

BOTSWANA – PREMIUM PACKAGE

Itinerary:

2 nights – Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge

2 nights – Belmond Khwi River Lodge

2 nights – Jack's Camp

Departure – Daily

Minimum – 2 pax

Day 1 – Kasane / Chobe - Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge – Lunch, Dinner

Scheduled Commercial flight from Johannesburg to Kasane Airport. (This flight will be included in the cost)

Scheduled road transfer from Kasane Airport to Chobe Game Lodge (SIC). Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero is a luxurious retreat in the heart of the bush, located on the edge of Chobe National Park, the second largest national park in Botswana, where some 80,000 elephants roam. From the lodge's hilltop position, guests can enjoy far reaching panoramic views over the Chobe River and floodplain below. The main public area includes a lounge, library and dining room, which are linked to outdoor viewing patios. Guests are able to relax in the split-level swimming pool or unwind with a pampering session in the full-service spa complete with a treetop treatment room.

Lunch & Dinner at the Lodge. Overnight at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge or similar

Day 2 – Kasane / Chobe – Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activities with the lodge:

Game Drives

Elephants feature largely on any activity at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, as the largest population left in Africa occupies this northern corner between Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe. Game drives in open-sided 4 x 4 vehicles bring these grey giants into easy reach as they drink and frolic at the water's edge in their boisterous herds. Thrilling game drives led by our qualified professional guides bring you close to hippos, buffalos, puku and other animals that gather on the banks of the Chobe River. The puku, a small rusty-brown antelope, alongside impala, kudu and red lechwe, are only a few of the common antelope found here. Naturally, lion and leopard are also found in the area.

Sundowner Cruise

The best way to end a day of safari here is sipping on a cocktail while watching an African sunset over the still waters of the Chobe River from the comfort of one of our specially designed riverboats. Sundowner cruises are also a great way of seeing buffalo up close as they come out of the shade to graze in the cooler evenings and elephants as they wade in the river. Chobe is renowned for its abundance of dramatic sable and roan antelopes with their impressive horns. Situngas - antelope with splayed feet to help them run in swamps - are often seen here, as are the wild dog and lion that prey upon them.

Photographic Safari Cruise

Our new safari boat available from Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero can seat up to 18 guests and has a lower and upper deck, both featuring 360-degree swivel seats. The upper deck offers a great vantage point of the Chobe River and wildlife while the lower deck boasts a bar area and the perfect spot to relax and enjoy a scrumptious river breakfast or lunch. The boat offers a great exclusive and intimate alternative to enjoying the Chobe area especially for photographic enthusiasts.

Fishing Excursions

Guests will meet up with their guide at reception and drive through to the jetty for their fishing activity. The best time for fishing in the Chobe area is in winter, May, June, July and August. Type of fish guests can expect to catch is Bream and Tiger Fish. All fishing is done on a catch and release basis. Rates include: Use of the boat for maximum of 3 hours and fishing equipment. Maximum 3 people per boat and subject to availability.

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Day 3 – Khwai / Okavango Delta - Belmond Khwai River Lodge - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Scheduled road transfer from Chobe Game Lodge to Kasane Airport. Scheduled light aircraft from Kasane to Khwai Airstrip. Road transfer from Khwai airstrip to Belmond Khwai River Lodge.

Belmond Khwai River Lodge nestles on the edge of a Leadwood forest overlooking the vast floodplains of the Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Known for its exceptional range of big game, many animals can be seen slaking their thirst from the comfort of your own private deck. Belmond takes its guests to the heart of each property's destination, and nowhere is this more palpable than out here in the bush. As you spot lions, cheetahs and hippos, with birds of prey circling above, you feel that you are within a world that has barely changed since time began

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Lodge. Overnight at Belmond Khwai River Lodge.

Day 4 – Khwai / Okavango Delta – Belmond Khwai River Lodge - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activities with the lodge

Game Drives

On early morning game drives expect to see a huge range of creatures, from big cats such as lions and leopards, to hippo, rhino, antelope, giraffe and buffalo. Widely acknowledged to be the predator capital of the world, this is the only place in Botswana where the Big Five can be found

Bird Watching

Many visitors come to Belmond Khwai River Lodge purely to experience its huge variety of more than 300 species of birds. If this is you, then do contact us in advance and let us advise on the perfect time of year to see what interests you the most. For instance, some of our visitor's time their trip to coincide with the arrival of the massive flocks of carmine bee eaters on their annual migration. But at any time of year it is wonderful to head out into the bush and among the beautiful trees that surround this camp. Spot the endangered wattled crane, ground hornbill, eagle, several types of stork and many beautiful singing birds such as larks. Special species for twitchers include Arnot's Chat and Hartlub's Babbler.

Moonlight Safaris

Night drives "into the middle of nowhere" are an amazing experience—a rare opportunity to be surrounded by the infinite darkness of the African bush. Don't say a word, but simply gaze up at the stars and listen to the sounds. Nocturnal animals are out on the prowl—scuffling, howling and, if you are lucky, emitting the occasional deep-throated roar.

Mothupi's Boma

Gather around the campfire in this circular space and exchange your day's adventures, much as local villagers do in similar communal areas throughout Botswana. Flames flicker and lamps glow as drinks are served; a choir sings traditional songs and invites you to a buffet of African specialities.

Star Gazing

The open skies around Belmond Khwai River Lodge make it the perfect place to experience the vast, dark dome of the African night sky. "A jewel box" is how one of our guides describes it, and certainly it is a wealth of riches from the Milky Way to Orion and Venus. Discover how Bushmen used the stars to locate the true south. And, using a powerful telescope, gaze on constellations that visitors from the northern hemisphere may never have seen before, including the Southern Cross.

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Village Life

Belmond Khwai River Lodge enjoys a unique location close to a San bushmen's village. You may wish to visit this village and you may be invited into a private home to experience aspects of the villagers way of life of people who have had to adapt their ancient traditions to modern times.

Walking Safari

On a walking safari through the delta you are totally enveloped in nature. You spot amazing things close-up: an insect, animal tracks, big game droppings, swarming termite mounds. These small, unexpected aspects of life often make the biggest impression. If a game drive is like reading a book: a walking safari is actually like becoming a character in that book.

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Lodge. Overnight at Belmond Khwai River Lodge.

Day 5 – Makgadikgadi Pans – Jack's Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast will be at Belmond Khwai River Lodge. Scheduled road transfer from Belmond Khwai River Lodge to Khwai Airstrip. Light aircraft from Khwai to Maun. Scheduled light aircraft flight from Maun to Tsigaro airstrip for Jack's Camp.

Jack's Camp is an oasis of style and comfort in the middle of Botswana's Kalahari Desert. A beautiful authentic, 1940's style tented safari camp, which includes a private museum, shop, drinks tent and a pool pavilion. Spectacular vistas, creative surprises, expert guiding, old-world safari styling and superb cuisine all come together to create an experience that is completely different to any other. Jack's Camp features 7 twin and 3 double tents with en-suite bathrooms featuring indoor and outdoor showers. Spacious and stylish – with an elegant atmosphere. Activities are varied, and combine wildlife with culture, history, archaeology and geology. Activities on offer all year round include: interacting with incredibly friendly habituated meerkats; walking with Bushmen Guides; game drives to experience unique desert wildlife, Chapman's Baobab - one of the oldest and biggest trees in Africa, bird watching and night drives.

During the dry season (16h April - 31st October) activities include quad biking across the salt pans.

During the wet season (1st November - 15th April) visitors can witness the spectacular zebra and wildebeest migration experience.

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Camp. Overnight at Jack's Camp

Day 6 – Makgadikgadi Pans – Jack's Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activities with the Camp.

Game Drives at Jack's Camp

Game drive on the Makgadikgadi Pans to spot brown hyena, wildebeest, zebra, bat eared fox and if you're lucky enough you might even spot a lion or elephant wandering the concession.

Walking with Meerkats at Jack's Camp

Get up close and personal with our families of meerkats. Leaving camp as the sun begins to rise you will accompany these inquisitive members of the mongoose family as they set off in search of their breakfast. Walk amongst them (you're not allowed to touch or feed them) and if you take a seat you might be lucky enough to be mistaken for a termite mound, where you'll be used as a look out point for predators.

Jack's Camp Bushman Walk

Spend time walking and interacting with a group of Zu/'hoasi Bushmen and gain a fascinating insight into their ancient culture and practices.

Jack's Camp Horse Safari (Optional at extra cost)

Enjoy a 2-hour morning or afternoon leisurely Horse-Riding activity across the pans with our expert riding guide.

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This is an additional activity so is not included in the nightly rate and replaces whichever camp activity that runs at the same time. Children above 8 years of age are welcome.

Jack's Camp Quad Biking (Optional at extra cost)

During the dry season, go quad biking across the lunar expanse of the pans.

Lunch & Dinner will be at the Camp. Overnight at Jack's Camp

Day 7 – Departure

Scheduled road transfer from Jack's Camp to Airstrip. Scheduled light aircraft flight from Tsigaro Airstrip to Maun Airport. Scheduled commercial flight from Maun Airport to Johannesburg (Included in the cost)

Inclusions:

- 6 night's accommodation
- Meals as stated in the above itinerary
- Game Drives & activities as stated above
- All services as listed above
- English Speaking Guides
- Porterage's & Water
- Passenger Liability Insurance
- Entrance Fees
- Seat in Light aircraft flights
- Refreshments, local spirits, and wines (excluding Premium Brands)

Exclusions:

- International flights, All expenses of a personal nature
- All other activities, entry fees & dinners
- All other services not listed above & Travel Insurance

END OF SERVICES