

# HONEYMOON SAFARIS

## *Desert and Delta Delights*



This fantastic safari includes some of the most famous attractions from Botswana and Zambia. From the Makgadikgadi Pans, into the Okavango Delta, Savuti Channel and the famous Victoria Falls, this Honeymoon is pure luxury, unforgettable wildlife, and surreal scenery. This fantastic honeymoon is a little like romance in the middle of an African fable, with the Stolen River and a land abundant with Lion and Elephant and their remarkable relationship, as well as taking the 'Flight of the Angels' to the mystical Smoke that Thunders – Victoria Falls...

### *Your Honeymoon Itinerary...*

#### DAY 1: ARRIVING IN JOHANNESBURG...INTO BOTSWANA

Today, your flight arrives in Johannesburg International Airport. Once you are in South Africa, we would strongly recommend that you overnight in Johannesburg tonight. After your wedding, and a long and tiring flight, you will overnight in either the Intercontinental Hotel, right next to the airport terminal or the Fairlawns Hotel, another fantastic 5-Star hotel close to Sandton City. This will allow you to catch up on any much needed rest before heading to the safari lodge the next day, or for anything such as lost luggage or delays of any kind to be sorted out.

With the Fairlawns option, we can arrange a personal transfer to take you to Fairlawns (about a half hour to 45 minute drive) or you have the option of hopping onto the Gautrain. This is the new high-speed commuter train that will take you right from the airport terminal into Sandton City in Johannesburg where a driver from the Fairlawns Hotel will pick you up, and drive you the last few minutes to the hotel.



**Inter-Continental  
Hotel at the  
Airport**



**One of the lovely rooms at the  
Fairlawns Hotel**



**The Gautrain in the  
airport terminal station**

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## LEROO LA TAU LODGE · THE MAKGADIKGADI PANS 2 NIGHTS

After your overnight stay in Johannesburg, you will transfer back to the airport to board a flight to Botswana. You will fly into Maun Airport in Botswana, where your safari begins. From Maun Airport you will board the light aircraft transfer to Leroo La Tau lodge on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Into the wilderness now, where luxury awaits, but anything can happen...

**Leroo La Tau** is situated on the eastern side of a bend in the Boteti River, just outside the



Makgadikgadi Pans National Park but surrounded by it on three sides. The Boteti was for many years a dry, desolate stretch of sand which attracted game to a small number of mostly man-made waterholes, but in 2008 it began to flow again – and the area is now unrecognisable from what it was just a couple of years ago.

Accommodation at Leroo La Tau consists of **12 large chalets** well spaced in an elevated position on a 1.5km stretch of riverfront, with fantastic views across the Boteti River to the national park. The chalets are of solid construction, raised on individual wooden platforms and each chalet has wood flooring throughout. Expansive glass sliding doors open onto an extended wooden veranda and the lodge's east-facing direction makes this a great place to watch the sun rise over the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park as its rays creep into your room.



**Activities** at Leroo La Tau centre on game drives in the lodge's own concession as well as river trips and 4WD game-drives in the adjacent Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Generally game drives spend the daylight hours inside the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park where the emphasis is on combing the Boteti riverfront for game. When dusk falls, activities retreat to Leroo La Tau's own concession - a relatively narrow neck of land enclosed by a loop of the Boteti, which juts into the park. For many guests, down time spent in the hide at the lodge can be a highlight in itself.



The game densities at Leroo La Tau are good in the late dry season (July-November) when the animals rely on the Boteti as the single source of water in a dry, parched landscape. When there's plenty of ground water around however (December-April) it's fair to say the game viewing can be sparse - the animals simply don't have to rely on the river as their main water source anymore.

This is a superb lodge, luxury in the harsh Makgadikgadi landscape and it can provide remarkable game spectacles when the surrounding area is dry. Your stay at Leroo La Tau will be on a fully inclusive basis and include all meals, refreshments and local alcoholic drinks, scheduled activities and laundry service, national park fees, levies and taxes.

Leaving Leroo La Tau behind, you now travel by light aircraft transfer to Camp Okavango. This transfer operates as a seat-in-plane, and unless you book a private charter, the plane may land at one

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or two other camps before landing at Camp Okavango, as with all light aircraft transfers in Botswana.

## CAMP OKAVANGO · 2 NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE DELTA

Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta is a maze of lagoons, lakes and hidden channels covering an area of over 16,000 square km in flood and shrinking to less than 9,000 square km in the dry season. Trapped in the parched Kalahari sands the fresh water oasis attracts wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique wilderness. Camp Okavango is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta, assuring a year-round water wilderness experience!



Camp Okavango **accommodates only 24 guests** in intimate exclusivity in East African style safari tents individually sited on raised teak platforms with en-suite ablution facilities and a private sundeck. Each tent is exquisitely furnished with a Rhodesian Teak wardrobe, luggage rack, dressing table, bedside pedestals and traditional directors chairs; colourful woven rugs, designer linen and matching interior blinds complete your African hideaway.



Honeymooners are catered for in the beautiful '**Okavango Suite**' where your stay may include private game viewing activities.

The safari activities: Camp Okavango is the ideal base from which to discover the secrets of the Okavango wetland ecosystem. Experienced resident naturalist guides conduct all game viewing activities. Renowned for its great natural beauty and diversity, this area is a heaven for rare species such as the Sitatunga Antelope and a birdwatchers paradise. Game activities include exploring the Okavango by traditional canoe and river craft on wildlife and bird watching expeditions. Guided nature walks on the islands of the Delta afford an opportunity to track some of the larger species that inhabit this water wilderness.



Your stay at Camp Okavango is inclusive of accommodation, all meals, all local brand drinks, scheduled game-viewing activities, park entrance fees and laundry service. This lovely camp epitomizes the Okavango Delta Safari and will leave you with lasting memories of this wilderness.

From Camp Okavango, you will fly via light aircraft again to another wildlife spectacle – the Savuti Channel near the Chobe conservation area. Here you head for Savuti Safari Lodge...

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## SAVUTI SAFARI LODGE- ON THE 'STOLEN RIVER' FOR 2 NIGHTS



It is on the banks of Botswana's fabled Stolen River, that you will find Savute Safari Lodge in a setting of singular beauty. The now dry Savute channel is part of the dynamic Savute eco system renowned for its large concentration of elephant and lion and their troubled relationship.

Accommodation is in 12 twin-bedded chalets each with contemporary furnishings, beautiful wood, thatch and glass creating superb safari suites. The double volume suites with their spacious interior and large, glass sliding doors sets Savute Safari Lodge apart from typical safari accommodation. The large, private viewing decks and en-suite facilities, with walk in showers combine to make Savute Safari Lodge an unforgettable experience.

The thatch and timber main building has everything you need, including a lounge, library and cocktail bar with an upstairs viewing deck, which allows Savute's enchanting sunsets to mesmerize guests. It is warm, welcoming and cosy.



The game viewing offered by Savute is an experience not to be missed, especially if you are visiting in the summer months, after November's first rains when thousands of animals are drawn to the area. Savute Safari Lodge's highlights are its concentrations of Lion and Hyena, as well as its Leopard, Cheetah, Black-Backed Jackal and the many lone Elephant bulls. Savute lays claim to the second biggest summer zebra migration in Africa, which is determined by the rains, but usually occurs between the November – December wet season.



Time though to move on. After exploring and experiencing the Savute Channel, you will board your next light aircraft transfer, and be whisked off to Chobe Game Lodge for one night.

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## CHOBE GAME LODGE- 1 NIGHT IN CHOBE

Chobe Game Lodge, the only permanent game lodge situated within the Chobe National Park itself as well as located right on the banks of the Chobe River, is Botswana's premier venue for guests looking for a perfect base to explore the Chobe National Park and Chobe River.



Chobe's wildlife roams in abundance and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa and during the dry season these herds, as well as large herds of buffalo, congregate along the fertile flood plains of the Chobe River.

Chobe Game lodge is one of superb luxury and tasteful furnishings. The lodge has 4 fantastic River View Suites, each with their own plunge pool and a separate lounge area as well as Graceful high arches, quarry tiled floors and barrel vaulted ceilings create an atmosphere of cool tranquillity. These are ideal for our honeymoon clients.



The lodge also has 46 luxury rooms, each with hand crafted Rhodesian teak furniture and walls decorated with original African carvings and paintings. All 46 rooms are river facing and are air conditioned with overhead fans, complimentary mini bar and recently renovated en suite bathrooms.

The lodge has a definite focus on you experiencing the Chobe area. Available for you to do is a wide range of different activities. The first is sunset cruises on the Chobe River in small boats with spectacular wildlife viewing and vistas. Then, you can explore the Chobe reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles, tracking animals through the grasslands, forests and floodplains. Also, the Mosi-oa-Tunya (their bigger river boat) will take you on a cruise beneath the endless Botswana sky where the wilderness will permeate your soul. And of course, the lodge offers a great wellness programme for plenty of relaxation and revitalisation.



After breakfast the next day, it comes time to depart Chobe Game Lodge. You will be travelling to the The River Club in Zambia, on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, and you have two options for this transfer. The first is by road, where you will be taken across the Zambezi and into Zambia, where after the immigration formalities you will be driven to The River Club. The second option is again by air and we highly recommend this option to all our clients...

Leaving the lodge you will be taken to Kasane Airport and after going through the emigration formalities here you will board your light aircraft. Taking off, you will fly in the direction of the

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incredible Victoria Falls. This becomes the 'Flight of the Angels' over the Vic Falls, and your pilot will circle over the Falls giving you an unsurpassed scenic route into Livingstone Airport. After immigration, you will be picked up by the River Club and taken to the lodge.



## 2 NIGHTS IN THE RIVER CLUB · ROMANCE ON THE BANKS OF THE ZAMBEZI RIVER...



The River Club, with its Edwardian-style house and manicured lawns on the banks of the swift-flowing Zambezi River where hippo and crocodile float, seems to straddle the continents of Africa and Europe.

Its main area is a well-appointed residence, with a comfortable lounge, large dining room, impressive library and wide veranda on which breakfasts and teas are taken. Lush gardens (where midday meals are often served) spread out beneath the trees. In every way aiding in your relaxation, the pool is designed so that it seems part of the river itself, while a secluded deck with hammocks and loungers provides space for siesta's and lying back watching the river.



Ten luxury chalets are spread out amongst the riverine vegetation, comprising luxurious bedrooms and en-suite bathrooms, most being split-level. Their originality stems from the fact that one side is completely open to the river, so that there is an uninterrupted vista of the Zambezi and its far bank



from both bed and bathtub. Each room looks west into glorious African sunsets best viewed from the privacy of a ball and claw bath, brim-full with bubbles. All have a concertina screen door or window across the front of the bedroom and/or bathroom.

Although The River Club is not a traditional safari camp, elephants can often be seen in the Zambezi National Park opposite and hippo are regularly seen and heard in the river itself. Game drives are also offered into the nearby Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park where there is an

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abundance of general game species like buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and impala. Other activities include sundowner cruises, visits to the Victoria Falls, Simonga Village, local markets and Livingstone town. Also on offer are a variety of adrenaline-loaded activities at extra cost: white water rafting, bungee jumping, abseiling, and helicopter flights over the Falls.



After ten gorgeous nights on this safari honeymoon, you will be driven to Livingstone where you will board a scheduled flight to Johannesburg.

## SOME GENERAL INFORMATION:

**This itinerary is designed as a fly in safari, and most of your transfers between camps will be in light aircraft as stated in the itinerary.** The planes are small but extremely reliable and safe, and carry between five and 12 passengers. The luggage limit is a maximum of 20kg per passenger in a soft bag, and no hard suitcases are permitted for packing purposes. The planes have efficient overhead wings, and the large windows and unrestricted view, made possible by the high wing make them very popular with all our passengers.



Once back in South Africa, you will catch your onward connecting flight. We strongly recommend that **no** onward connecting flights flying out of Johannesburg are booked before 20h00 tonight to allow plenty of time to travel. You may even decide to overnight in Johannesburg again and enjoy a half or full-day trip in Johannesburg, of which we would be more than happy to organise for you.

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Please note that the above honeymoon itinerary is a professional suggestion and we can amend the itinerary to have more nights at any of our suggested establishments and also to amend the route that you may take.

Please take a look at this map to see the exciting route you will be taking:



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