

# LUXURY BOTSWANA SAFARI

April 11 – 26, 2022 | 16 Days | Overland Adventure



## Expedition Highlights

- Stay at some of Africa’s most luxurious camps situated in superb wildlife viewing areas.
- Discover a variety of birdlife, with over 380 recorded species, such as the scarce black egret, rufous-bellied heron, pygmy goose, and wattled crane.
- Explore a variety of habitats on this comprehensive itinerary as you travel in open 4x4 vehicles and glide through the ecologically-unique Okavango Delta in a mokoro (dugout canoe) to search for lions, elephants, hippos, and vast herds of plains antelopes.
- Photograph the stunning scenery of diverse habitats, from the stark beauty of the Kalahari Desert to the lushly vegetated oasis of the Okavango Delta.



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## Itinerary

Based on the expeditionary nature of our trips, there may be ongoing enhancements to this itinerary.

Monday, April 11, 2022

### DEPART USA

Board your international flight to South Africa.

Tuesday, April 12

### JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to the *InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Hotel* for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, April 13

### JOHANNESBURG / MAUN, BOTSWANA / MAKGADIKGADI PANS NATIONAL PARK

Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight to Maun. Then transfer to chartered bush planes for the flight to *Camp Kalahari*, located on the edge of an ancient super lake and adjacent to Makgadikgadi National Park.

Thursday, April 14

### MAKGADIKGADI PANS NATIONAL PARK

Search for the desert-adapted wildlife that survives in this harsh environment; oryx, meerkats, aardwolves, and springbok among them. This is also your only opportunity to spot the rare brown hyena. The birdlife here is varied as well, and the species we hope to spy include white-backed and lappet-faced vultures; ant-eating chats; acacia pied barbets; namaqua sandgrouses; double-banded coursers; tawny and martial eagles; ostriches; lanner and red-footed falcons; and red-crested and northern black korhaans. In addition to your guided game safaris in open 4x4 vehicles, weather permitting you have the chance to accompany bushman trackers on foot to learn about their folklore and way of life. There will also be an opportunity to observe habituated meerkats at close range.

Friday & Saturday, April 15 & 16

### OKAVANGO DELTA (SEBA CAMP)

Board our charter flight to *Seba Camp*, located on Abu Private reserve, which overlooks a year-round lagoon. After settling in, embark on a game-watching activity. The next day explore the region, a combination of open floodplains, wooded islands, and lagoons harboring an outstanding assortment of African wildlife. Game viewing is excellent and, accompanied by local guides, ride in open 4x4 vehicles or go on foot in search of buffalo, zebras, elephants, lions, leopards, reedbucks, lechwe, and hippos. Wild dogs are also a possibility here. You may also have the option of going on a night safari, using spotlights to seek out rare nocturnal species.

Sunday & Monday, April 17 & 18

### OKAVANGO DELTA (CHITABE CAMP)

*Chitabe Camp* is situated on one of the most beautiful old tree-island in the south-east of the Okavango Delta. Explore a variety of habitats during morning and evening game drives and guided walks. The area is known for its healthy population of predators, including lions, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, and wild dogs. Birding is also excellent with such species as African hawk-eagle, ground hornbill, scarlet-chested sunbird, red-billed hornbill, gabar goshawk, and red-billed francolin.





VUMBURU PLAINS

Tuesday – Thursday, April 19 - 21

**LINYANTI WILDLIFE RESERVE (KING'S POOL CAMP)**

The private Linyanti Wildlife Reserve borders the western boundary of Chobe National Park. The camp is built on raised boardwalks overlooking a large lagoon on the Linyanti waterways. The Linyanti Reserve consists of 776 square miles of unspoiled wilderness and is totally uninhabited by humans. It supports a wide variety of species, but it is most noted for its very large elephant population. The area is also home to large numbers of impalas, lechwes, kudus, zebras, giraffes, sitatungas, and buffalo. With such diverse prey, all of the major predators—lions, leopards, cheetahs, wild dogs, and hyenas—can regularly be seen here. Nocturnal species include bush babies, spring hare, aardwolf, and serval. The birding is spectacular with such Okavango specialties as slaty egrets, white-rumped babbler, and wattled cranes, in addition to the bushveld species. Diverse activities allow you to spend time on the water (water levels permitting) and on land, during day and night game drives.

Friday – Sunday, April 22 - 24

**OKAVANGO DELTA (VUMBURA PLAINS CAMP)**

Board our flight for Vumbura Plains, which lies in the extreme north of the Okavango Delta. Explore the camp's flood plains via mokoro (dug-out canoe) guided by polers from the BaYei tribe, who have been using them as their traditional form of transport for hundreds of years. Water levels permitting, boats take you into the larger and deeper areas of water while 4x4 vehicles allow you to get in proximity to animals in the savanna areas. Wildlife sightings may include lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, and various species of antelope.

Monday & Tuesday, April 25 & 26

**VUMBURA / MAUN / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA / USA**

On your last day, time permitting, embark on one final game drive. Board our charter flight to Maun to connect with your flight to Johannesburg and your independent homeward flight. Arriving in the USA the next day, April 26.



## Flight Information

You will need to purchase airfare from your home city/ Johannesburg/Maun and Maun/Johannesburg/home city. Domestic air transportation within Botswana is included in the price of the expedition. Please contact our in-house Air Department for fare quotes, reservations, or other air-related questions.

**IMPORTANT: Before booking your own flights to/from Maun, please contact our Air Department for the charter flight details to ensure that you have enough time to make your connections.**

**Luggage Restrictions:** Due to restrictions on the charter flights within this program, baggage is restricted to 44 pounds (20 kilograms) total, per person.



MOKORO CRUISE

# Meet Your Expedition Leader



**LEX HES** – A naturalist and wildlife photographer, Lex was born and educated in Johannesburg and has been involved in the world of wildlife for nearly 40 years. Previously a guide at the world-famous Londolozi Game Reserve, Lex is now a popular freelance nature guide who imparts his wealth of knowledge of Africa’s ecosystems in an easygoing and friendly manner. He is an author and nature photographer with five books to his credit—the highly acclaimed *Leopards of Londolozi*; a children’s book called *Bushschool*; *Attracting Birds to Your Garden in Southern Africa*; *The Complete Book of Southern African Mammals*; and *Wild South Africa*, about the biomes of his native country. In addition to time spent in the Mpumalanga Lowveld and guiding visitors around Southern Africa, Lex has been involved with biological work on the sub-Antarctic islands of Amsterdam and Marion and leads tours to Kenya, Botswana, Rwanda, Zambia, Madagascar, Namibia, Mozambique, and Tanzania.

## Rates

**\$24,980** per person, double occupancy; **\$31,280** per person, single occupancy | Limited to 12 expedition members.

### INCLUDED:

- Air transportation within Botswana
- All excursions in the company of a world-class expedition leader and local guides
- All gratuities
- All accommodations
- All group meals, including selected beverages with lunch and dinner
- All entrance fees
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates
- Medical expense coverage and emergency evacuation insurance

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare from your home city/Johannesburg/Maun and Maun/Johannesburg/home city
- Excess baggage charges
- Airport arrival and departure taxes
- Transfers for independent arrivals and departures
- Passport and/or visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, (other than listed at left), and other incidentals
- Email/Internet/fax/telephone charges

A 25% per person deposit will secure your space on this expedition. All rates are per person, quoted in US dollars, and must be paid in US dollars. Rates and itineraries are subject to change. Please review our Terms & Conditions online at [www.zegrahm.com/terms](http://www.zegrahm.com/terms), or call our office for a printed copy.

## Know Before You Go

Travel will be mostly by small charter aircraft and game-drive vehicles. Game drives can be long and strenuous and over bumpy surfaces. For most activities, a relatively moderate level of exertion is required. Travelers to Botswana should be aware that most of the nights spent on safari will be in tented accommodations. These tents are en suite, designed to the highest standards, and are quite comfortable, with hot and cold water and shower outlets in the adjoining bathroom area. Participants will find the tents spacious, with plenty of headroom. All of the safari lodges we visit have separate lounge and bar areas that often overlook waterways, which adds to the excitement and ambiance of being on safari. It should be noted, however, that there are no fences around the camps and animals of all sizes are sometimes encountered within the camp boundaries. Temperatures will be generally pleasant, ranging from 80° to 90°F during the day, with much cooler temperatures at night, especially in the Kalahari.



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