Wild Botswana Family Safari

Trip Code: FBO

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Look out for the famed Big 5 (lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo) on game drives in the wild and magnificent Moremi and Chobe reserves.
- Gather around the firepit and stare at the plethora of stars visible on wild camping nights deep within the Botswanan bush.
- Flying Fox jump over the Zambezi Gorge enveloped in the rainbow spray of the stunning Mosi-oa-

Tunya, Victoria Falls.
- Explore the amazing Okavango Delta in a traditional dug out mokoro canoe and walking safari.

AT A GLANCE

- 12 day safari family adventure
- 9 game drives
- mokoro and walking safaris
- glass bead making with community group
- flying fox jump
- SWIMMING: 5 nights at hotel and lodge swimming pools
- Join at Maun, end in Victoria Falls

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

The ultimate family safari adventure awaits.

From the hippos and birdlife of the Okavango Delta, through the lion stronghold of Savuti, to the snorkelling elephants of the Chobe River. This itinerary has it all, with the mighty Victoria Falls providing the perfect grand finale to this family safari showstopper.

We will start our adventure in Maun, the gateway town to the Okavango Delta, before heading deep into the heart of the delta on mekoro canoes, for the first of many wild camping nights on this trip. Just a couple of hours away from Maun will already feel like the wildest place many of us have ever ventured, and this is just the beginning. Hippos grunt from beyond the reeds and beautiful bee-eaters cruise the papyrus tops for an invertebrate meal. From here, we return to Maun for a hotel night and a splash in the pool, before venturing on into Moremi, a wilderness reserve on the northern fringes of the delta, home to acacia munching giraffes, impala and the illusive cheetah, among many other incredible creatures.

On to Savuti for game drives around Leopard Rock, home to its namesake, and across the gigantic Savuti Marsh, with opportunities to view huge lion prides and wild dog packs hunting across this wide expanse of savannah. Finally, we reach the river Chobe and after the best part of a week in the bush, we'll feel like safari pros, our eyes trained on the slightest movement as we make our way through the bush. The banks of this river offer great drinking opportunities for ungulates massing in their thousands in the hope of a safe drink without being chased off by the large predators that follow their every move. African fish eagles dot the tree tops like elaborate Christmas tree decorations and black herons perform daytime/night-time tricks at the water's edge.

We'll be treated to a tented lodge night by the river in Kasane, before continuing on to Victoria Falls, across the border in Zimbabwe. Our final adventure being the opportunity to leap off the edge of the gorge on a flying fox line, sending us out across the spray of the Zambezi below, within sight of the plumes and rainbows of the mighty Mosi-oa-Tunya (Victoria falls).

Returning home after this trip will leave you with a longing to return like no other. As our guides say when we depart, it's not 'goodbye,' it's 'see you next time.'

Is this holiday for you?

Suitable for children from 12 yrs old

Everything in Africa is on a big scale and to cover the ground necessary, your journey across Botswana will include several long drives. Such drives, including your game drives, will predominantly be on dirt and sand tracks, with a few graded roads and tar highways mixed in too, particularly nearer the towns at either end of the trip. The vehicles used have been custom-built to cope with such conditions, whilst offering prime wildlife viewing opportunities. They are modified, long 4x4 with twelve seats and tall open sides. This does mean that whilst travelling between destinations, we will likely experience dust, sand and wind entering the cab from the dusty unmade roads, so bring something to cover your face with, like a scarf or buff.

Included in the itinerary are also several safari experiences on foot. These walks can be on hard packed surfaces or uneven sandy terrain but they are always accompanied by your experienced local English speaking guide. Each walk is paced with time for your guide to interpret the environment around you. On our walking safari in the Okavango Delta, we will be kept together as in a single file line in case of an animal encounter. When in the Okavango Delta we travel by mokoro canoe. These are traditional and very basic dug-out canoes and may require some walking in the shallows to allow boarding at water level. The accommodation on this journey is mix of hotels and wild camping. When wild camping an adult must share a tent with the children. During your holiday, some participation on day-to-day camp chores is required. Getting involved with such chores adds to the camaraderie of your holiday. This journey is suitable for the adventurous family with a passion and understanding for wild places and the wildlife that lives in them.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional local guide and driver
- Single timed airport transfers on the first and last day
- All land transport involved in the itinerary
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Entry fees to the various parks and reserve areas

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Tips for local staff
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Entrance fees for optional excursions
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the group accommodation in Maun.

A single timed transfer (20mins) from Maun Airport to the first night hotel is provided to meet the group flight at lunchtime of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, there will be a single transfer to Victoria Falls Airport (Zimbabwe) or Livingstone Airport (Zambia) if required. Please contact the KE office for exact details of your departure date.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a group saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners are included in the holiday price. There are many restaurants to choose from, and you should allow approximately $15-20 per person for lunches and $20-30 per person for dinners.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. You should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

When camping the tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided. We do cater for some special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies.). However it is essential that you inform us of any dietary requirements on booking. We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. When meals are not included there will be a restaurant or choice of restaurants nearby. There is usually a restaurant/bar at the fixed campsites. They will have a reasonable selection of foods available.

Accommodation

Hotels & Lodges

For several nights we are in hotels and lodges on this trip, principally in the towns dotted along the route. At Maun we stay at the Sedia Hotel, a wonderful family-friendly hotel with a relaxed atmosphere and a great full sized swimming pool. The rooms will be double or twin, with a couple of family rooms available. Please note these are not guaranteed, and are also not available at other locations. Twin/double rooms are standard in Botswana with this being one of the few exceptions where more people can sleep in one room.

At Kasane we stay in tented twin/double lodges with views over the river Chobe. The tented lodges are basic and facilities including showers and toilets are in a separate nearby block. There is also a boma (raised firepit with seating) overlooking the river. There is a small swimming pool here and a restaurant too.

At Victoria Falls we stay in an intimate but wonderfully appointed lodge with twin/double rooms, a swimming pool and breakfast restaurant, within the suburbs. This is a peaceful place with big comfy beds and en-suite shower rooms.

Wild camping - for 6 nights while in the Okavango Delta, Moremi and Savuti we camp wild. Wild camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild camping is a stripped back and raw experience but incredibly rewarding as it allows us to be amongst the nature that we've come so far to see, all the time. Our experienced guides will give us lots of important information to guide us through our camping experience to amplify our enjoyment, and if followed closely will guarantee an exceptional experience. Toilets are simple pit latrines, dug by our guides, and requires using a shovel to bury our waste after each use, and a simple bucket bush shower will be provided. One of the most important rules to follow is to leave no trace of our stay, by taking all of our rubbish away with us.

The tents provide are for 2 people. Young children must be accompanied by an adult in each tent. All the camping equipment is supplied, with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.4 x 2.4 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest.

An essential part of this holiday is the participation - from putting up your tent (while camping) or packing away in the morning to helping with meal preparation and cleaning up - it's all part of your adventure. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help with the washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun!

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be accompanied by a local English-speaking professional guide. During the tour the group will travel by open 4x4 Toyota Landcruiser driven by a professional driver.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

Spending Money

We estimate that a minimum of around £500-600 per family of 4 (or equivalent in euros/dollars) should be allowed for personal spending. This amount should be sufficient to cover non-included meals, visas, tips of local staff and miscellaneous expenses. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs or undertake any additional activities or excursions, you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect). Also, if you expect to buy considerable quantities of soft drinks or beer, you should make an allowance for this. You can choose to take your money in pounds Sterling, dollars or euros. There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at Maun Airport and your local leader will advise the best places to change money en-route. Additionally, you will be able to get currency from bank ATMs in many of the towns that we will visit. Credit cards are often accepted but if you intend to bring your travel money with you, we recommend that you bring this in the form of cash. Sterling, US Dollars and Euros are readily exchanged. Not all lodges/hotels accept cards.

Guidance on Tipping

In Southern Africa it is usual to tip staff including your local guide and driver if you are happy with the services provided. We suggest you co-ordinate these tips as a group and as a rough guide we recommend each group member contributes around £30 to £40 per person. The exact amount should be determined by the group and the guide will give advice on the appropriate levels.

Beat the Jet Lag

Our holidays are normally designed with minimal 'down time' at the start of the trip, but having a day or two at the beginning will have the additional benefit of allowing you time to get over the stress of a long journey or travelling across time zones, leaving you refreshed and ready for your holiday. We can easily arrange for you to have additional nights and airport transfers.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Your baggage will travel in the vehicle with the group, and you should try to keep the weight to no more than 23kg. You should bring a soft bag as these are more suitable to pack in the vehicle. For the 2 nights wild camping in the Okavango Delta you will take only what you need and the remainder of your luggage will stay in Maun. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the ‘Dates and Prices’ table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

South Africa Indemnity Form

As a member of the South African Tourism Service Association, our ground agent in South Africa may require you to complete an indemnity form at the start of your holiday, which you will need your insurance details for. As a client of KE Adventure Travel, your rights under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangement Regulations (2018) are unaffected and KE Adventure Travel will remain liable for the actions of our suppliers.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

A KAZA UNIVISA for Zimbabwe and Zambia is cheaper than purchasing the two visas for Zambia and Zimbabwe separately. The visa is valid for 30 days as long as you remain within Zimbabwe and Zambia. It is also valid for day trips to Botswana crossing over the Kazangula borders. It will not be valid if you overnight in Botswana.

It's available at the international airports in Lusaka and Livingstone and at the land borders at Livingstone (Zimbabwe border) and Kazungula (Botswana border). You can also apply online. It costs US$50 for single entry, or US$75 for double entry. Both are valid for 30 days from date of purchase.

Please note: The Government of Zambia recently announced the removal of all visa fees for British passport holders. However implementation of the policy has not yet been confirmed and British nationals may still be charged $25 on arrival. This may affect your decision to purchase a Kaza Univisa.

Visa Botswana

UK nationals do not normally need a visa to enter Botswana for stays of up to 90 days.

Travelling with children under 18yrs - Botswana

Parents travelling with children under 18 years will be asked to show the child's full unabridged birth certificate. If the child is travelling with one parent, with another adult or unaccompanied, the parent or parents who aren't present will need to provide an affidavit giving their consent for the child to travel. Please note that they are very strict and they do not accept photocopies of birth certificates or short versions. This is also applicable if you are transiting through Botswana. For further details please see FCO website https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/botswana/entry-requirements

Visa Zimbabwe

A visa is required. This is obtained on arrival and is $55 single entry and $70 for double. Payment must be in cash and you should take small denomination notes for this.

Important Note: Please check your itinerary and your arrival/departure flights. If your accommodation and flights are from a different side of the falls you may need both a Zambian and a Zimbabwe visa. The town of Victoria Falls is in Zimbabwe, and the town of Livingstone is in Zambia.

Additionally If you visit the falls (on the border) and wish to cross the bridge to the other side you will require a visa for both countries.

Transit via South Africa

Rules on **travelling with children under 18 years** have been relaxed. Visa exempt children entering South Africa only need passports, and not birth certificates as previously required. This applies if the child is travelling with both parents, one parent or an adult who is not a biological parent, and school groups. There are some different requirements for unaccompanied children, and children who do not have UK passports or visa exempt passports. For full details please see the FCDO website.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The unit of currency in Botswana is the Pula.

The unit of currency in Zimbabwe is the Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG). There is currently a shortage of available cash at the banks and ATM's in Zimbabwe. US Dollars are still widely used, so exchange your currency in advance, or use credit cards where possible, as these are widely accepted also.

Climate

This central region of Southern Africa is subtropical being generally warm and mild to humid. October and November are hot, day and night. November to April is the hottest time of the year with chances of showers to heavy rains later in the season. May to September is cool and dry.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

FAQ's about our family holidays

We welcome all family dynamics and we will try to accommodate you in the roomings of your choice. The only stipulation for joining a family group holiday is that 1 party member is 17yrs or under, and they are accompanied by an adult. An average group size is around 10 members in total. Further general information and FAQ's are available here: KE Family Adventure Holidays general information.

Private Groups Information

Make this KE family holiday your own!

- Choose your own departure date
- Travel on this holiday with just your family and friends
- Tailor your holiday by adding extra days for relaxation or upgrade your hotels

If our standard dates do not fit with your school holidays or you wish to travel with just your family or with your family and friends, we will be pleased to set up a private departure for any of our family holidays.

Depending on what you are looking for we can look at tweaking the itinerary to allow you some extra relaxation time or upgrading the hotels. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect family adventure holiday.

Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE private family group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for you and your family and friends by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your family and friends complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966**

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You should bring the following items:

- Sleeping bag (comfort rated 5ºC).*Sleeping bag hire is available, please contact the office*
- Fold away bag (dry bag) for 2 nights at the Delta
- Comfortable walking shoes/trainers and sandals
- Lightweight trousers / shorts / skirts
- Socks & underwear
- T-shirts / tops
- Fleece jacket
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Swimwear
- Sunhat with wide brim
- Warm hat
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 20 to 30 litres (depending on how much of the kids' stuff you need to carry)
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 Litre x2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Dry bags(s) for daypack (to ensure they keep dry)
- Washbag and toiletries
- Trek Towel
- Antibacterial handwash
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Basic First Aid Kit - Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters, blister treatment, Insect repellent, antihistamine cream and tablets, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite). Glucose tablets and multi-vitamin tablets are a good idea.

The following items are optional:

- Binoculars (a really good idea so you can see the wildlife better)
- Travel clothes
- Sleeping bag liner (essential if hiring a bag)
- Pillow (or pillow case which you can stuff with a soft fleece)
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Camera
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes

- Please respect local culture and dress appropriately for border crossings, village and market visits - ie: no bare feet, no bare chests, no bikinis and no hats.
- A foam camping mattress is provided for the camping nights

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The dates shown are for the LAND ONLY itinerary, joining in Maun (Botswana) and ending in Livingstone (Zambia). Single timed airport transfers are provided.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Maun and returning from Livingstone Airport or Victoria Falls Airport.

Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening, arriving the following day (day 1 of the Land Only itinerary). Return flights will depart in the early afternoon of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK the following morning.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

The ultimate family safari adventure - We take you deep into the wildest corners of Botswana on an adventure packed with wild camping and wildlife experiences unmatched by anywhere else on earth. Our expert guides will lead us through the heart of Botswana's finest game reserves, on a safari that will create memories that will last a lifetime. Our safari covers a relatively small distance compared to many of our other safaris, meaning less 'boring' travel time for the kids, and more time within the reserves amongst all of the incredible wildlife. Wild camping in the parks means we are straight up and out at first light, making the most of the animal sightings whilst they are at their most active, then resting through the heat of the day at camp (bring books and a few games, or a device to download and edit all your best snaps!). We then we head out on a second game drive a couple hours before dusk, before returning in the last of the light for an atmospheric dinner around a campfire under the star-filled African skies. This is nirvana for wildlife enthusiasts of all ages!

Please Note This document was downloaded on 11/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change