

 **WILDERNESS**  
*Africa*  
FINEST PRIVATE GUIDED SAFARIS

**BOTSWANA -DRY SEASON**  
**DELUXE PROPERTIES**

Botswana, the southern African country where the remarkable inland haven of water - the Okavango Delta, flows into the Kalahari sands. The game concentrations between the delta and the Chobe waterway to the north are probably the densest in southern Africa.



Despite being a relatively uniform and flat country, Botswana has an astounding variety of habitats and scenery in a relatively small area, including the Makgagakgadi pans, the wetter and drier parts of the delta (which vary throughout the year), and the Chobe waterway in the north. Water levels change throughout the year in the delta, being lowest at the onset of the rainy season in the summer months, and rising and reaching further south and deeper into the delta as the winter dry season progresses. That is also when herds of elephants move northwards across the Savute channel and to the Chobe and Linyanti river systems.

**10 DAY ITINERARY – DRY SEASON JULY/OCTOBER**

*Days 1-3*     *Zarafa Camp, Savute Channel Area*  
*Days 4-6*     *Jacana Camp, Okavango Delta*  
*Day 7-9*     *Mombo Camp, Okavango Delta*  
*Day 10*      *Last Day. Fly home or continue elsewhere*  
                  *(Makgadikgadi Pans, Victoria Falls, or Namibia).*

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Botswana – watching a herd of elephants rush down to the waterhole to drink at Chobe; game viewing at Mombo – one of the most luxurious camps anywhere in the world; and sneaking up channels in the Okavango Delta at Vumbura. We end the safari in the mists of the “smoke that thunders” – Victoria Falls!

## **DAYS 1-3 – FLY TO BOTSWANA, SARAFA CAMP, CHOBE**



Upon arrival in Maun, we are flown to Zarafa Camp situated in the eastern sector of the Selinda reserve. Zarafa camp is named after a young giraffe who appeared at the port of Marseilles in 1826 as a gift from the Viceroy of Egypt to King Charles X of France, a fitting name for such a luxurious and unique place. The camp is set on wooden decks overlooking the wide savannas and floodplains of the Zibadianja lagoon, near the source of the Savute channel. The luxurious lounge and dining facilities may be enjoyed under canvas or in the shade of cool Jackalberry trees. There are only four spacious, luxuriously appointed double or twin 'marquis style' tents. Each tent and veranda is positioned under cool and shady trees and comprises a spacious bedroom, en-suite bathroom, a copper bath and shower as well as an outdoor shower.

Wildlife includes herds of elephants, all the major predators: cheetah, wild dog, lion, hyena and leopard and most of the herbivores seen in northern Botswana, including lechwe, kudu, buffalo, zebra and of course, giraffe.

Activities at Zarafa are flexible to suit guests' particular interests and include morning, afternoon and night game drives in custom-built 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers. It is possible to go for short guided nature walks from camp, providing an opportunity to focus on some of Africa's less prominent wildlife. Siesta time can also be spent in the sunken hide at the waterhole's edge.

### **DAYS 4-6 — JACANA CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA**

We fly to Jacana Camp in the Jao concession, bordering Moremi Game Reserve. The camp is located on a beautiful island, surrounded by seasonal floodplains and papyrus swamps, in the midst of the Okavango Delta.

Jacana has five large classic safari tents, built on wooden decks, each with an en-suite enclosed, and roofless shower and loo, so we can enjoy the starlit skies at night while having a shower at the end of the days activities! The main dining room is also on a platform between two massive shady sycamore fig trees, and surrounded by wild date palms.

This is the perfect place to explore the surrounding swamps by mokoro (canoe) or on foot. There are two platform hides in the concession, where we can relax and watch the birdlife - marsh harriers quartering the swamps, or perhaps black egret luring fish to their shade. In these swamps we might be lucky enough to spot a Pel's fishing-owl, and are likely to see African and lesser jacanas walking on the lilies. This dense wetland area is ideal for herds of Cape buffalo, groups of red lechwe and even the sitatunga – an antelope superbly adapted to swamps. On the islands we might



follow tracks of a leopard to a resting spot in the shade of a waterberry, or we might search for lion in an area where we heard their roars at dawn. Wildlife concentrations depend on the water flow and volume and thus change from season to season. What is really special about this area is its wetland habitat and abundance of birdlife. When the floodwaters have receded - generally between September and May, we can also go for game drives.

### **DAYS 7-9— MOMBO CAMP, MOREMI GAME RESERVE, OKAVANGO DELTA**

Mombo Camp is situated on Mombo Island, adjoining the northern tip of Chief's Island, within the Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta.

Mombo is built in and around the shade of some large mangosteen, ebony and fig trees and overlooks a wonderful floodplain that teems with wildlife. The camp has nine comfortably furnished, luxurious tents, raised off the ground. Bathrooms are en-suite, with indoor and outdoor showers. The main living and dining area is under thatch, there is a boma for delicious dinners under the stars and a plunge pool to relax in on a hot day.

The area is renowned for having the best big game viewing in Botswana. The sheer numbers and variety of large mammals in this area, all year round, defy description. As the wildlife is so astounding, activities here are focused on morning and afternoon game drives in open 4x4 Land Rovers in the hope of sighting anything from elephant and buffalo to tiny steenbok, large numbers of herbivores including even both black and white rhino! These are followed by their predators in equal measure: lion, leopard, cheetah and the most sought after predator - wild dog!

**DAY 10 – LAST DAY. DEPART OR MOVE ON TO NEXT ADVENTURE!**

We are driven to Livingstone (Zambia) or Victoria falls (Zimbabwe) airports to catch our flight to our next destination or home.

**End of *Wilderness Africa* services**



**COSTS FOR THE ABOVE 9 NIGHT/10 DAY ITINERARY IN 2009 (including internal flights)**

**With your own *Wilderness Africa* professional guide** accompanying you throughout the safari. He is there to orchestrate your whole safari, to provide continuity from one camp to another, to see to any special requests and arrange for unusual touches to your safari. He ensures that it is varied and fun, by adding anecdotes as an African professional with years of experience, and adds to the trip by providing extra, often broader knowledge to the excellent resident guides in the various camps, who have their valued local knowledge to offer.

Number of clients in the group	4	6 or 8	10
Cost per person in US Dollars	16,280	14,630	14,300

**Without** a *Wilderness Africa* professional guide, but with your own private vehicle wherever possible.

Number of clients in the group	4	6 or 8	10
Cost per person in US Dollars	14,150	13,550	13,450

## **WILDERNESS AFRICA TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Included in the above safari prices:** Accommodation in best available twin-bedded tent/rooms on full board everywhere; the services of local resident guides; private safari vehicle at all camps/lodges; all game drives and other activities; all park entry and camping fees; airport transfers to the camps and to/from Maun airport; laundry services (reasonable amounts) at safari camps; soft and alcoholic drinks (except premium brands); air evacuation in case of a medical emergency (does not include any medical services once at the hospital).

**Not included in the above safari prices:** Items of a personal nature (e.g. visas, airport taxes, telephone or fax services, etc.); any kind of insurance; premium brands (eg champagne); gratuities; international flights to/from and within Africa. A *Wilderness Africa* professional guide is not included in the rates unless specifically stated.

**General:** We reserve the right to substitute campsites, hotels and/or lodges and to alter the itinerary should this be considered necessary or advisable. Should exceptional circumstances arise (eg. sudden unexpected increases in park fees or fuel), we reserve the right to alter the above prices.

### **Deposits:**

To confirm a booking - 30% of full safari cost required (2/3 is non-refundable)  
60 days prior to safari - Full safari cost required

### **Cancellations:**

#### **No of days prior to safari start date**

	<b>Terms</b>
> 120	20% of full safari cost is non-refundable
60-120	Initial deposit is forfeit
30-59	50% of full safari cost forfeit
< 30	Full safari cost forfeit

**Insurance:** While on safari with us you are not covered by any insurance (such as personal, travel, accident or baggage loss). We suggest that you make arrangements so that you and your property are fully insured for the duration of your safari and also for travel in light aircraft. Similarly, you are advised to arrange adequate insurance in the unforeseen event of postponement or cancellation of your safari.

**Liability:** Although every possible care is taken to safeguard you and your property, we accept no liability for any accidents, injuries, or illnesses arising during the safari, nor thereafter, nor the loss or damage to your property and persons. **By booking and paying a deposit for a safari, you are deemed to have accepted the liability and insurance clauses above.**