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Introduction

The Delta & Chobe Wilderness safari is a great choice that offers a comprehensive adventure to some of the best highlights in the Southern African region. Tried and tested over many years this tour offers incredible value for money with new and exciting experiences each day, connecting you to the grass roots of Africa. Following your arrival in the City of Gold, (Johannesburg), your epic journey includes breathtaking views over a variety of territories from the uninhibited wild animals roaming Botswana, to feeling the wet Zambezi River spray off the thundering Victoria Falls, and on to the fascinating discovery of daily life within the vast watery wonders of the Okavango Delta. Covering a fair distance by road, this is a small sacrifice for the absolute fulfillment received from this popular adventure expedition. This trip will leave you with a life time of vivid memories of close encounters in Chobe, elephants bathing in the muddy waterhole nearby, while Rhino brush past your vehicle in Khama Sanctuary. This ten day adventure tour allows you to touch and embrace magical Africa, leaving you with an everlasting desire to discover more of this diverse continent.

Highlights

Elephant Sands waterhole	Chobe National Park	Mokoro (dug-out canoe) excursion
Elephants Sands Bush Walk	Chobe River safari	Okavango Bush walk
Victoria Falls	Gweta / Makgadikgadi Pans	Khama Rhino Sanctuary
Zambezi River	Gweta Local Village walk	Khama open vehicle game drive
Zambezi River sunset cruise	Okavango Delta	

Intended Itinerary

Day 1: Johannesburg – Elephant Sands / Nata

Distance travelled: +/-980km

Approx driving day: Full day

Departing from South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, we embark on our journey north through undulating farmlands and past open mines, through quaint towns and villages snaking our way to the Botswana border post, "Martin's Drift". Crossing the Limpopo River we clear immigrations before changing currency into "Pula" at a local roadside stop. With rain a sought after luxury in Botswana the currency is called "Pula and Thebe" interpreted means "rain drops" in Tswana, the national ethnic language. More than one-half of the population live in rural areas and are largely dependent on subsistence crop and livestock farming. We meander through vast open savannahs passing many local villages and bustling trading towns, including Palapye, before our lunch stop in Francistown, a once thriving gold mining centre. We complete our road trip crossing over "veterinary fences" (to control foot and mouth disease) into wilder habitat where elephants roam freely and if we are lucky we may see some alongside the road. We arrive at the tranquil rustic setting of Elephant Sands Lodge in the late afternoon. This area is renowned for up close encounters with wildlife, elephants in particular! Here we spend the night surrendering to nature where our imaginations run wild.

Wow Factors: Johannesburg, rural South Africa and Botswana, Limpopo River, Francistown, Roaming wildlife, Elephant Sands

Accommodation: Elephant Sands Safari Lodge or similar (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2: Elephant Sands, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 30km

Approx driving time: Short

After a refreshing night's sleep, we join a 4x4 vehicle and take out to a wild, remote and safe location where we enjoy a morning nature walk where we may encounter wild animals. While on this walk we enjoy a late breakfast deep in the wild savannah landscape before returning to the main camp for the afternoon. This spectacular bush lodge offers many optional activities you may join, from quad bikes, game drives or take the time to relax in the warm sun around the crystal clear water of the cool swimming pool. After a great dinner we can observe the elephant waterhole at night before retiring under the millions of shining stars in our milky way.

Wow Factors: Breakfast in the bush, nature walk, Elephant watering hole.

Accommodation: Elephant Sands Safari Lodge or similar (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner



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Day 3: Elephant Sands – Livingstone, Zambia

Distance travelled: +/- 320km

Approx driving time: Full day

Feeling refreshed and soothed from a peaceful night's sleep, we have an exciting day ahead of us. Our journey today takes us north crossing the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi River via a river ferry and into Zambia. Formally known as Northern Rhodesia, Zambia's population comprises of more than 70 different Bantu ethnic groups speaking different dialects. Some ethnic groups are small, and only three have enough people to constitute at least 10% of the population and most Zambians are subsistence farmers. Arriving at our beautiful lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River, just south Livingstone, over lunch you get the opportunity to choose and book some exciting excursions or adventure activities for the following free day. If time allows, we enter the gates of the Victoria Falls National Park today to witness the intense exhilaration of energy generated from this spectacular natural wonder. Alternatively, we will do this on one of the following two days. With tons of water gushing over the rock face and the cool spray of water over us, we explore the many nature paths winding through the dense moist forest surrounding the face of Victoria Falls. Early evening we end our day joining a peaceful sunset cruise on the Zambezi River soaking up the African ambience with herds of elephant and wild buck wondering the muddy banks. We return to our accommodation for an enjoyable evening.

NB From 16th May 2014 the Zambian National Park authority has imposed an unexpected USD10 park fee per night when staying at the Waterfront Resort (and other river fronted properties). The fee is to be paid in cash at the park gate prior to entering the Waterfront Resort and this fee is **NOT** included in the Rush Adventures Local Payment and you will need to budget accordingly. If however you are doing any activities where a park fee is payable e.g. Sunset Cruise, White Water Rafting or Elephant Encounter; you will not be charged for this fee twice.

When paying for the park fee, please ensure that you get a receipt and check that it is for the correct number of days for your stay

Wow Factors: Chobe River, Zambezi River, Victoria Falls, Sunset cruise with dinner

Accommodation: Zambezi Waterfront or (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Livingstone / Victoria Falls

Distance travelled: 0km

Today is a free day at leisure to explore and enjoy what this magnificent destination has on offer. The Zambezi boasts one of the world's highest rated rivers for pure white river rafting through its many challenging and novice rapids. Alternative options are: the David Livingstone museum is easily accessible and provides in-depth historical insight dating back including the discovery of the falls; or explore the colonial town on foot and visit the local trading markets. Some choose to cross the border for the day to visit the neighbouring Zimbabwean Town, Victoria Falls; or take a leap of faith bungee jumping to the foot of the falls. Doing an elephant back safari is a stunning way to get close to these animals and enjoy a guided trail riding these majestic mammals. From game walks, helicopter flips or jet boating to name a few, Livingstone will capture and fulfill your imagination, validating the myths of the African spirit.

Wow Factors: Free day to choose many activities

Accommodation: Zambezi Waterfront or similar (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Livingstone, Zambia – Chobe National Park, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 90km

Approx driving time: Short distance

From Livingstone we travel the short distance for an exciting ferry crossing from Zambia into Botswana over the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. We arrive in the small town of Kasane, where we check in at this river side lodge. After a lunch break you have free time to relax around the pool or take the opportunity to board an optional open 4x4 safari vehicle in search of lion, leopard, hyena, elephant, giraffe and a host of antelope and bird species while snaking our way through the sandy tracks and rugged terrain. Chobe National Park was the first national park to be established in Botswana and by size; it is the third largest park in the country. The Chobe River is one of Africa's most beautiful and supports a huge concentration of animals. Later in the afternoon we join an exciting river boat cruise giving us a unique and in-depth perspective of life on the banks of the Chobe River scattered with wildlife seeking water



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as night falls. Happy and content, we relax for the night under the African skies on the banks of the Chobe River.

Wow Factors: *Chobe River sunset river cruise*

Accommodation: Thebe Safari Lodge or similar (*Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities*)

Meals included: *Dinner*

Day 6: Chobe National Park – Gweta / Makgadikgadi Pans

Distance travelled: +/- 450km

Approx driving time: Half day

Following an early morning breakfast, we begin an easy paced drive towards Gweta, the gateway to the massive Makgadikgadi Pans. Driving south we might be lucky to encounter huge elephant and buffalo alongside the road as there are no fences in this area to let the migratory herds walk at will in search of richer pastures and water. We stop in Nata for lunch or snack before arriving in Gweta where you have the option to relax at the lodge or explore the vast Salt Pans by hiring a 4x4 safari or quad bike tour. At certain times of the year the Makgadikgadi pans are known for its thousands of pink Flamingos indigenous to the area. The night is spent at this magnificent lodge where we enjoy a hearty meal.

Wow Factors: *Rural Botswana, Local Villages, roaming wildlife, options to visit the Makgadikgadi Pans.*

Accommodation: Gweta lodge or similar (*Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities*)

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 7: Gweta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/-250km

Approx driving time: Quarter day

Following an early morning breakfast, we join a morning guided walk through a Local Tswana village and experience everyday life, from schools, local doctors, trading and traditions. Leaving Gweta behind us we drive further west to the gateway town to the Okavango. In Maun we first stock up on supplies for our adventure excursion into the one of the wildest and remotest territories on the continent. Basing ourselves at a tranquil bush camp out of town, shaded with many trees, we enjoy the night in the calm surroundings of Sitatunga camp where they have a pool nestled in the shade.

Wow Factors: *Rural Botswana, Local Villages, Maun*

Accommodation: Sitatunga Safari Camp or similar (*Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities*)

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 8: Maun –Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/-60km

Approx driving time: Two hours

With bags and food supplies packed, sun screen and hats on hand we climb into our 4x4 vehicle ready to unearth the wonders of the Okavango Delta. This beautiful region is a natural wetland system spreading over some 1.6 million hectares of northern Botswana resulting from rivers that flow south from Angola, and dividing repeatedly on the flat Botswana plains to form an intricate floodplain of channels and an inland 'delta', the only one of its kind in the world. After a slow drive along rugged windy tracks, we cross the 'Buffalo' fence exposing us to untamed Africa. Finding the water's edge we meet our local guides, familiar and trained in the region, we board their mokoro's (dugout canoes) and are gently 'poled' out onto the narrow flat waterway. Gliding over glistening ponds while weaving through the dense green bulrushes and beautiful wild lilies, we set up a bush camp under shade setting down for lunch. The afternoon is spent either on a game walk with our local guides, viewing hippo from your mokoro or simply taking some restful time out. The evening is enjoyed around the campfire with a little entertainment from the local guides as they sing us traditional Tswana songs.

Wow Factors: *Okavango Delta, mokoro excursion, bush camping, swimming, Island camping*

Accommodation: *Tented mobile camp en suite –(Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 9: Okavango Delta – Maun

Distance Travelled +/-60km

Approx driving Time: Two Hours

After a morning game walk followed by a light breakfast, we pack up our gear onto our mokoro's, leaving nothing behind but footprints. Satisfied, we glide over the still waterways returning to the polers station where our 4x4 tracker awaits us and our polers bid us farewell. Crossing the buffalo fence back to civilization we enjoy the luxury of hot showers once again and have lunch. This afternoon feeling revitalized and refreshed we



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have the opportunity to join the guide for a trip into town and explore the shopping area and little market stalls scattered around the CBD. Another popular activity is a flight over the 'Delta' to get a bird's eye view of the vast wilderness you explored by boat and foot. When you see the vastness of the surroundings from the air you gain another appreciation of the beauty of the Okavango. We return to camp, enjoy a swim, and prepare a wholesome dinner ending the night under the stars with the distinct scent of wild sage in the air.

Wow Factors: Okavango Delta, mokoro excursion, game walk, swimming, Maun

Accommodation: Sitatunga Safari Camp or similar (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Maun – Khama Rhino Sanctuary – Serowe Hotel

Distance travelled: +/-530km

Approx driving time: Full day

An early rise and shine call followed by a satisfying breakfast, we leave Maun travelling through the greater Kalahari region via Mopipi, seeing vast salt pans in the distance. Although a very enjoyable and scenic route, Mopipi has a very small population and is known as the least visited place in Botswana. We arrive at the Khama Rhino Sanctuary in the early afternoon. In 1989 a group of locals wished to convert the Serowe Pan, previously a hunting area, into a conservation region for the rhino that inhabit the area. The 'Pan' was chosen because of its 'rhino-friendly' habitat and its proximity to a Botswana Defence Force base which can provide 24 hour protection. Located on the edge of the vast Kalahari Desert, Khama is a prime habitat

for white rhino, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe. Khama is a community based wildlife project which benefits the local community and teaches and educates the importance of conserving these animals. This afternoon we enjoy an open game drive with local rangers, taking in an abundance of interesting facts from rhino to fauna and flora. Our last night on safari, is spent at a nearby hotel, swapping stories and laughter with our last meal as a group.

Wow Factors: Kalahari Desert fringes, Khama Rhino Sanctuary, open vehicle game drive

Accommodation: Serowe Hotel or similar ((Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Serowe – Johannesburg – South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 560km

Approx driving time: Full day

On our final day we travel first to the small mining town of Serowe before joining the main route south to Martin's Drift border post. Crossing the mighty Limpopo River into South Africa, we enjoy the scenic views noticing the changes of vegetation, infrastructure and populated civilization. Travelling via Mokopane for a lunch break, we drive into Gauteng province, arriving in Johannesburg in the late afternoon where our adventurous tour ends.

Wow Factors: Limpopo River, Johannesburg

Accommodation: Not Included

Meals included: Breakfast

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE: Small Group – Sharing- 2 Man dome tents with shared facilities.

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English speaking driver tour leader, sleeping bag for bush camping in Okavango Delta.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature.

LOCAL PAYMENT: The local payment (LP) set out in the brochure is to be paid to the tour guide/driver on day 1 of this tour. This local payment covers running costs on the road – meals indicated, accommodation and tour highlights. Traveller's cheques and credit cards are not accepted. Payments must be made in US Dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn **post 2006** edition notes)

ACCOMMODATION: (Shared 2 Man dome tent – shared facilities) and one night at a tented en-suite camp in the Okavango Delta. Many are situated in comfortable and picturesque locations with a pool, restaurant and bar.

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TRANSPORT: Minibus. Maximum group size: 12 passengers

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Johannesburg is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

Joining Information

Meeting point in **Johannesburg:** **MoAfrika Lodge** E-mail: info@moafrika.com
Address: 120 Sandham Rd, Tour start time: 05:00 on day 1
Norton Home Estate, Benoni Tour end point in **Johannesburg:**
Johannesburg Tour end time: Late afternoon/ early evening on day 10.
Contact details: Tel. +27 82 506 9641

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Johannesburg early on day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Johannesburg and the surrounding area.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Rush Adventures or your agent for current prices.**

Description	Price (US\$)	Description	Price (US\$)
Johannesburg		Johannesburg	
Pre tour accommodation – (Standard Room) twin/double pppn	\$45	Post tour accommodation – (Standard Room) twin/double pppn	\$45
Pre tour accommodation – (standard room) single pppn	\$70	Post tour accommodation – (standard room) single pppn	\$70
Pre tour accommodation – dorm pppn	\$30	Post tour accommodation – dorm pppn	\$30
pppn = per person per night		pppn = per person per night	

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e fleece, long trousers and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives. Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. Bring a towel and a pillow if required. A money belt/pouch that can be worn

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comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use hotel safe to store your cash, passport and air tickets.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	R*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	R*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, **R*** = It is an immigration requirement to have a Yellow Fever certificate if travelling to Zambia from South Africa and in reverse. * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Rush Adventures for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but should be treated as a guide only. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Rush adventures website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	No	Yes	No														
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									
Botswana	No	Yes															

NB The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$10-15 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand, Botswana Pula and Zambia Kwacha (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in either South Africa Rand cash or US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn post 2005 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

- **Currencies** are as follows: South Africa – Rand, Botswana – Pula; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha.

- **ATM machines** are found throughout South Africa and Botswana and in Livingstone. Please note they are sometimes

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Unreliable and only dispense local currency so therefore cannot be used to draw your Local Payment.

-**Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a fee for their use.

-**Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change.

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Livingstone		Lion Encounter	\$160
Abseiling/ Gorge Swing x 2	\$100-130	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$45
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	\$110	Bungy Jump over the Falls	\$130
Elephant back safari	\$160	Botswana	
Riverboarding	\$150	Okavango Delta Flight	\$80 - 90
Flights over the Falls (various modes)	\$140-280	Chobe Game drive	\$50
		Makgadigadi pans 4x4 trip	\$45
		Makgadigadi pans quad bike	\$38

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Rush Adventures that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can help provide specialist travel insurance for this tour through our local operator. Please contact Rush Adventures for more information.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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