



Botswana Desert & Delta Safari Guest Details

Date: May 13 - 21, 2020
(other dates available for independent travel)
Price from: \$6898.00* per person, dbl. occ.

This trip begins in Maun, Botswana where you will be met and assisted to your light aircraft flight to our first location in the Moremi Game Reserve.

- **Length:** 9 Days / 8 nights
- **Activity Level:** Easy to Moderate
- **Trip Type:** Small Group Safari Hosted by JoAnn or Gene Taylor.**
- **Optional Extension:** Optional extensions including Victoria Falls. ([Email](#) For Details).

Botswana Safari Adventure Highlights:

- Herds of elephants coming to drink as the sun sets
- The peacefulness of gliding through the delta by mokoro (traditional canoe)
- Sightings of a wide variety of wildlife (lions, leopards, zebra, giraffe, hippos) on both land and water based game drives.
- Opportunity for guided bush walks on nearby islands
- Three rustic luxury lodges, each with its unique micro environment, topography, vegetation and variation in nature.
- Optional extension to Victoria Falls

Your Walking Connection Experience Includes:

- Expertly planned itinerary by Jo Ann Taylor, Walking Connection co-founder. (Jo Ann has 30 years of global experience in the adventure travel industry and has traveled to nine African nations many times over her career.)
- Escorted by Walking Connection co-founder Gene or Jo Ann Taylor**
- Wildlife experiences in Chobe National Park, Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve.
- Four chartered internal flights between each camp.
- Airport departure tax at Maun/Kasane.
- National Park Entry fees *(See Price Variation Below).
- 3-Nights accommodations located at Camp Moremi in the Moremi game Reserve.
- 2-Nights accommodations located at Camp Okavango on Nxaragha Island in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta.
- 3-Nights accommodations at Savute Safari Lodge in Chobe National Park.
- Scheduled activities including land and water game drives, guided mokoro experience and bush walk. Walking will not be available in some areas due to park restrictions.
- Resident experienced interpretive and naturalist guide(s).
- Daily Meals as indicated in itinerary: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch and (D) Dinner.
- Coffee, tea, drinking water, soft drinks, local spirits & wines (excluding premium brands)
- Laundry service at camps.
- Arrival meet & greet assistance, departure assistance.
- Detailed "Know Before You Go" information including recommended websites, reading lists, packing list, what to bring, weather and much, much more.

***Price Variation:** Prices are based upon the current government fees for park, camping, concession fees and sanctuary entry and all taxes at the time of publication of this web page. Should the government impose any new taxes, raise the current tax or increase the entry cost to any park or sanctuary, the price increase will be passed along and charged to you. You will be notified of this increase at the time we are notified. All payments received by us are subject to the cancellation policy already published and in effect.



****Itinerary & Hosts:** Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions or the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change. PLEASE NOTE that Gene and/or Jo Ann Taylor are the designated hosts and escorts for this trip. Another host and guide maybe substituted should they be unable to lead this adventure for any reason.

Guest Itinerary

This adventure begins in Maun Botswana, our gateway city to Southern Africa on Day 1 of your trip.

This adventure ends at **Maun** on the last day of your trip. If you are adding on an option to Victoria Falls we advise that you end at Kasane airport which will have a supplemental fee.

Our journey through Botswana features **three different locations** each with its unique micro environment, topography, vegetation and variation in nature. For your experience we have selected three luxury safari lodges that offer spectacular game viewing opportunities that allow you to get up close and personal with some of nature's biggest personalities. Owing to their location, these lodges offer a diverse experience while providing the personalized service for an unrivalled safari.

Day 1, 2 & 3 - Moremi Game Reserve

Trip starts in Maun, Botswana where you will be met and assisted to your light aircraft flight to our first location in the Moremi Game Reserve.

The Moremi Game Reserve is situated in the eastern part of the Okavango Delta, on the south-western border of the Chobe National Park. Covering almost one-third of the Delta it is considered one of the finest reserves in Africa.

The ancient riverine forests, open savannah, serpentine channels and seasonal floodplains that surround this area will make for a varied habitat of exceptional fauna and flora. You will have the opportunity for both land and water game-viewing experiences, in open 4x4 safari vehicles or powerboats. The diverse habitat ensures prolific sightings of Elephant, Buffalo, Hyena, Giraffe, Hippo, Wildebeest, Kudu, Lechwe, Lion and Leopard, among many others.

Safari Lodging of Distinction: Camp Moremi -- has a well-deserved legacy in the Botswana tourism industry for being able to deliver the classic African safari experience. Recently completely rebuilt, Camp Moremi is located within Botswana's world-renowned Moremi Game Reserve, situated on the edge of the Xakanaxa Lagoon in an area known for its spectacular game-viewing opportunities. With only 12 expansive, modern styled thatched safari tents with spacious bathrooms consisting of double vanities and showers, and private decks offering views over the Moremi Game Reserve. Subtle décor and lighting fixtures allow for a natural and warm atmosphere within each room to create a peaceful and harmonious blend with the surrounding environment.

3 Nights Accommodations: Camp Moremi

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 4, 5 and 6 – Chobe National Park

Stretching from the Linyanti River all the way to Savute Marsh, the winding waterways of the Savute Channel have pumped life into the western section of Chobe National Park for many thousands of generations. However, this fickle and unpredictable channel, which has a fascinating history of flooding and drying up, independently of good rainy seasons and flood levels elsewhere, has mystified local inhabitants, geologists and others for many years.

THE UNEXPLAINED

When David Livingstone, the first European to visit the area, saw the Savute Channel in 1851 it was flowing. Thirty years later it had disappeared and the Savute Marsh had dried out, remaining this way for almost 80 years. It flowed again from the late 1950s to the early 1980s, when it again receded, hence its reputation as ‘the river that flows in both directions’.

In 2009, after another extended hiatus, the channel began flowing again and by January 2010 had spilled into the Savute Marsh for the first time in three decades, but for how long – no one knows ...

Safari Lodging of Distinction: Savute Safari Lodge includes only eleven private thatched chalets built of local timber. The chalets, which have been elegantly furnished in calm neutral tones to blend with the natural environment, feature expansive private viewing decks, a combined bedroom and lounge area and en suite facilities.

3 Nights Accommodations: Savute Safaro Lodge

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 & 8 – Okavango Delta

An early morning game drive, return for breakfast transfer by light aircraft to Camp Okavango for two days of fully escorted game viewing by mokoro (traditional canoe), motor boat or tracking wildlife on foot on a nearby island. Fishing is also an available optional activity

Botswana’s magnificent Okavango Delta situated within the heart of the newly declared World Heritage site, is the world’s largest inland delta, and is a maze of deep lagoons, large lakes and hidden, meandering channels. During the annual flood season the Delta covers a vast area of over 16 000 km² before shrinking to less than 9 000 km² in the dry season. Trapped in a basin of parched Kalahari Desert sand, the fresh water oasis attracts wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique environment.

Safari Lodging of Distinction: Camp Okavango, a unique and exclusive African safari camp is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island. This hidden treasure, in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta, assures our guests of an unparalleled water wilderness experience.

2 Nights Accommodations: Camp Okavango

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9 – Departure

A final early morning of game viewing activity. Breakfast and return flight to Maun or Kasane. (Kasane is preferred for those traveling on to Victoria Falls.)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Optional Extension: Victoria Falls - please ask for details.

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Botswana Wildlife Safari Adventure Details, Prices, Payments, Terms & Conditions

Trip Price: Double occupancy: \$6898 USD/person ending with flight to Maun. If you are extending to Victoria Falls your final flight would be to Kasane airport. There is a \$145.00 USD surcharge for this flight. *Please see Price Variations above.

Single occupancy: There is limited availability and a supplement will apply. Please ask for details.

Deposits: An initial deposit of \$1250 USD per person is required to reserve your space. A second deposit of \$1000 must be made within 45 days after your initial deposit. Both payments can be paid by check, credit card or PayPal for your convenience.

No space will be held without a complete deposit. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation or government imposed change in taxes at the time of final payment.

Payments: All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check or PayPal. Credit card payments for final amount due are available for a 3% surcharge of total due. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation, park fee increases and increase in tax imposed by the government at the time of final payment.

Payment Options for All Walking Connection Adventures.

You can reserve and book ALL Walking Connection adventures online, off line, or over the telephone.

1. For Online payments, use your favorite credit card and/ PayPal Account to The Walking Connection directly. Click "Reserve Adventure" or "Reserve Now". For each destination, just enter the information that is requested on the registration form, click "submit" and follow the PayPal logo until you reach the payment form. Then select the payment option (Debit or Credit Card, Paypal or Paypal Credit) that best suits you.
2. Pay using PayPal Account or PayPal Credit - **Travel Now, Pay Later!**
3. Call us at: 800-295-WALK (9255) and provide a credit card over the telephone. We'll do the rest.

Botswana Passports/Visas: Valid passports must have 3 blank pages and a minimum of 6 months remaining before expiration. Visas are not required for all U.S., New Zealand and Canadian citizens to enter Botswana. Recommended by the Walking Connection for passport applications and renewals: [Passport Visa Express HYPERLINK "http://www.passportvisasexpress.com/?affid=992183579f5e584ff2a965b511618cc9"](http://www.passportvisasexpress.com/?affid=992183579f5e584ff2a965b511618cc9).

Domestic Air: Our group will be taking four light aircraft flights within Botswana to get to our varied locations. These flights are included in your tour price. Please note that there is a difference in your tour price depending on which airport you fly to at the end of your trip.

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Special Supplier Gifts and Items: As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for a fee. This is a local custom beyond the control of Walking Connection.

Travel Roommates and Single Supplements: If you have registered for double occupancy but don't have a travel roommate, the Walking Connection will attempt to locate one for you. In the event that a roommate cannot be found, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single. Travel roommates are assigned in the order in which we receive deposited and confirmed reservations. Final roommate assignments will be made and you will be notified of any Single Supplement charges due 30 days prior to the due date of your final payment.



Air Arrangements: The Walking Connection does not typically make any airline reservations, either domestic or international. **BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT US BY TELEPHONE (800) 295-9255 TO RECONFIRM THE FINAL ASPECTS OF THIS TRIP.** The Walking Connection will provide you with the recommended arrival and departure airports, times and any additional information you may need BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR AIR.

Trip Minimum: 8 Full Paying Guests: Because the Walking Connection specializes in traveling in small groups, many times we stay in small boutique hotel properties, historical Inns, private homes and bed and breakfasts. For this and contractual related reasons, some trips may require a minimum number of guests traveling together to go. FOR THIS TRIP, an additional Small Group Surcharge may be assessed or the trip may be cancelled at the option of Walking Connection if sign ups does not meet the 8 person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to be conducted either when we have reached the minimum number of guests or evaluated 120 and 90 days prior to departure. Also, should the minimum not be met, Walking Connection at its sole discretion may elect to operate the trip without a Walking Connection host. Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until trip is confirmed.

Trip Maximum: We are staying in small private camps with a limited number of rooms. The maximum number of guests is 16.

Waiting List Policy: On occasion, Walking Connection tours sell out and a waiting list is formed. If this should happen, the following policy will apply. To be put on the waiting list, a fully refundable deposit is due with reservation. If space becomes available, you will be notified at that time and if you choose to go, the standard cancellation policy will then apply. If not, your money will be refunded in full.

Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies: Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply: Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, for all cancellation requests the initial trip deposits are forfeited.

- For cancellations from 61 – 90 days prior to the trip 50% penalty of the total trip cost.
- For Cancellations and no shows 0 - 60 days before trip, no refunds.
- No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to The Walking Connection via e-mail and/or United States Post Office. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by The Walking Connection, not the postmark date.

Travel Insurance: [Travel Insurance](#)

Your Walking Connection Experience Does Not Include:

- Local Guide Gratuities – Never Expected, Always Appreciated.
- All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions.
- All items of a personal nature including beverages and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees.
- All international departure taxes collected at airport of departure.
- Pre or Post night hotel accommodations.
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms.
- Optional tours or items of a personal nature.
- Photographs & phone calls.
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.
- Travel Insurance is not included, we recommend [CSA Travel Pro](#).

TRIP GRADING - Easy to Moderate

All walks on this trip are at your option. If you are currently an active traveler who is reasonably fit and enjoys walking in nature and can comfortably walk on dirt paths and uneven ground, the easy to moderate rated walks will be a great option when available for you to experience Africa.

- On this adventure, when we walk, we go at a comfortable pace and you can expect to be out for as long as the guide prepares you for. Typically it is a 2 - 3 hour walk. Safari Game Drives can be more arduous than you expect but are generally well-tolerated by active guests and can last from 5-6 hours.



- The terrain will be mostly good paths but these can still be muddy and rough in places. Daily details and options can be discussed each day with the guides and host when a walk is available.

BOOKING & YOUR PERSONAL GUIDE

At The Walking Connection, our philosophy is simple: each trip is designed by locals and delivered by local legends. We work with a small number of trusted travel partners to deliver the best experiences in the safest way possible. During this trip, you and your small group will be accompanied and led by one of their highly trained professional guides. Each of our guides is among the most highly qualified and experienced outdoor enthusiasts in Botswana. With a passion for Botswana's wild places and an intimate knowledge of Africa's landscapes, nature, culture, mythology, and history, our guides will be delighted to share their passion and knowledge with you on your upcoming trip!

Walking Connection – Person to Person Guest Hotlines: Info@WalkingConnection is your best way to ask and receive information about all departures. To chat directly, please call 800-295-WALK toll free in the US and Canada. For all other international calls: +1 623.561.0846.

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