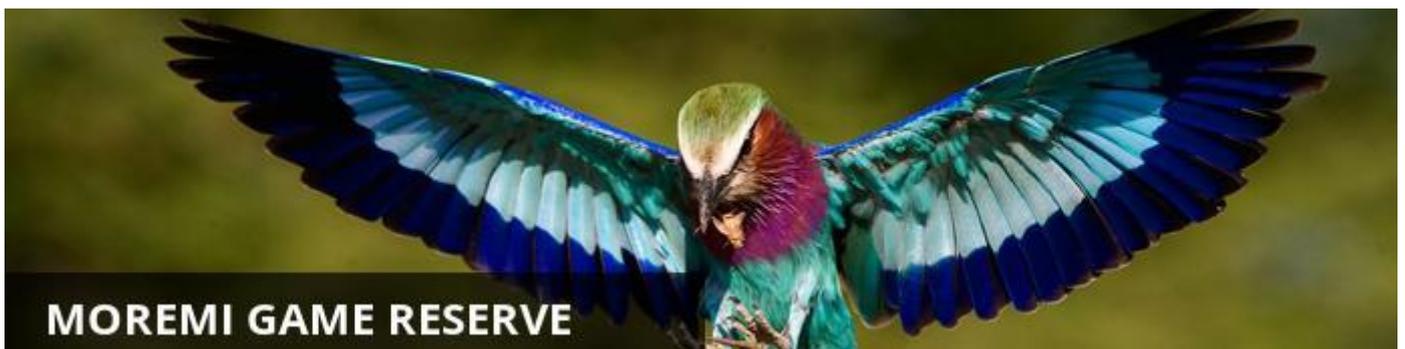


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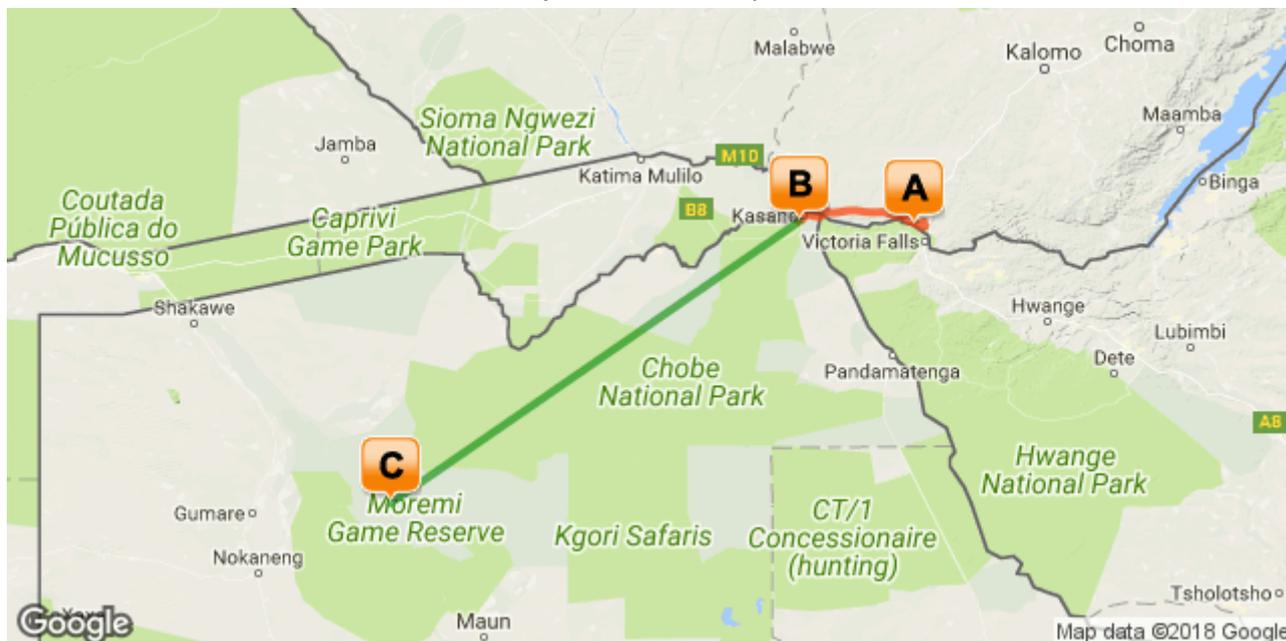
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## Luxury Zambia & Botswana

Livingstone (Victoria Falls) - Chobe River Front - Moremi Game Reserve  
7 Days / 6 Nights

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### Overview

Safari in style with Sanctuary Retreats while taking in some of the wonders of Zambia and Botswana on this exciting safari holiday. Discover the beauty of the mighty Zambezi River and the Victoria Falls. Game view on sunset cruises and game drives. Then visit Chobe National Park known to have the highest concentration of Elephants in the world in the dry season. Then fly into the oasis of the Okavango Delta, a wildlife wonderland where you will explore by mokoro boats and enjoy walking safaris. All the while staying in world-class Sanctuary Retreats lodges.

| Accommodation                                  | Destination                  | Nights | Basis | Room Type |
|--|------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| <a href="#">Sanctuary Sussi &amp; Chuma</a>    | Livingstone (Victoria Falls) | 2      | FI    |           |
| <a href="#">Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge</a> | Chobe River Front            | 2      | B&B   |           |
| <a href="#">Sanctuary Chief's Camp</a>         | Moremi Game Reserve          | 2      | FI    |           |

### Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

FI: Fully inclusive

### Price

From USD 3,800 per person

## Day 1: Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

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### Day Itinerary

On arrival at Livingstone Airport a Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma representative will meet and transfer you to the lodge. The transfer time is approximately 20 minutes.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy some of the many activities on offer (e.g. sundowner cruises, fishing, Rhino walk and game drives in the Mosi-oa Tunya National Park).

### Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial whitewater rafting in the world.

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### Overnight: Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma [View iBrochure](#)

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is built on a dramatic bend of the Zambezi River in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, 12km upstream from the world-famous Victoria Falls. Named after Dr. David Livingstone's faithful friends Sussi and Chuma, the lodge is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Zambezi amidst Jackalberry trees and Phoenix palms, providing unrivalled views and exclusivity. Accommodation is in twelve Sussi tree-houses, connected by wooden walkways and two private Chuma houses, each with two bedrooms.



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### Included

Lunch and Dinner

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## Day 2: Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

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### Day Itinerary

The day is at leisure to enjoy some of the many activities on offer.

These include a Tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi, canoeing, walking safaris, game drives in the National Park and a local school and village Tour and fishing.

Livingstone is also known as the adventure capital of Africa offering a variety of adrenaline activities. There are additional activities on offer (at an extra cost) which guests can book.

Imagine taking on the mighty Zambezi River on a white water rafting trip. The rapids on the Zambezi are officially defined as “Grade 5.”

The Flight of Angels offers an amazing opportunity to experience a flight in a helicopter and an unrivalled and superior view of the Victoria Falls.

Other adventure activities include bungee jumping, micro lighting over the Victoria Falls, a Livingstone Island visit and swimming at Devil’s Pool. Guests can also visit the Falls on the Zimbabwe side. These activities are an optional extra and can be booked at the lodge.

Guests staying at Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma are able to indulge in a range of spa treatments – including massages, facials and manicures – while enjoying spectacular views over the Zambezi River (additional cost.)

### Activities

Victoria Falls - The Falls

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#### *Victoria Falls - The Falls*

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breathtaking and not suprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as ‘The Smoke that Thunders’ this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides for spectacular viewing.

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### Included

Fully Inclusive

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## Day 3: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge, Chobe River Front

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### Day Itinerary

The day begins with breakfast and a morning game viewing activity at Sussi & Chuma.

A camp representative will transfer you to the Kazangula border and assist you through customs. On the Botswana side another Sanctuary representative will meet you and transfer you to Chobe Chilwero. Total transfer time approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the game viewing activities on offer which include game drives in the National Park and motorized boat safaris and sundowner and photographic cruises on the Chobe River.

### Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them. A visit to this area guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to some exciting activities such as: driving along the game-dotted river banks in a 4WD; cruising along the river in a motorboat, spotting rare birdlife and for a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

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### Overnight: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

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.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 4: Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge, Chobe River Front

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### Day Itinerary

Today is at leisure to explore the area. Thrilling guided game drives in 4X4 vehicles bring you to the heart of Africa's largest concentration of elephants, as well as hippos, buffalos, antelope, lions and other creatures that gather on the banks of the Chobe River. Our morning drives include coffee, tea and freshly baked confectionaries while our afternoon game drives include classic sundowner drinks and canapés at specially selected spots. Or spot wildlife from the water, joining one of the acclaimed guides on a water safari on specially adapted motorboats. 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.

There are additional activities (at an extra cost) that guests can book. These include:

Fishing Excursions: The Chobe River is a great area for fishing which is always on a catch and release basis. The best time for fishing is in winter: May, June, July and August. Guests can expect to catch Bream and Tiger Fish, one of the most sought after game fishing experiences. The use of the boat during this activity is for a maximum of three hours and includes basic fishing equipment. A maximum of three people are allowed per boat and the activity is subject to availability. We suggest booking this activity while at the lodge.

### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 5: Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve

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### Day Itinerary

After breakfast, you will transfer to Kasane airport for your onward flight to the Okavango Delta. The flying time to Chief's airstrip is approximately 1h 30 minutes.

On arrival at the Sanctuary Chief's Camp airstrip, a representative will meet and transfer you to the camp. The transfer time is approximately 40 minutes.

The afternoon is at leisure. Activities available include game drives and seasonal mokoro excursions (subject to water levels).

A range of spa treatments are available from the spa treatment room (at an additional cost.) Everything about the camp and treatment room is environmentally friendly, including the Africology spa treatment range used. Choose from a range of facial skin care treatments such as the balancing rose facial, body therapies include an African heated stone massage and our body rituals include a tropical immune boosting mud body wrap. The perfect way to end a day of spectacular game viewing.

## Moremi Game Reserve

Situated in the east of the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve ranks as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa. It covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and dense forest. This diverse ecosystem supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, lion, cheetah and packs of wild dog in the open grasslands. The birdlife is prolific and includes most of the 550 bird species recorded on Botswana's national bird list. A range of luxury lodges in the reserve offers visitors the perfect base to experience this corner of paradise.

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### Overnight: Sanctuary Chief's Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Situated on Chief's Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta, wildlife and wilderness are as abundant as action, adrenaline, refinement and relaxation at this remarkable remodelled luxury camp. Personal service, an extraordinary setting, exceptional viewing and enthusiastic expert guides are what sets this property apart. At Sanctuary Chief's Camp one can expect unique attention to detail and strong environmental and philanthropic credentials to ensure the ultimate luxury safari experience.

Intimate and exclusive, Sanctuary Chief's Camp is set in an outstanding natural landscape. Thanks to soul-stirring perspectives from the private pavilions, the lounge deck and your dinner tables, you won't ever miss the thrill of a viewing. As well as ensuring a distinct sense of Botswanan place, every encounter and activity feels authentic, thanks to the camp having been reimaged in keeping with local traditions and cultures – which is how we believe responsible tourism should be.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp's sophisticated accommodation with natural hues and materials that complement the charismatic scenery and the first-class dining and wines, regularly earns rankings among the world's top safari destinations from arbiters such as Condé Nast Traveler and Travel & Leisure.



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## Included

Fully Inclusive

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## Day 6: Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve

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### Day Itinerary

The day is at leisure to enjoy the activities on offer. The game viewing opportunities around Sanctuary Chief's Camp are awe-inspiring. The expert guides are on hand to share a wealth of wildlife knowledge, take guests deep into the bush in specially modified 4 x 4 vehicles on morning and afternoon game drives to find the secluded places where elephant families congregate in search of the tastiest fruits and berries.

On the plains one may find the roaming lions that prey on the thousands of antelope, zebra and buffalo who live here all year round. You may even spot wild dogs. These extremely rare predators have been hunted to the point of extinction in most areas of Africa and this is one of their last strongholds. Intensely curious, painted dogs, as they are known here, are extremely rewarding to view and accessible to only a few. There are several local lion prides as well as leopards, genet cats and hyenas are in abundance.

Guests can also enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta (at an additional cost.) These scenic flights involve flying west towards the permanent delta, exposing areas which are unreachable by vehicle or boat and showcasing the sheer enormity of the Okavango Delta. There is the option of the doors being removed for unrestricted photographic opportunities. Choose between 30, 45 or 60 minute tour in a single piston engine Robinson r44 helicopter with 3 seats. This activity is offered on a year round basis. Being a personalised activity, it's up to you what time of day you would like to do the activity, however we would recommend early morning and late afternoon as this time usually provides the best light for photography. Preferred flight times can be requested on booking.

### Included

Fully Inclusive

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## Day 7: Departure

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### Day Itinerary

The morning is at leisure to enjoy the activities on offer.

Afterwards, please meet the lodge representative in the reception area of the lodge for your transfer to Maun Airport. Your transfer times will be advised to you by the lodge managers.

### Transport

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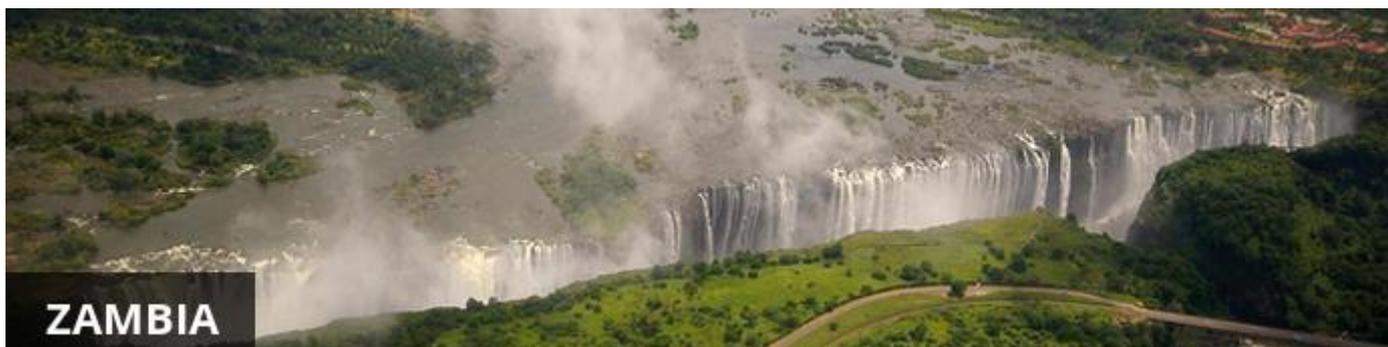
### Flight Information

| Date | Flight  | Airline | Departure Airport              | Time | Arrival Airport        | Time | Class |
|------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|-------|
|      | Charter |         | Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge |      | Sanctuary Chief's Camp |      |       |
|      | Charter |         | Sanctuary Chief's Camp         |      | Maun Airport [MUB]     |      |       |

## Transfers

| Date | Company | Pick Up   | Drop Off                       | Time | Vehicle |
|------|---------|---|--------------------------------|------|---------|
|      |         | Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport [LVI] | Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma        |      |         |
|      |         | Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma                           | Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero Lodge |      |         |

## Travel Information



This unique, peanut-shaped country, once known as Northern Rhodesia, offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with adrenalin pumping adventure sports, a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. Spend your evenings enjoying the spectacular site of the world's largest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, while sipping on sundowners after an exhilarating day of whitewater rafting down the rapids of the mighty Zambezi River. If that sounds a little too adventurous for your taste, take a houseboat cruise along the exquisite Lake Kariba while watching wild elephants drink at the riverbank as you try your hand at catching the elusive tiger fish. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again soon to this exceptionally beautiful Southern African country.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

Zambia's unit of currency is the Kwacha (ZMW), formally ZMK which was rebased in 2013. The denominations are K100, K50, K20, K10, K5 and K2. It is subdivided into 100 *ngwee*. Coins available are K1, 50 ngwee, 10 ngwee and 5 ngwee.

However, some prices are quoted in US\$. It is therefore possible to use dollars and pounds as well.

#### **Banking**

In the cities and larger towns, you can change cash and travellers cheques at branches of Barclays Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. Larger branches have ATMs that accept Visa. Foreign exchange offices are easy to find in cities and larger towns.

Banks are generally open on weekdays from 08h15 to 15h30 and 08h15 to 12h00 on Saturdays. Banks are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Proflight flies from Lusaka to Mfuwe (South Luangwa), to Livingstone and the Copperbelt and also does charters. Various air charter companies will fly to any of the many airstrips around the country and most of the areas worth visiting are accessible by air.

#### Public Transport

There are many taxis available. Prices are negotiable. There is a good bus service to Chipata, Livingstone, the Copperbelt and Harare, but they don't always follow strict schedules. The main bus terminus is in Dedan Kimathi Road in Lusaka where one can inquire about timetables. Other private bus companies offer more reliable services to Livingstone, Harare and Johannesburg.

#### Travel by Bus

Long range buses frequently leave from Lusaka to all the main towns. The intercity bus terminal can be found one road up from Cairo Road at the station.

Minibuses and taxis, local transport – all painted blue – can be jumped on at pretty much any juncture. They're not expensive and you can always find a minibus that won't cost too much to buy all the seats in it to get your own private minibus to wherever you want to go but you'll have to negotiate.

#### Travel by Road

Zambia has 38,763 kilometres of roads, about 10,000 kms of which are tarred and another 8000 kms are gravel road. The rest range from reasonable to bad dirt roads.

If you're doing a vehicle trip through Zambia it is a good idea to carry a range of tools and essential spares with you.

Be really careful, especially if travelling at night for road markings are usually non-existent. Do watch out for animals in the road, vehicles without lights, pedestrians, unannounced roadworks, bad drivers and broken down trucks with no warning triangles. If you see a tree branch in the road, slow down immediately – these are improvised warning triangles and there's bound to be a truck or car in the middle of the road up ahead.

Be sure to have all your vehicle papers on hand as you're bound to encounter a few roadblocks.

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Zambia's native cuisine is based on nshima, a cooked porridge made from ground maize normally accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare nshima if requested, and it is almost always available in small, local restaurants.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas visitors tend to serve a range of international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is typically excellent.

Water in the main towns is usually purified, provided there are no shortages of chlorine, breakdowns, or other mishaps. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zambia for just a few weeks, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water in town.

Out in the bush, most of the camps and lodges use water from bore-holes. These underground sources vary in quality, but are normally perfectly safe to drink.

### *Climate and Weather*

The rains in Zambia come mostly in December, January, February and March though the further north you are, the earlier the rains arrive and the later they leave. Eastern areas and higher areas generally receive more rain than western and lowland areas.

By April and May most of the rain has faded away, leaving a landscape that's still green, but starting to dry out. Nighttime temperatures start to drop, especially in higher and more southerly locations.

In June, July and August the nights become much cooler, but the days are clear and warm. Make sure you bring warm clothes to wrap up if you're out at night, as some nights get very cold! Most of Zambia's small 'walking bush camps' open at the start of June, when the roads have dried out sufficiently to allow access. This is the start of the 'peak season' for these countries – with often cloudless days and continually increasing game sightings.

Into September and October the temperatures climb: the lower-lying rift valleys – Lower Zambezi, Mana Pools and Luangwa Valley – can get very hot in October. However, you'll see some superb game as the animals concentrate around the limited water sources.

November is variable; it can be hot and dry like October, or it can see the season's first downpours. Often it's a very interesting month as you can see both patterns on successive days.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

Zambia has mild winters and the summer days can be scorching hot. Lightweight casual clothes can be worn all year round, with a jacket or jersey for early winter mornings and evenings.

On safari keep clothes to neutral colours - khakis, browns and greens. A sunhat, sunscreen, sunglasses and insect repellent are a must.

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Current is 220/240 volt at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round wall plugs are used.



Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. The country's primary tourist draw card is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

### *Entry Requirements*

Effective from 1 June 2017, all travellers to Botswana (with the exception of residents and citizens of the Southern African Development Community) will have to pay a tourism development levy. According to Botswana Tourism, the objective of the levy is to raise funds for conservation and natural tourism development. The \$30 (€27) levy will be payable at all ports of entry, including airports and border posts, through electronic payment machines, cash, and debit and credit cards. After the payment, a unique receipt corresponding to the passport will be automatically generated. The receipt is presented to immigration officials and the passport and the receipt will be stamped and handed back to the traveller. The receipt will be valid for a 30-day period and can be used for multiple entries.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

#### **Banking**

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to experts in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana: your home driving licence will be accepted (with an official English translation if necessary; driving is on the left side of the road; and the national speed limit is on tarred roads is 120km/h and 60km/h in towns and villages.

#### **Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!**

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

A discretionary 5 to 10% tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

### *Climate and Weather*

Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20°s. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.

As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green. Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into September and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris – although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

In summer, lightweight, lightcoloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, long-sleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys. From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees Celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the "Type M " South African SABS1661 ("Large" 15 amp BS-546) sockets. This is actually an old British standard. The "Type M " South African plug and socket is not to be confused with the "Type D " Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220-240 volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.

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