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## BOTSWANA D'INCANTO

AUTHENTIC EXPLORATION GUIDED IN ITALIAN.



DESTINATION    BOTSWANA – 6 NIGHTS/ 7 DAYS

DATES OF DEPARTURE    DEPARTURE FROM KASANE 08 AUGUST – 14 AUGUST 2024

NUMBER OF GUESTS    MIN 2 MAX 10

## BOTSWANA D'INCANTO:

In this itinerary we have gathered a community of authentic, interesting, and individual camps. Clients seeking an authentic Botswana experience will appreciate staying at our owner-run properties. These properties prioritize local and cultural experiences, offer independent schedules and camp styles, and support small businesses for a truly meaningful stay.

Its breathtaking natural landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and diverse wildlife make it an unforgettable adventure that cannot be found anywhere else.

## SERVICES IN BRIEF

<p><b>DAY 1</b> <b>08 AUG</b></p> <p>CHOBE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon arrival into Kasane International Airport – Botswana, your Italian speaking guide and safari representatives will be there to welcome you.</li> <li>• Depart with your Italian guide on overland from Kasane International Airport to Jackalberry Chobe Lodge. (Approx 10km drive)</li> <li>• Overnight in the Jackalberry Chobe in Riverview Tents on a fully inclusive basis inclusive of 2 scheduled safari activities per day. (Excluding premium drinks)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 2</b> <b>09 AUG</b></p> <p>CHOBE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overnight in the Jackalberry Chobe in Riverview Tents on a fully inclusive basis inclusive of 2 scheduled safari activities per day. (Excluding premium drinks)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 3</b> <b>10 AUG</b></p> <p>MOREMI GAME RESERVE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart on a road transfer to Kasane for a charter flight to Satawani airstrip (approx. 1 hour, 10-minute flight time – there may be stops on the way).</li> <li>• Upon arrival at the airstrip meet with a lodge representative for a short road transfer to the lodge.</li> <li>• Overnight at Mogogelo Camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included. (Excluding premier drinks)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 4</b> <b>11 AUG</b></p> <p>MOREMI GAME RESERVE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overnight at Mogogelo Camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included. (Excluding premier drinks)</li> </ul>

<p><b>DAY 5</b> <b>12 AUG</b></p> <p>OKAVANGO DELTA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road transfer from Mogogelo Camp to the airstrip for a charter flight to Xaoo Safari camp. (approx. 30 min depending on stops)</li> <li>• Overnight at Xaoo Safari camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included (Excluding premier drinks)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 6</b> <b>13 AUG</b></p> <p>OKAVANGO DELTA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overnight in the Moremi Game Reserve in a Meru-style tent on a full board basis</li> <li>• Overnight at Xaoo Safari camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included (Excluding premier drinks)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 7</b> <b>14 AUG</b></p> <p>KASANE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road transfer: Xaoo Safari Camp to Maun airport (approx. 1 hour 30 min)</li> </ul>

## END OF SERVICES

**DRINKS, TIPS, AND ANYTHING NOT SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE “SERVICES IN BRIEF” ARE NOT INCLUDED.**



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 | 08 AUGUST | ARRIVE: KASANE, BOTSWANA

Welcome to Botswana!

Upon arrival into Kasane International Airport, after you have cleared customs & immigrations and collected your luggage, your Italian speaking guide will be there to welcome you.

Depart with your Italian guide to Jackalberry Chobe Lodge (Approx 10km drive)

Check into Jackalberry Chobe - A serene haven on the banks of the Chobe River where you can relax and unwind in a peaceful setting while enjoying convenient access to the most sought-after attractions of the region.

Take to the waters of the Chobe River on a 3-hour sunset cruise in one of our intimate pontoon boats. Watch big game and birdlife indulge in the refreshing waters of the river as you cruise gently alongside. Your knowledgeable and friendly guide is on hand to help you identify birdlife and share knowledge on the various animals you will encounter, whilst ensuring your absolute comfort at all times. Enjoy a sundowner as you witness the spectacular African sunset over the water.

Return to camp for a buffet dinner served in either the covered or al fresco dining area and watch the plethora of stars come out as you enjoy your meal over candlelight and reflect on the events of the day. Wrap up the day with a nightcap around our boma area, perched right on the edge of the river as you listen to the stirring sounds of Chobe's nocturnal wildlife.

Overnight in the Jackalberry Chobe in Riverview Tents on a fully inclusive basis inclusive of 2 scheduled safari activities per day. (Excluding premium drinks)



**DAY 2 | 09 AUGUST | CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**

Wake up as the sun rises to the tranquil sound of birdlife and hippos grazing along the Chobe River as you enjoy a coffee from the comfort of your own private balcony.

Head off on a 3-hour game drive in the world-renowned game-filled Chobe National Park. Witness a spectacle of wildlife as your personal and friendly guide takes you on a journey through the park in the cool stillness of the early morning.

Famous for its large concentrations of Elephant and Buffalo which congregate along the Chobe River, this is a diverse reserve with dry savanna and periodic swamp, in addition to the vast flood plains fronting the river and the extensive tracts of teak woodland in the north east of the park.

Watching the Elephant families drink and bathe in the river is an unforgettable sight, all the more impressive when herds of Buffalo, rafts of Hippo and gigantic Nile Crocodiles, are part of the scene. Lion and Spotted Hyena are frequently seen on the floodplains, where Red Lechwe, Puku, Zebra, Sable and Roan Antelope come out to graze.

Troops of Chacma Baboon are particularly abundant. Birdwatching on the Chobe River is often very rewarding, with White-faced Duck, Comb (Knob-billed) Duck, African Openbill and Red-wing Pratincole occurring in their thousands. Spectacular Carmine Bee-eaters form massive colonies in sandbanks, with various kingfishers and martins breeding in their midst. Flocks of noisy Helmeted Guineafowl (the Chobe chicken) feed alongside Red-Billed Francolin.

Return to camp for a hearty and delicious brunch served out on our main deck under the shady canopy of our Jackalberry tree.

Kick off your shoes, relax in our outdoor lounge or bar, or take a cool dip in our infinity pool as you unwind and absorb the majestic sights and sounds of the Chobe River. Then indulge in an early Afternoon Tea before heading out on your next activity.

Overnight in the Jackalberry Chobe in Riverview Tents on a fully inclusive basis inclusive of 2 scheduled safari activities per day. (Excluding premium drinks)





**DAY 3 | 10 AUGUST | DEPART: CHOBE NATIONAL PARK | ARRIVE: MOREMI GAME RESERVE, BOTSWANA**

Wake up to the roar of the mighty roaming lions as you drink a cup of freshly brewed coffee.

Depart on a road transfer to Kasane for a charter flight to Satawani airstrip (approx. 1 hour, 10-minute flight time - there may be stops on the way).

Upon arrival at the airstrip meet with a lodge representative for a short road transfer to the lodge. Lunch if time permits, followed by an afternoon game drive

Mogogelo is a classic tented safari camp in a private concession bordering Moremi Game Reserve. A Motswana-owned and run operation in northern Botswana's illustrious wildlife territory, it brings an authentic edge and the engrained knowledge of the local Okavango Delta community. This is a classic, authentic Botswana safari experience.

Mogogelo receives seasonal flooding and exploring is done by game drive. Each offers a fantastic way to enjoy the natural landscape and its inhabitants. Afternoon game drives morph into night drives, bringing the nocturnal creatures to the spotlight.

Overnight at Mogogelo Camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included. (Excluding premier drinks)

**DAY 4 | 11 AUGUST 2023 | MOREMI GAME RESERVE ACTIVITIES**

Day dedicated to game viewing with experienced local rangers in an open vehicle 4x4 vehicle

Discover the wild and unique landscape of the Okavango Delta on twice daily game drives, which depart at sunrise in the mornings and again in the late afternoon to overlap with sunset. Wildlife encounters include getting up close with elephant, buffalo, and lion, while the experience of having sundowners at a scenic spot in the bush mid-game drive is an iconic element of safaris in southern Africa.

Heading out on safari in the game viewer after dark brings the night life of the Okavango Delta into focus. Night drives are only possible in the privacy of a concession, making this a sought after and special activity at Mogogelo. Leopards and lions are more active at night, while nocturnal creatures like civet, porcupine, honey badger, and jackal are likely to be seen, so this is one not to be missed.

The hours between game drives and mealtimes can be spent any way guests wish, whether that be birdwatching from their private viewing decks or cooling off at the pool (also complete with a view!) The classic campfire is where guests will gather after dinner in the evenings to chat and enjoy the stars.

Overnight at Mogogelo Camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included. (Excluding premier drinks)



**DAY 5 | 12 AUGUST | DEPART: MOREMI GAME RESERVE | ARRIVE: OKAVANGO DELTA**

Early morning wake up and depart on a game drive before breakfast.

After breakfast, depart on a road transfer from Mogogelo Camp to the airstrip for a charter flight to Xaoo Safari camp. (approx. 30 min depending on stops)

Lunch (depending on time of arrival) followed by an afternoon activity.

Xaoo Safari Camp is a tented camp, off of the tiny village of Xoxao in the Okavango Delta. The village is home to a diverse Batswana tribe which includes a combination of Basarwa, Bayei and Baherero natives. Situated seventeen kilometers west of Shorobe Village into the heart of the eastern part of the Okavango Delta.

Six gorgeous luxury tented and raised chalets. The chalets are well spaced apart ensuring privacy and a personal experience.

Water-based and land activities are offered at Xaoo, and these are carried out just ten minutes away in a private concession that shares a border with the Moremi Game Reserve. The area boasts of an abundance of wildlife including but not limited to the Big five.

This private concession is a hidden gem, and guests get to experience very low volumes of tourists moving about, and therefore an intimate experience with nature. Activities include mokoro excursions, game viewing drive, walking safaris & cultural village tours.

Overnight at Xaoo Safari camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included (Excluding premier drinks)

Mogogelo Camp



## DAY 6 | 13 AUGUST | OKAVANGO DELTA

Day dedicated to game viewing with experienced local rangers, you have 2 scheduled activities included in your stay:

Game drives – The Professional guides will talk you through an amazing game drive through a natural habitat full of all types of wildlife big and small.

Xaoo Mokoro ride – The most popular activity in the Delta, where you get to experience a ride in a quiet mokoro through the marshes with the diverse wildlife in and outside the rivers and tributaries which make up the delta. This is an experience like no other and will surely give memories of a lifetime.

Nature Walk – At the furthest of the mokoro ride follows a nature walk, an up close and personal experience with the wilderness of the Okavango Delta. The indigenous flora and their uses will blow your mind as the guides share their knowledge of the wild. This is one that needs to be on your bucket list for sure.

These activities are scheduled and cannot be separated per individual request.

Overnight at Xaoo Safari camp in a luxury tent on a fully inclusive basis and 2 scheduled activities included (Excluding premier drinks)

## DAY 7 | 14 AUGUST | OKAVANGO DELTA – DEPART

After your morning game drive and breakfast, you will depart on a road transfer to Maun airport.

The transfer is approximately 1 hours 30 minutes.

You will be dropped off at Maun airport at 12h00







## NOTES:

### INCLUDED:

- Services of National South African Italian speaking guide throughout the itinerary.
- 6 nights in accommodation: 2 nights Jackelberry Chobe, 2 nights Mogogelo, 2 nights Xaoo Safari Lodge.
- Including all meals, soft drinks local beers and selected spirits, 2 onsite activities per day, government levies and National Park fees.
- Airport taxes & airstrip landing fees
- Road transfer upon arrival from Kasane to Jackelberry Chobe Lodge.
- Light aircraft charter flights:
- 10 August: Kasane – Satawani airstrip (Moremi)
- 12 August: Satawani - Xaoo Safari camp.
- 14 August: Road transfer from Xaoo Safari camp to Maun Airport.

### EXCLUDED:

Flights to Kasane and from Maun airport, airport taxes (where applicable), visas, Beverages not specified, laundry, gratuity, medical and travel insurance.

### NOTES:

- No children under the age of 12 years allowed.
- We suggest an Early arrival no later than 14h00 in Kasane.
- Departing flight from Maun should not be earlier than 14h00.

### CANCELLATION FEES:

When a confirmed booking is cancelled, the 25% booking deposit is forfeited as it remains non-refundable.

- 45 days to 30 days before departure – 50% of total invoice.
- 29 days to 0 days before departure – 100% of total invoice.

### PAYMENT:

- 25% Non-refundable deposit payable 7 days after confirmation.
- Balance payment due 30 days prior to arrival.