



BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights: Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta, Bushman experience, Kalahari Desert

Tour Information (BH)			
Days / Nights	5 / 4	Departure	Monday
Pick up	Kasane, as from 08h00	Drop off	Windhoek, in the morning
Languages	English/German	Category	Bronze
Min/Max Pax	min 2 / max 16	Combinations	EN, CD, CC, CKCC, ES, SOL



Departure Dates											
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
22, 29	6, 13	3, 24	7, 21	7, 21	4, 18	2, 16, 30	20	4, 18	1, 22, 29	5, 19	3, 10, 17, 24

Mon Makgadikgadi Pans 315km
We start our tour in Chobe, Kasane, and travel south to the mesmerising Makgadikgadi pans, the largest clay pans on earth. On an afternoon nature drive (season permitting) we experience this geological phenomenon of surrealistic beauty. The remoteness and inaccessibility all add to the mystique and also explain why these pans represent one of the major highlights found in Botswana.

Nata Lodge

Tue Okavango Delta 300km
After breakfast we travel further west to the southern edge of the magnificent Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta on earth. Our lodge is situated along the banks of the Thamalakane River, providing easy access into or over the delta either by helicopter, plane, open vehicle or boat. Optional excursions include a visit to a cultural village or to the crocodile farm, situated in Maun. The lush banks of the Thamalakane River serve as the breeding ground for a large variety of different bird species.

Thamalakane Lodge (B)

Wed Okavango Delta
In the early morning we depart by open 4x4 vehicle into the Okavango Delta for a full day game drive in the Moremi Wildlife Reserve. It covers about one third of the entire delta and is undoubtedly one of the top wildlife reserves in Africa. The giant mopane forests contrast beautifully with the wide open spaces of the Khwai floodplain, while the seasonal pans, salt pans and rivers attract game and bird species of immense proportions. We enjoy a picnic lunch, before game driving out of the reserve in the afternoon and arriving back at our lodge in the early evening.

Thamalakane Lodge (B)

Thu Kalahari Desert 530km
This morning our journey takes us further west out of Botswana into Namibia's Kalahari Desert. Our lodge is situated on a private nature reserve, being the habitat to rare animals such as the bat-eared fox, honey badger as well as the nocturnal aardvark. The Kalahari Desert has for thousands of years been the traditional home of the legendary Bushmen.

In the afternoon we learn more about the different plants and animals found in the desert by joining the Bushmen on a walk – an experience giving us deep insight into the hunting techniques and other survival skills still practised by the Bushman.

Zelda Guest Farm (B)

Fri End of tour 260km
After breakfast, we travel back to Windhoek via Gobabis, the capital of Namibia's cattle farming country. We are dropped off at our accommodation of choice, where our tour ends. Alternatively, our guide will take us to the International airport for our outbound flight. **(B)**