Botswana & Victoria Falls

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

safaris in style
group departure with private guide

Safaris in Style
Group Departure

Explore the wilderness of Botswana as you journey through its iconic and diverse national parks and reserves. Enjoy sunset views of bathing elephants along the banks of the Khwai River and wetlands. Venture to the wilds of the Makgadikgadi Pans to see how life can flourish even in one of the Earth’s most extreme ecosystems. Wind through the serpentine channels of the Okavango Delta on a mokoro and track wildlife on foot through its islands. And witness epic battles between feline predators and their surprisingly fierce plains game adversaries.

Experience the majesty of Victoria Falls, the largest waterfall on the planet and one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. Cruise down the Zambezi River and glimpse the 355 foot falls (108 meters) from the very top of Livingstone Island.

This Deeper Africa group departure is waiting for you with personal guide, David Foot. Born and raised in Africa, David is one of the region’s top safari guides with more than 30 years of guiding experience.

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# SAFARI SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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Note: This group departure is set for: July 1, 2018 - July 12, 2018

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**ARRIVAL, DAY #1**

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT #1**

- Departs: TBD
- Arrives: TBD

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT #2**

- Departs: TBD
- Arrives: Maun, Botswana

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**DEPARTURE, DAY #12**

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT #1**

- Departs: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- Arrives: TBD

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT #2**

- Departs: TBD
- Arrives: TBD

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At Sable Alley, the wildlife comes to you thanks to the camp's enviable positioning above a lagoon that's connected to the Khwai and Sable Alley rivers, and just a stone's throw from the world-famous Moremi Game Reserve. Enjoy uninterrupted views of the resident pod of 30 hippos and the large herds of plains game, elephant and buffalo coming to drink – an idyllic way to spend an afternoon, especially with a cold gin and tonic in hand. The vistas overlooking a lagoon and onward over vast flood plains are truly spectacular.

You will be traveling with David Foote as your guide for this adventure. David is recognized as one of Botswana’s most experienced safari guides. His长时间 guiding work has led him to conclude that conserving Africa’s remaining wilderness areas is a responsibility for everyone who works or visits here. Our travelers can also help make a difference by visiting and sharing their experiences of Africa and its beauty.
DAYS 4, 5 & 6 MENO A KWENA | MAKGADIKGADI PANS

On the almost opposite side of the ecosystem spectrum to the Okavango Delta resides Meno a Kwena in the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. (Helpful pronunciation hint: try to ignore the “k”s.) Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, Makgadikgadi is the largest network of salt pans in the world and all that remains of the ancient Lake Makgadikgadi which dried up nearly 10,000 years ago. It is a magical land of absolute isolation. It is just you and the wildlife that has learned to adapt to these austere conditions.

Once the rains arrive, the dry salty earth “pans” burst with life; you can witness the second largest zebra migration in Africa (and the predators that are attracted to them) as the dazzle makes their way from the Boteti River -- the only source of water in the area during the dry season -- toward the young green grasses. The wet season also brings migratory birds such as Great White Pelicans and spectacular showings of Greater Flamingos. A Magkadikgadi visit would not be complete without a search for meerkats. See if you can find a group -- or a “gang” -- of meerkats, a somewhat appropriate name given their bandit-like appearance.
DAYS 7, 8 & 9  DUBA EXPEDITIONS CAMP | DUBA CONCESSION

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

- Lion
- Leopard
- Elephant
- Buffalo
- Red lechwe
- Tsessebe
- Warthog
- Wide variety of birdlife including egrets, herons, cormorants, bee-eaters, kingfishers and eagles

EXPERIENCES

- Walking safari
- Wildlife viewing
- Night game drives
- Mokoro safari
- Boat safari
- Fishing

INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Alcohol & Beverages
- Laundry
- Private Guide
- Private Vehicle

Duba Plains is placed in a unique ecosystem; often compared to the Maasai Mara, there are both wide open tall grasses and plains game, bordered by the Okavango Delta’s winding channels and water adapted wildlife. It is a place of incredible diversity, and Duba Expeditions Camp is a special habitat experience. Of note, owners Derek and Beverley Joubert are also filmmakers whose famous documentary, Relentless Enemies, was filmed here.

You’ll no doubt encounter the large herds of buffalo who like to graze in the tall grasses. Although they are herbivores, buffalo are notoriously tough. With large horns and a tendency to charge when danger is near, they are not animals that can be considered easy prey. Despite these characteristics, the local Tsaro pride of lions are renowned for hunting the buffalo, and over the years this camp has become known for these interactions. In recent years the lions have also begun to prey on red lechwe, so expect to witness some of these heart-pounding encounters.
A morning flight to Kasane, followed by a road transfer to Victoria Falls will get you to an afternoon spent touring of the world’s largest falling curtain of water. At an imposing 355 feet (108 meters) tall, Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The falls is fed by the Zambezi river system and straddles the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The noise of Victoria Falls can be heard from a distance of 25 miles (40 km), which is how it earned the local name of Mosi-oa-Tunya: “the smoke that thunders.” Get close and feel the curtains of mist envelope you; it will be an unforgettable experience.

Cap your first day with an evening Steam Train dinner. The journey takes you out over the gorge for some great views and photos, plus great food served in elegant surroundings.

Your second day begins with a morning tour of the falls and ends with a sunset cruise on the Zambezi. Small boats with jet propelled engines allow you access to the lower part of the Zambezi River and the body of islands that signal the beginning of the Falls.
DAVID FOOT

David was born and raised in Africa. As a young boy he spent his free time exploring the wilderness. After attending university in the United Kingdom, he could not get back to Africa quickly enough, deciding that guiding travelers in Africa’s wild places would be a wonderful future. David bought a four ton truck and spent eight months driving through Africa from north to south, visiting as many of the continent's great wildlife parks as he could.

Some parts of guiding can be learned from books, but mostly you learn from those who are wiser and more experienced. In the end it’s the quality of your teachers that matters. David trained under some of Africa’s most gifted guides and the end result is pure magic. David has guided in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi (his home country) and now Botswana where he and his family make their home.

We all want to see great wildlife when we are on safari. Do it with a guide who is incredibly knowledgeable, a superb communicator and educator, and impossibly funny. Have astounding and constant wildlife sightings and get ready to learn so much.
INCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

• Full board accommodations in all lodges and tented camps
• All meals as specified in itinerary
• All park and entrance fees
• Wildlife viewing in 4x4 safari Land Cruisers, boat safaris, guided walking safaris, mokoro and night wildlife viewing where available
• Experienced and professional safari naturalist guide
• All in-country transportation, including bush flights
• Enrollment with SATIB Evacuation Service
• Laundry
• Alcohol & Beverages, excluding premium spirits
• Beverages provided in your 4x4 vehicle
• Safe drinking water provided at all times
• Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials including health information, reading list, and map

EXCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

• Gratuities

We plan your wildlife adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you are traveling. Still, animals in the areas you are viewing are not in a zoo. They run freely, and we cannot always anticipate their movements.

Also, Deeper Africa uses best efforts to provide the lodging set out in this itinerary, but occasionally there are circumstances that occur in Africa that require lodging substitutions. We reserve the right to make comparable lodging substitutions whenever necessary.

2018 pricing

$15,999 USD per person

2018 GROUP DEPARTURE DATES

Departure Dates:
• July 1 - July 10, 2018
All bush flights included in pricing

Additional Single Supplement:
• $5,399

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrivals and departures are into either Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Maun, Botswana. Prices do not include international airfare. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.