



DELTA TO DESERT

This unique journey showcases Botswana in all its magnificence, from the wildlife-abundant Okavango Delta to the remote Makgadikgadi salt pans.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, Botswana



10 days from AU\$34,355 pp



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Journey Overview

This unique journey showcases Botswana in all its magnificence. You'll experience the wilds of the Selinda Reserve, where game viewing is hard core, the wetlands of the pristine Okavango Delta, and the extraordinary desert experience of the remote Makgadikgadi salt pans. See big game in huge numbers, as well as the smaller more elusive species, and at the end of each adventurous day retire to the sublime comforts of our hand-picked camps and lodges.

Journey Highlights

- Experience Botswana wildlife viewing at its finest in the game rich Selinda Reserve
- Glide through the Okavango Delta on a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe), observing aquatic life (water levels permitting)
- Search for rare nocturnal wildlife on a night safari
- Explore the Makgadikgadi, one of the world's largest extinct super lakes
- Lose yourself in the old-world safari glamour of the Great Kalahari at Jack's Camp



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Maun - Selinda Reserve

An A&K welcome to Botswana where you are met and assisted to your light aircraft flight to Selinda Camp, located in the pristine paradise of the 130,000-hectare Selinda Reserve. This wild, unfenced wildlife sanctuary is well known for its large number of predators including lion and African wild dog, plains game as well as huge elephant herds. Before your first game viewing activity this afternoon, settle into your accommodation, featuring just three expansive suites each featuring an indoor en-suite bathroom, a large private veranda with outdoor seating, and a private swimming pool. A two-bedroomed suite is also available.

Selinda Camp / Meals: LD

Days 2-3: Selinda Reserve

Setting out at dawn, when predators are active, guides are as keen as guests to discover the riches of each day. Once the sun is high and strong, retreat to camp to relax. Then, as the sun begins to wane, head out late afternoon in search of nocturnal wildlife and the action that comes with and after sunset. Short guided walks from camp and boating safaris are offered as well.

Selinda Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Selinda Reserve - Okavango Delta

Today take a spectacular helicopter flight which will follow along the Selinda Spillway to the Okavango Delta with its network of lagoons, channels, palm islands and floodplains to your next camp, Duba Plains. Built on an island shaded by large ebony, fig and garcinia trees, Duba Plains along with Selinda is one of only two camps to hold the prestigious Relais & Châteaux accreditation in Botswana. The camp offers five spacious, luxury tents designed to evoke the classic African safari style of the 1920's. Each tent feature a lounge area, beautifully appointed en-suite facilities, and private verandah complete with plunge pool and shaded sala.

Duba Plains / Meals: BLD

Days 5-6: Okavango Delta

Spend two full days at Duba Plains exploring the Okavango Delta. Duba Plains is located in the furthest reaches of the Okavango Delta in a very private and remote reserve of 30,000 hectares. With its access to large islands, floodplains and marshes, Duba is renowned for its diverse range of wildlife including lion, leopard, stunning birdlife, elephant, lechwe, and buffalo.

Duba Plains / Meals: BLD

Day 7: Okavango Delta - Makgadikgadi Pans

Leave the wetlands behind and fly to the remote Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, one of the largest areas of salt pans in the world. Your elegant 1940's style safari accommodation, Jack's Camp, is an oasis of style, old-world glamour and comfort in the middle of Botswana's Kalahari Desert located in a beautiful palm grove.

Jack's Camp / Meals: BLD

Days 8-9: Makgadikgadi Pans

Spend the next two days exploring a relic of one of the world's largest super lakes, the Makgadikgadi, which dried up thousands of years ago. Travelling by 4WD quad bike (seasonal), you will be able to explore remote archaeological sites including fossil beds of extinct species. A safari here is a complete desert experience focusing on species unique to the area such as aardvark, gemsbuck and springbuck. It is the only place where you are virtually guaranteed to see the rare and elusive brown hyena and interact with a gang of habituated but wild meerkats.

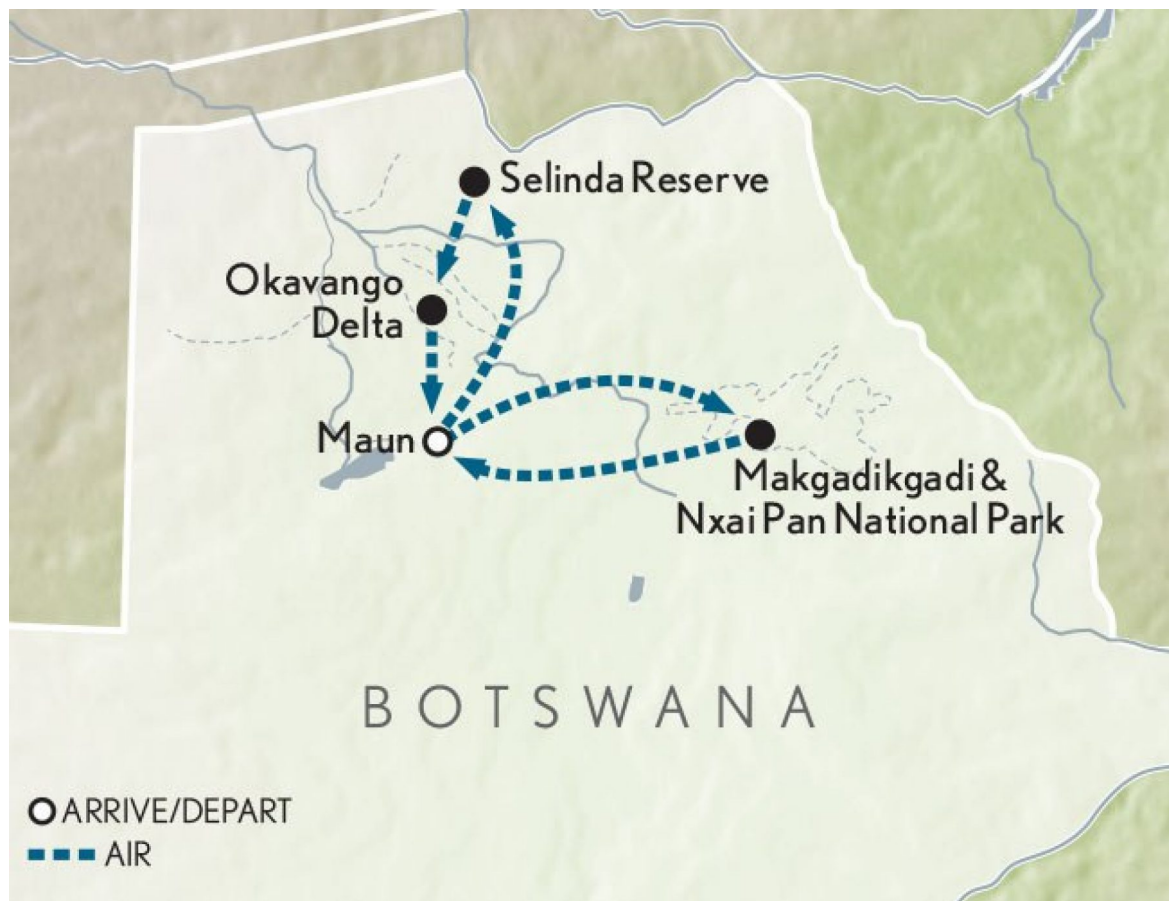
Jack's Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 10: Depart Makgadikgadi Pans

Fly to Maun airport where your safari ends.

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Accommodation

Selinda Camp, Selinda Reserve



Selinda Camp is located on an island on the banks of the Selinda Spillway near to where the Kwando, Savuti, and Linyanti Rivers converge. Selinda Camp is made up of just three expansive guest suites, each featuring an indoor en-suite bathroom, a large private veranda with outdoor seating, a private swimming pool, and panoramic views of the floodplains. In addition to the three main suites, the separate 2-bedroomed Selinda Suite consisting of a two bedrooms. Each luxurious tent has a unique egg shaped stone bath and is furnished with beautifully appointed furniture. The main dinner and lounge area is built on raised decks under thatched roofing and offers breathing taking views over the flood plains. There is also a temperature controlled wine cellar offering some excellent South African wines.

Activities involve the traditional 4x4 game drives, spending time in one of the hides which overlook waterholes and flood plains, a walking safari to discover the smaller animals and plant life, canoeing, fishing and boating activities are also available, these are dependent on water levels. There is also a small plunge pool to cool off by in the middle of the day, and a resident therapist who offers a variety of massages. The wildlife that you can expect to see at Selinda are antelope, zebra, cheetah, wild dog, lion and dry season elephant concentrations. Nocturnal species include serval, porcupine, springhare and possibly leopard.

Why we like it

- Selinda Camp is made up of 3 luxury tents one being a 2 bedroom family tent each with their own private viewing deck
- Custom built Land Cruisers with individual bucket seats and a removable canvas roof are the perfect way to discover this interesting reserve
- A unique open air bathroom
- Selinda Camp is surrounded by rich game floodplains which are also host to a variety of birdlife species (in excess of 300)
- Selinda is an excellent choice of camp for wildlife enthusiasts and a first time safari

Duba Plains Camp, Okavango Delta



One of our favourite places to stay in the Okavango Delta, Duba Plains is one of only two camps to hold the prestigious Relais & Châteaux accreditation. Stay here and your welcome into the African bush will be one of sheer style and indulgence. The beautifully designed canvas rooms each offer a large, open-plan bathroom. A stunning, Victorian copper bath tub forms the centrepiece of each bathroom – the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing soak as you overlook the endless floodplains. And your chances of seeing incredible wildlife from your tub are good too – the rise in water levels in the last decade has seen an increased number of sightings of buffalo, lion and a diverse range of other species in the area.

The centre of the camp boasts a raised dining room and a covered lounge area. Sink into one of the comfortable leather sofas and watch the local wildlife walk by as you sip a fresh cup of coffee. If you'd prefer to dine privately, you'll have your pick of options. We can arrange for dinner to be served in the well-stocked wine cellar, and the library provides a cosy backdrop on cooler evenings. However, we think the best way to dine at Duba Plains is out under the stars. Enjoy delicious, freshly prepared dishes and world-class wines as the sounds of distant lion calls serenade you.

Why we like it

- Located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, this is the only camp on this private concession
- The camp can accommodate a maximum of 10 guests in its five luxury tented rooms, ensuring an exclusive experience
- Enjoy early-morning and late-afternoon game drives and water activities (water levels

permitting)

- The camp was designed by Derek Joubert to reflect the original 1920s colonial safari experience
- Duba Plains aims to deliver an exclusive, private safari experience with minimum environmental impact

Jack's Camp, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park



Sited on the original spot chosen by Jack Bousfield in the 1960's, Jack's Camp is set on the Pans of the Makgadikgadi. A relic of one of the world's largest super-lakes, formed some five to seven million years ago, the lake dried thousands of years ago to leave a vast salt pan. Jack's camp has 2 distinctive seasons dry Season (winter) 16th April - 31st October and Wet season (summer) 01 November - 15th April. During the wet season the landscape transforms, clouds of flamingo and other migratory birds along with herds of zebra and wildebeest who are drawn to the lush long grass ultimately the predators head this way too.

At the camp there is a beautiful swimming pool where you can escape the heat and relax in the cool waters. Afternoon tea at Jack's camp is a sumptuous affair and the chef goes to great trouble to create mouth-watering sweet and savoury delicacies. The meals at the camp are served in the dining tent surrounded by interesting artefacts.

Why we like it

- A traditional East African 1940's style camp
- 10 en suite luxury canvas tents
- The opportunity to walk through the Kalahari with a gang of habituated but, wild meerkats
- Learn about the Bushmen, they may even join some of the activities on offer
- Jack's Camp is perfect for everyone wanting a true desert experience and children of all ages welcome

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