if necessary; driving is on the left side of the road; and the national speed limit is on tarred roads is 120km/h and 60km/h in towns and villages).

**Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!**

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

A discretionary 5 to 10% tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

### ***Climate and Weather***

Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20°s. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.

As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green. Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into September and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris – although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

In summer, lightweight, lightcoloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, longsleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys. From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

## **Electricity and Plug Standards**

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the "Type M" South African SABS1661 ("Large" 15 amp BS-546) sockets. This is actually an old British standard. The "Type M" South African plug and socket is not to be confused with the "Type D" Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220-240 volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent.

Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

## **Banking and Currency**

### **Currency**

Zimbabwe uses its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar. No other currency is accepted. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

## **Banking**

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

## ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

## ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

## ***Climate and Weather***

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February** and **March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April** and **May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July** and **August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'– days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September** and **October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year round. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

### ***Electricity and Plug Standards***

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.

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Mocht het onverhoopd toch voorkomen dat er een prijsaanpassing plaats moet vinden, dan proberen we eerst de lokale partner te vragen om de extra kosten (deels) te absorberen. Lukt dat niet, dan treden we in overleg om een nette oplossing te vinden.