

# Botswana Fly In Safari, a Luxury Link Exclusive

#### Highlights

Duration: 11 Days

Arrival City: Johannesburg, South Africa

Arrival Airport: JNB

Departure City: Kasane, Botswana

Departure Airport: BBK

### Day 1: Arrival day in Johannesburg

On arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, please clear customs and immigration and collect your luggage.

Please NOTE that South Africa immigration require you to have two completely blank visa pages in your passport per entry; without this you will be denied entry.

"Airports Company SA has received a directive from SA Civil Aviation to implement restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels for international flights, in line with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (Icao) recommendations. Passengers on all regional and international flights may take in their hand luggage through the security check-in, no liquids other than a maximum of 10 x 100ml bottles of liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs), contained in a transparent plastic bag with a one-litre maximum capacity. LAGs include drinks, soup, syrups, creams, lotions, oils, perfumes, mascara, sprays, gels, contents of pressurised containers (deodorants and shaving foams), pastes (including toothpaste), liquid/solid mixtures and other items of similar consistency."

Proceed through into the Arrivals Hall where a representative will meet and assist you to the InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport Hotel.

After freshening up at the hotel, you will depart on a half day city tour of Soweto (depending on your arrival time in Johannesburg).

Soweto is a cluster of townships, on the south-western flank of Johannesburg and was created in the 1930s. It is the biggest black urban settlement in Africa with a rich political history.

From the footbridge of the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, the largest on the continent, one can get a panoramic view of Soweto. Visit the Hector Pieterson Memorial in Orlando West, built in memory of the people who died 16 June 1976. The Mandela House Museum is an interesting stopover for those keen to imbibe a slice of authentic history. You can also have a glimpse of the mansion belonging to Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's house and Susulu residences which are all in the same neighbourhood. Return to your hotel in the afternoon.

The InterContinental Airport Sun is conveniently located 75m from the O.R. Tambo International Airport.

This deluxe hotel has drawn its inspiration from the African continent, capturing the culture and spirit of Africa through the use of simple shapes and symbolic artifacts.

Accommodation is in 138 luxurious and elegantly-appointed rooms. All rooms have bathrobes, a hairdryer, mini bar, private bathroom and a separate wardrobe. The Hotel has a gym to help guests ease the stress of long-distance travel.

Guests can expect traditional African cuisine from the Hotel's Quills restaurant. Relaxation facilities include a massage room, steam baths and an indoor, heated swimming pool, which has a panoramic view across the Johannesburg skyline.

- InterContinental OR Tambo Int. Airport
- Deluxe Room Twin/Double
- Meal Plan: No Meals Included

#### Day 2: Fly to Baines' Camp

Please meet the representative at the reception area of the hotel, who will then assist you to the departures terminal at O.R. Tambo International Airport for your onward flight to Maun.

On arrival at Maun Airport, a representative will meet and assist you to your onward shared light aircraft transfer to Baines' Camp.

Depart Maun Airport by shared light aircraft transfer to Baines' Camp. Estimated flying time is approximately 15 minutes.

Kindly note, however, that all inter-camp flights are subject to multiple pick ups and drop offs en route to your destination which could affect the flying time.

Please note that there is a luggage restriction of 44LBS (20kg) per person in soft sided bags including hand luggage and camera equipment on all the inter-camp flights within Botswana. Should you have excess luggage there is a luggage storage facility at OR Tambo International Airport. Please settle all storage costs directly.

Baine's Camp is located on a massive private concession, bordering the Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta - home to some of the most spectacular wildlife in Africa.

Baine's Camp is The Sanctuary's smallest and most intimate camp, with five luxurious suites.

The area is superb for viewing all animal and bird species. Guests can explore both land and water, by day and by night.

The permanent water of the camp lends itself to floating safaris, the gentle pace of poled mokoros, and the faster motorboat. There are myriad waterways to explore.

Walking safaris are a specialty at Baine's Camp, with skilled, armed guides pointing out the area's natural wonders.

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp
- Luxury Suite Twin/Double 4 nights
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 3-5: Enjoy game viewing at the Baines' Camp. Some free time to explore the Okavango Delta

Day is at leisure to enjoy activities at the camp. Scheduled activities include morning and afternoon Game viewing.

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp
- Luxury Suite Twin/Double
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 6: Depart Baines' Camp and then transfer to Savuti Camp

Depart Baines' Camp by Mack Air shared light aircraft transfer to Savuti Camp. The departure time will be advised to you locally by the camp management. Estimated flying time to Savuti/Savute is approximately 40 minutes.

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On arrival at Savuti airstrip, off your shared light aircraft transfer, a camp representative will meet and transfer you to Savuti Camp. The transfer time is approximately 35 minutes.

Savuti Camp is situated in the Linyanti Reserve along the Savuti Channel in northern Botswana. The camp is built about 17 kilometres "downstream" from the source of the Savuti. The channel stopped flowing in 1980 and what was a Hippo-filled river, became

open grasslands. In 2010 there was a shift in the underground river flow, and now the river flows through the grasslands once again.

Savuti Camp is a comfortable camp providing accommodation in 7 walk-in tented rooms with en-suite facilities. Five of the bathrooms are within the tents and two tents have bathrooms with wonderful open fronts facing onto the Savuti Channel.

Each room is raised off the ground on wooden decks. The camp has a thatched dining area, bar and plunge pool, all on raised wooden decks. There is a waterhole close to camp and this attracts large numbers of animals that guests can view from the camp or from the woodpile hide at the waterhole.

Activities include game drives in open 4x4 Land Rovers, hides, night drives and walks with an armed guide. Game in the area includes all of Botswana's big game, and is one of the best areas in the country to see predators.

There are also good concentrations of plains game in the area.

- Savuti Camp
- Standard Twin/Double
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 7: Enjoy game driving at the Savuti Camp

Day is at leisure to enjoy activities at the camp. Scheduled activities include morning and afternoon Game drives.

- Savuti Camp
- Standard Twin/Double
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 8: Fly to Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Depart Savuti Camp by Mack Air shared light aircraft transfer to Kasane. The departure time will be advised to you locally by the camp management. Estimated flying time to Kasane is approximately 40 minutes.

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Upon arrival at Kasane airport, you will be met and transferred to Chobe Chilwero.

Deep in the heart of Botswana, in the Linyanti Forest Reserve lies the Chobe Chilwero Lodge, 15km from the Kasane International Airport.

Guests can enjoy thrilling guided game drives in open-sided 4X4 vehicles that bring them to the heart of Africa's largest concentration of elephants, hippos, buffalos, antelope and lions.

Guests can also join acclaimed guides on water safaris with specially adapted motorboats. Sundowner cruises are particularly spectacular on the Chobe River. Fishing excursions are also available.

The Lodge has a swimming pool and sumptuous meals are lovingly prepared by the expert culinary staff. Guests can expect an eclectic fusion of African cuisine and Western delicacies

- Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero
- Luxury Suite Twin/Double 2 nights
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 9: Enjoy game viewing at the Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Day is at leisure to enjoy activities at the camp. Scheduled activities include morning and afternoon Game viewing.

- Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero
- Luxury Suite Twin/Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 10: Transfer to Ilala Lodge in Victoria Falls

Please meet the representative at the reception area of the hotel for your transfer to Ilala Lodge in Victoria Falls.

Check in time at the lodge is at 14h00. An early check in has been requested but this cannot be guaranteed. You may leave your luggage with the concierge until your room is ready for occupation.

Ilala Lodge offers distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded ambiance. The decor evokes a bygone era of adventure and the quest of discovery in Africa.

The hotel is ideally situated and is the closest to the Victoria Falls as well as the town centre. The National Park borders the front of property and wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns with the spray of the falls in the background.

Ilala Lodge offers 32 rooms - 24 twins, 8 doubles and 2 suites. All rooms have en suite bathroom with separate shower, air conditioning, overhead fan and satellite TV and are served early morning tea / coffee and fruit basket. The rooms are spacious with railway sleeper teak furnishings and patio doors leading onto either open lawn or a balcony where you are afforded a view of the spray of the falls from the upper level rooms.

A warm welcome awaits you at our world class a la carte Palm Restaurant. We offer superb cuisine while you relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the gracious surrounds. The Palm Restaurant serves breakfast lunch and dinner and offers a comprehensive wine list and cocktails. Dining outside under the African night sky amidst the sound of the mighty waterfall makes for a romantic evening to be remembered.

- Ilala Lodge
- Standard Room Twin/Double 1 night
- Meal Plan: Breakfast

#### Lodging: Ilala Lodge

**Description:** The perfect base from which to explore one of the World's Seven Natural Wonders, the majestic Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls accommodation at Ilala Lodge Hotel

provides distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded setting.

# Day 11: Departure day

Please meet the representative in the Reception area of the Lodge and transfer to Kasane clearing customs and immigration formalities en-route. The transfer time is approximately 2 hours.

Meal Plan: Breakfast

## **Trip Includes**

- Accommodation as specified
- Breakfast throughout; lunches & dinners as specified
- Porterage and entrance fees where applicable
- Private airport/hotel return transfers in an air conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver/guide
- Shared Mack Air flights
- Laundry
- Shared sightseeing and game viewing activities with English speaking driver/guides or rangers as appropriate
- VAT at 14%
- Tourism levy at 1%

#### **Trip Excludes**

- All international & regional scheduled flights
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips to driver/guides and rangers
- Visa fees where applicable
- Items of a personal nature e.g. telephone calls, etc.