



## AFRICAN WATERWAYS

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## Journey Overview

This inspiring journey takes a privileged look at two pristine parts of Africa – the Okavango Delta and the Chobe National Park, which has one of the largest concentrations of game on the continent. The wildlife in Botswana is prolific and the landscapes diverse and dramatic. Game viewing is offered by 4WD vehicle, boat and sometimes on foot. The companionship of outstanding safari guides combined with the privacy of luxurious Sanctuary Retreats' Lodges & Camps delivers an unforgettable safari experience.

### Journey Highlights

- Admire an African sunset on a Chobe River cruise
- Glide through the Okavango Delta on a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe)
- Spot wildlife on open 4WD safaris by day and night
- Sleep in sophisticated safari style with Sanctuary Retreats



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Kasane - Chobe National Park**

A warm A&K welcome to Botswana on arrival at Kasane airport. Transfer to your lodge near nearby Chobe National Park, Botswana's second largest, famous for its massive herds of elephant and buffalo. This afternoon take a boat safari on the river watching elephants as they come down to drink and bathe, and hippos grazing. Enjoy sundowners as the sun sets.

***Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero / Meals: LD***

### **Day 2: Chobe National Park**

Today enjoy a morning game drive traversing the park's diverse landscapes, getting up close to elephants, hippo, buffalo, puku and other animals that gather on the banks of the Chobe River. Lion and leopard are also found in the area. This afternoon head out on another boat cruise or visit the park again on an afternoon drive.

***Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Chobe - Okavango Delta**

Travel by light aircraft from Kasane into the heart of the Okavango Delta. Settle in before your afternoon safari adventure by mokoro (seasonal), 4WD or on foot.

***Sanctuary Stanley's Camp or Sanctuary Baines' Camp / Meals: BLD***

### **Days 4-5: Okavango Delta**

Spend two full days exploring the Okavango Delta. Activities include morning and afternoon game drives on the grassy plains, mokoro excursions along the pristine waterways (seasonal), and guided safari walks.

***Sanctuary Stanley's Camp or Sanctuary Baines' Camp / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Okavango Delta**

Today take a spectacular helicopter flight onwards to Sanctuary Chief's Camp, in the world renowned Mombo Concession, Africa's "predator capital". Game viewing here is outstanding with predators a highlight.

***Sanctuary Chief's Camp / Meals: BLD***

**Days 7-8: Okavango Delta**

Further explore the Delta, experiencing the exceptional wildlife by 4WD with an expert safari guide or a mokoro ride through the waterways (in season). There are good opportunities to see leopard, giraffe, elephant, buffalo, zebra, antelope – and for the keen birder, a wonderful variety of avian species. Back in camp, relax by your plunge pool, indulge in a safari spa treatment or simply soak up the views from your deck or from the bar.

***Sanctuary Chief's Camp / Meals: BLD*****Day 9: Depart Okavango - Maun**

Fly by light aircraft to Maun where your safari ends.

***Meals: B***

## Map





## Accommodation

### Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park



Luxury and elegance combine at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero. Set on an escarpment overlooking the Chobe River and flood plain it is at the northern tip of one of Botswana's most famous National Parks, home to perhaps Africa's greatest concentration of elephant. Chobe Chilwero - meaning high view - is the perfect base to start or end your Botswana holiday. The lodge also benefits from being within easy reach of the world-famous Victoria Falls.

The spa is the first on the Botswana safari circuit. Features include an indoor spa bath, Vichy showers, hydrotherapy, plunge pool, relaxation area and private treatment rooms - one of which is elevated in the treetops. Cuisine is taken seriously here and a large variety of superior wines, specially selected by experts, are stored in the lodge's own temperature-controlled wine cellar. Game drives with professional guides take place twice daily in open sided 4-wheel drive vehicles. Sunset cruises on the Chobe River are particularly spectacular. Birding safaris, fishing expeditions and exploring the endless tributaries of this mighty river are all highlights.

All 14 guest cottages have been individually designed to fit in with their topography and vegetation. Each is finished with mosaic floors, traditional fabrics and fitted with air-conditioning as well as ceiling fans. There is one honeymoon suite complete with private plunge pool and a private vehicle

for all game viewing activities. Outside there is a shower, seating area and hammock set within a private secluded garden. The bathrooms are luxurious with a separate shower and beautiful Victorian style baths - the perfect place to relax after a busy day game viewing in the Chobe National Park. Children 5 years and under are not allowed on activities unless sole vehicle use is requested and is still subject to management discretion.

**Why we like it**

- Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero is a luxurious riverside retreat in the heart of the bush
- Activities included are morning and afternoon game drives and sundowner cruises
- The spa offers a range of spa and hydrotherapy treatments from both the Thalgo and Africology ranges
- Relax in the split level swimming pool after a morning game drive
- Enjoy cruises on the Chobe River in the double deck photographic safari boat with 360 degree swivel seats complete with a bar on the lower deck

## Sanctuary Stanley's Camp, Okavango Delta



Set in an amphitheatre of ebony and sausage trees near the southern tip of Chief's Island, Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is situated on a 260,000 acre private concession, bordering the southern section of the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is one of Botswana's smaller and more intimate camps, with a maximum capacity of sixteen guests experiencing the best of Africa's wildlife and the highest standards of service and accommodation.

The bush adjacent to Stanley's Camp is rich with excitement: game walks, day and night-time game drives and silent, gliding mokoro excursions (subject to water levels). You can track a wide variety of big-game species: giraffe, buffalo, lion and leopard are often encountered. A particular highlight here is the resident herd of elephant: wild, but habituated over the last fifteen years to share their natural world with you. There is the chance to join these graceful giants on walking safaris through the bush, sharing in their daily activities of bathing, foraging, feeding and play.

Accommodation consists of eight classic-styled safari tents, each with en suite facilities and a private balcony where you can relax from the comfort of your hammock in the African sunshine. The main building is raised on decking and offers extensive views over the surrounding floodplains. Dinner is served overlooking the game-filled plains, seasonally glazed with their life-giving flood of water. The finest cuisine is complemented by a carefully selected choice of South African wines.

### Why we like it

- Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is traditional and colonial in style taking you back to when the pioneers were travelling
- Opportunity to walk with the elephants with the "Living with Elephants" project. This



activity is at an extra cost

- Eight classic styles safari tents each en suite with a private deck
- The area around the camp changes with the seasons - from lush green when the rain flows down from the Angolan highlands to dry savannah when the Kalahari Desert tightens its grip
- Children of all ages are welcome

## Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve



Sanctuary Chief's Camp sits silent among the glassy waters of the seasonal flood waters. Sited in the exclusive Mombo concession of the Moremi Game Reserve, this camp has been seamlessly integrated into the environment of winding waterways, reedbeds, mopane woodlands and seasonal lagoons. The area's game is outstanding: lion are frequently seen and the area is one of the few places in Botswana offering a 'Big Five' experience. Access to Sanctuary Chief's Camp is by light aircraft, using the private landing strip just 15 minutes' drive away. The swimming pool is perfect to escape from the heat of the day. Sanctuary Chief's Camp also has a small library. Through the day expeditions with expert guides allow an up-close and personal bush experience, and when the floodwaters arrive from the north, mokoros come into their own, gliding silently along labyrinthine waterways (subject to water levels). More conventional, game-drives provide a succession of outstanding photographic opportunities, getting quietly close to unexpected sights of nature's drama in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

The twelve luxury bush pavilions, all set on wooden platforms are spacious offering 141sq metres of living indoor and outdoor space. The features of the pavilions include a private dining area, Nespresso machine, outside seating area, plunge pool, air conditioning and fan and Wi-Fi. The luxury bathrooms feature a spacious outdoor shower, a large bath tub and floor to ceiling windows that look out to the wilderness of the Okavango Delta.

### Why we like it

- Sanctuary Chief's Camp is located in the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve known as the "predator capital of Africa"

- Twelve luxury bush pavilions all on raised wooden platforms are the ultimate in privacy and comfort complete with plunge pool
- Activities included are morning and afternoon game drives and seasonal mokoro (dug out canoe) excursions
- Dining is always a pleasure here, blending Western and African influences
- Children over six years old are welcome

## Sanctuary Baines' Camp, Okavango Delta



Effortlessly romantic and set amongst shady trees and huge termite mounds nestles the small and intimate Sanctuary Baines' Camp. Poised between the plains game of Moremi and the permanent waters of the Okavango Delta, the area is great for all bird and animal species. A further unique attraction is the chance to meet the orphan elephants adopted by naturalists Doug and Sandy Groves and interact with these gentle giants in their calming, natural environment.

The main area has a deck for outdoor dining and views over the permanent water of the lagoon. The little luxuries are well represented here: there is a swimming pool with private salas for relaxation. To explore on land, game drives in 4x4 vehicles will get you close to Africa's greatest predators by day and in this private reserve, continue well after dark. The permanent water opens up the whole world of floating safaris, atmospherically silent at the gentle pace of a poled mokoro. Truly an eco-camp, the camp walls have been made from recycled materials and neutrally decorated to blend in with the natural habitat.

Sanctuary Baines' Camp has just five luxury suites. All have en suite facilities, mini bars and ceiling fans. The suites are set on elevated platforms, with wooden decks overlooking the permanent water of the Boro River. Four-poster beds are draped with netting and are designed to be easily rolled out onto your private wooden decks for nights under the stars. All suites and communal areas are linked by wooden boardwalks. There are no triple rooms available at the camp.

### Why we like it

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp is a small and intimate camp with five luxury suites

- A low environmental impact camp which has been built using commercially grown wood and recycled tin cans
- Activities included are day and night game drives, walking safaris and mokoros
- Opportunity to walk with the elephants with the "Living with Elephants" project. This activity is at an extra cost
- Children over six years old are welcome at the camp



## Dates & Pricing

From \$15,935 per person twin share (low season) and from \$31,840 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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