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Botswana Explorer Safari

A Luxury Tented-Camp Adventure Deep into the Okavango Delta & Kalahari Desert

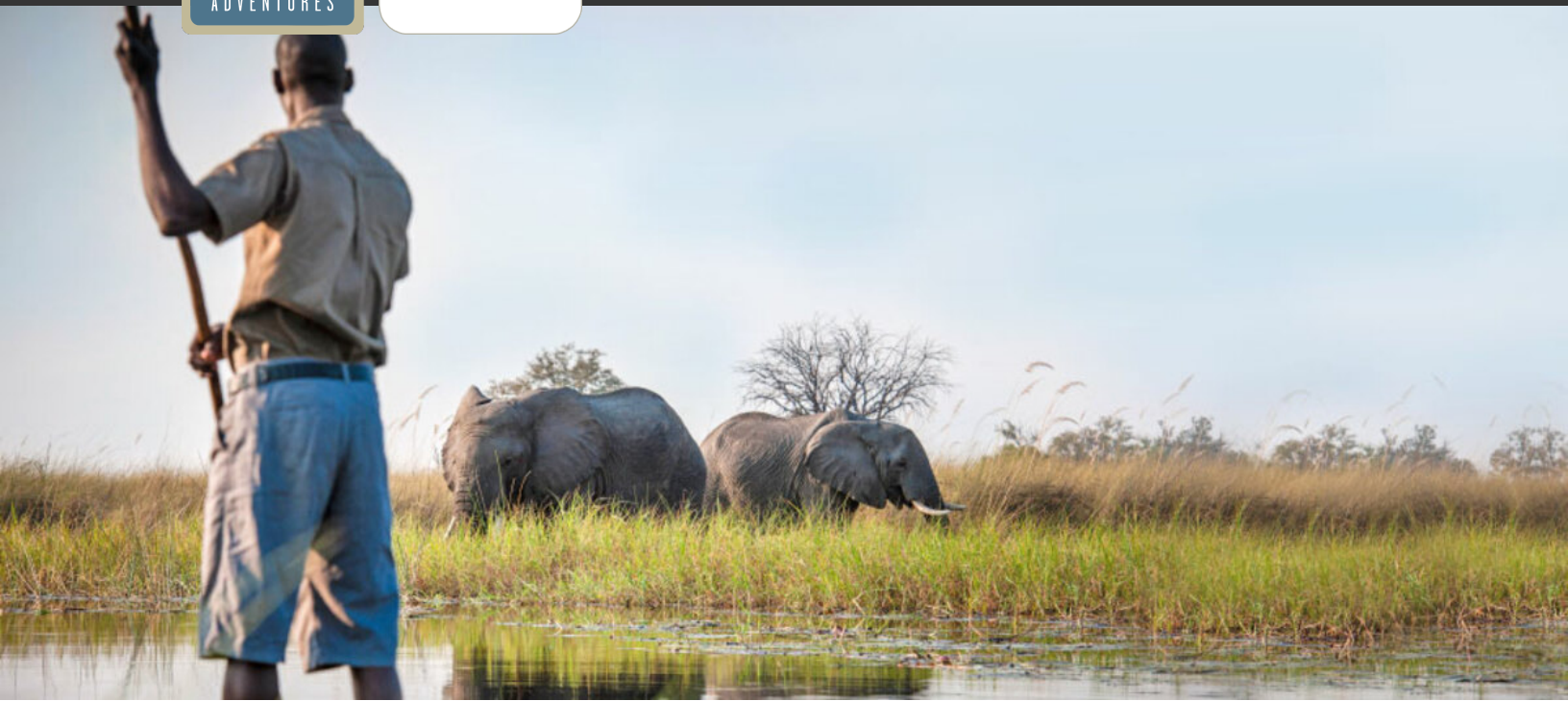


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Trip Details:

Days:

9 Days / May–Sep

Price:

From \$12995
(+ Air)

Physical Requirements:

Easy to Moderate

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This immersion in the Botswana bush reveals the essence of wilderness, protected by a conservation-minded country that leads the continent in habitat stewardship. An ancient landscape occupied by the San people for more than 100,000 years, Botswana today is a stronghold for elephants, home to Africa's largest population of 130,000, as well as endangered species such as lion and wild dog. Sprawling savannas, mopane woodlands and the vast Okavango Delta sustain a multitude of wildlife that thrives within this mosaic of ecological diversity. From our traditional canvas camps that are exceptionally comfortable without extravagance, explore widely varied habitats on game drives, bush walks and dugout canoe excursions. And when night falls, gather around the campfire to revel in each day's wonders, as the stars glitter overhead and animal calls resound in the darkness.

Trip Highlights

Traverse Botswana's widely varied habitats as we delve deep into the most remote, wildlife-rich reaches of the Okavango Delta and Kalahari Desert

Experience rustic bush luxury at our small safari camps surrounded by untouched wilderness—including Nat Hab's own private tented camp

With interpretation from your expert naturalist safari guide, thrill to close encounters with charismatic predators, huge elephant herds and much more



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Maun, Botswana /
Makgadikgadi Pans National
Park
- Day 2**
Kalahari Desert Safari
- Day 3**
Maun / Northern Okavango
Delta—Nat Hab's Explorer
Camp
- Days 4 & 5**
Northern Okavango Delta
- Day 6**
Northern Okavango / Khwai
Private Reserve
- Days 7 & 8**
Khwai Private Reserve
- Day 9**
Khwai Private Reserve / Maun

Botswana Explorer Safari Itinerary

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Day 1: Maun, Botswana / Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

On arrival in Maun, our Expedition Leader meets you at the airport before our overland transfer to the western edge of Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Our classic tented safari camp overlooks the Boteti River in the Kalahari Desert—360,000 square miles of sandy, semi-arid savanna that sustains a proliferation of wildlife. Following afternoon tea, we take a private boat cruise (water levels permitting) or watch wildlife from a floating hide where we often view scores of elephants at close range. The river is a lifeline flowing through these parched environs, and it attracts Africa's second-largest zebra and wildebeest migration. It's common to see lounging crocodiles—our camp's namesake. And we frequently see other animals stopping for a drink in front of camp, too, including oryx, springbok, Kalahari lion, cheetah, hyena, jackal and ostrich.





Day 2: Kalahari Desert Safari

Explore the western sector of the national park by 4x4, where a multitude of game ranges across a landscape of scrub, palms, riverine trees and grassy plains. Within the Kalahari Desert, the immense reach of Makgadikgadi is traversed by zebra, giraffe, springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest and more. The animals make their way across the desolate expanse in search of water, arriving into the park's remote western reaches to congregate by the river. We also explore on foot with local Kalahari bushmen who reveal as much about their Indigenous culture as the native plants and wildlife we observe. At day's end, return to camp for dinner under the stars, followed by time for sharing stories around the fire.

Day 3: Maun / Northern Okavango Delta—Nat Hab's Explorer Camp

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive back to the airport in Maun, then fly by light aircraft to our mobile camp in the northern Okavango Delta. The delta has grown over millennia as millions of tons of sand were carried down the Okavango River from its source in Angola. The shimmering emerald landscape creates a verdant contrast with the surrounding desert as the river fans out over the Kalahari sands to create the world's largest inland delta—5,800 square miles of swampy marsh, clear channels, lagoons and islands. A planetary marvel, its meandering waterways are filled with hippo, crocodile, red lechwe, wattled cranes and more. In 2014, the Okavango Delta became the 1,000th destination to be officially inscribed on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. From our secluded bush camp base in the heart of this vast wilderness, we're in prime position to encounter lion, leopard, cheetah, elephant, hippo and much more.



Days 4 & 5: Northern Okavango Delta

Embrace the natural rhythms of the delta's varied habitats as we explore via 4x4 wildlife drives and, when water levels permit, excursions by boat and mokoro, the traditional poled canoe of the delta. Our guides have a deep, long-cultivated intimacy with this environment, and their ability to track and spot wildlife is second to none. Within this unspoiled watery expanse in the heart of Southern Africa's interior, surprise encounters with nature await at every turn. Wake to the call of an African fish eagle before setting off into a labyrinth of lush palm- and papyrus-fringed waterways. After the sun dips and the Milky Way emerges in the night sky, fall asleep to the sounds of the bush, with nothing but a layer of canvas between you and the African wild.

Day 6: Northern Okavango / Khwai Private Reserve

After a leisurely morning at our mobile camp, we fly at midday to the private Khwai Concession. This massive wildlife sanctuary bordering the famous Moremi Game Reserve is a community-owned concession encompassing riverine woodlands, floodplains, mopane forest and open grasslands. The Khwai River is a lifeline for the region, and elephants abound. We're likely to see waterbuck, reedbuck and many antelope species, including the water-adapted red lechwe, along with lion, leopard and spotted hyena. Khwai's varied habitats also support the majestic sable antelope and packs of African wild dog. In addition, more than 450 bird species have been recorded in the area.



Days 7 & 8: Khwai Private Reserve

Private game reserves managed by local communities protect threatened species and keep wildlife corridors intact, opening our passage into an unbroken sanctuary of marshes, sand-covered plains, and acacia and mopane forest. Explore Khwai's vast territory on morning and afternoon wildlife drives, walking safaris led by local guides, and mokoro (when water levels permit). This serene time on the water gives local polers a chance to share their deep knowledge of this ecosystem and how it has sustained their people for generations. Wildlife abounds, including elephant, buffalo, herds of plains game and countless bird species. Khwai's community-based concession has been a conservation triumph, bridging safari tourism with Khwai village life and enhancing economic stability for the local people.

Day 9: Khwai Private Reserve / Maun

Make a final quest for wildlife during a game drive on the Khwai Reserve this morning, or spend the morning hours viewing wildlife around our tranquil camp. By late morning, we fly back to Maun by light aircraft to connect with onward flights.



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Accommodation Details:

Meno a Kwena

Nat Hab's Explorer Camp—Okavango North

Little Sable Camp

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/botswana-explorer-safari/accommodations/

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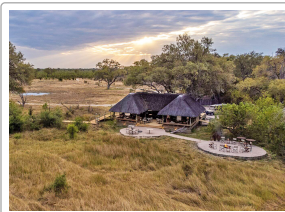
Meno a Kwena

Situated between the Okavango Delta and the Central Kalahari Game Reserve near Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, this stylish camp overlooks the Boteti River, a magnet for wildlife.



Nat Hab's Explorer Camp—Okavango North

Enjoy solitude and unparalleled wildlife viewing from our authentic mobile safari camp in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Eight new spacious canvas tents offer vintage atmosphere and exceptional comforts.



Little Sable Camp

Maximizing its location amid nearly half a million acres of protected land teeming with Botswana's famous wildlife, this totally renovated tented camp offers understated style and classic safari ambience.



What's So Distinctive About this Botswana Safari?

This exclusive adventure in some of Africa's last true wilderness is not your standard safari. We deliver a remote nature experience focused on close-up wildlife sightings in an intimate context—you're likely to see animals roaming right on the edge of our classic tented camps! Here's what makes this safari stand out:

1 A Compact Itinerary Designed for Variety

Our itinerary is carefully crafted to showcase varied wildlife habitats over just nine days. From the flooded marshlands of the Okavango Delta with its lions, leopards and elephants to the semi-arid savanna of the Kalahari Desert teeming with zebra and wildebeest, you'll find some of wild Africa's most impressive animal encounters.

2 Travel with Two Outstanding Guides

Traveling with two highly qualified guides—our own Nat Hab Expedition Leader who's with you from start to finish, plus an excellent local naturalist guide at each camp—we're able to divide our group into two vehicles for a quieter, low-impact presence while ensuring you get in-depth interpretation every moment you're out on safari.

3 Private Reserves Get You Farther "Out There"

Enjoy the advantages of remote locales and exclusive activities. Avoiding more heavily visited national parks, we concentrate on uncrowded private reserves. Our intimate tented camps are located in isolated settings amid abundant wildlife, which we encounter not only on traditional game drives, but also on guided bush walks and night drives in search of nocturnal creatures—activities not allowed in the national parks.

4 Stay at Our Own Private Botswana Explorer Camp

Our own mobile safari camp, set in a remote location surrounded by untouched wilderness, is for Nat Hab guests alone. Steeped in vintage safari atmosphere, it offers supreme comfort without sacrificing the wonder of being isolated in the wild. It features eight ensuite canvas tents with dark wood and iron campaign furniture, Oriental rugs and lantern light for romantic illumination under the stars.

5 An Open "Window" Seat for Everyone

You'll have an unimpeded view no matter where you sit in our chartered top-quality safari vehicles. They have open sides (no glass to interfere with your view) and nine cushioned passenger seats—one in front next to the driver, followed by two rows of three seats each and a pair of seats at the back. On wildlife drives, we limit our capacity to no more than seven travelers in each vehicle for maximum comfort, viewing and photo opportunities.



6 The World's Finest Safari Guides

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalists on the planet! Our Botswana Explorer Safari includes your own private Expedition Leader, ranked among the most highly trained guides in Africa and renowned for providing exceptional service. Our Safari Expedition Leaders average 15 years of guiding experience, with additional training support provided from WWF's leading scientists.

7 A Maximum of 13 Travelers

A small group is essential for an authentic safari experience. With a maximum of just 13 guests plus our Expedition Leader and local guide—always divided into two vehicles—you'll have a sense of being totally secluded in nature.

8 We Stand By Your Safari with Our Quality-Value Guarantee

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, which states that we promise to meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

9 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

10 Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





Make It Private or Design Your Own Custom Safari

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. Our in-house safari experts can reserve a private departure for your group or help you design your own custom Africa itinerary—their expertise is second to none!

Please note that on Botswana Explorer Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 6 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

When you choose a private or custom safari, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic African safari on offer. Here are some of the advantages when you go private:

Your private group of family or friends, with special activities for kids

Your own private safari guide

Private safari vehicles for the utmost in flexibility

Surprisingly affordable pricing

Make It Private Pricing

Below is the pricing to reserve a private departure. To price out a custom itinerary, [click here](#).

[2024 Botswana Explorer](#)

[2025 Botswana Explorer](#)

1 Your private group of family or friends, with special activities for kids



- 2 Your own private safari guide
- 3 Private safari vehicles for the utmost in flexibility
- 4 Surprisingly affordable pricing

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

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Easy to Moderate

Botswana Explorer Safari Dates, Pricing & Info

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2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 17, 2025	May 25, 2025	
Jun 4, 2025	Jun 12, 2025	
Jun 11, 2025	Jun 19, 2025	
Jun 24, 2025	Jul 2, 2025	
Jul 6, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	
Jul 15, 2025	Jul 23, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Aug 4, 2025	Aug 12, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Aug 21, 2025	Aug 29, 2025	
Aug 29, 2025	Sep 6, 2025	
Sep 18, 2025	Sep 26, 2025	



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Departure	Return	Notes
Sep 24, 2025	Oct 2, 2025	

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 15, 2026	May 23, 2026	
Jun 12, 2026	Jun 20, 2026	
Jun 22, 2026	Jun 30, 2026	
Jul 5, 2026	Jul 13, 2026	
Jul 12, 2026	Jul 20, 2026	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Aug 4, 2026	Aug 12, 2026	
Aug 9, 2026	Aug 17, 2026	
Aug 27, 2026	Sep 4, 2026	
Sep 16, 2026	Sep 24, 2026	
Sep 22, 2026	Sep 30, 2026	



Pricing

2023 Prices

▶ Trip Price

\$10795 to \$12195 (+internal air)

Internal Air Cost: \$1082 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$1495.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2024 Prices

▶ Trip Price

\$11995 to \$13595 (+internal air)

Internal Air Cost: \$1174 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$1595.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2025 Prices

▶ Trip Price

\$12995 to \$14695 (+internal air)

Internal Air Cost: \$1266 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$1695.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2026 Prices

We're still in the process of confirming 2026 pricing. Please contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917.

Group Size

A very important feature of our Botswana Explorer safari is the limited group size, as wildlife viewing on safari is best experienced in quiet, intimate settings. We facilitate this by traveling with two guides—a Nat Hab Expedition Leader with you from start to finish, and a knowledgeable local guide at each camp. This arrangement allows us to divide our group into two safari vehicles with no more than seven passengers each...assuring more personalized wildlife encounters augmented with excellent interpretation.

Specialized 4x4 Land Rovers and Land Cruisers

An essential element of this safari is our use of a combination of two specialized vehicles during different parts of the trip, facilitating unmatched wildlife viewing opportunities. Sometimes we travel in open Land Cruisers that provide a comfortable and safe ride over the sometimes uneven terrain of Botswana's desert and delta environs. We also use 4x4 Land Rovers, with a unique suspension system





and an open-sided, tiered seating arrangement designed to maximize wildlife viewing opportunities and comfort. It is common to have a shade net over the vehicle to provide sun protection and cover during possible intermittent rains. This protective net comes off during the cooler summer months in Botswana to allow the sun to warm us on morning and afternoon drives.

Both types of vehicles have 10 cushioned passenger seats—one in front next to the driver, followed by three rows of three seats each—though **we limit our capacity to seven travelers per vehicle each with a window seat** on wildlife drives during our Botswana Explorer Safari, again for maximum comfort, viewing and photo opportunities. Vehicles have a mini fridge stocked with cold drinks, a small library with reference books and field guides, and ponchos for each traveler in case of rain. Each custom-built vehicle sports front bull bars and runner boards, as well as a full recovery kit, including spare tires and a high-lift jack. Vehicles are updated or replaced regularly and meticulously maintained to provide our guests with an outstanding safari experience.

Included

- ▶ **Trip price includes:** Accommodations in luxury safari camps, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, premier open-sided 4-wheel drive Land Cruisers or Rovers, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- ▶ **Internal air cost includes:** All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

To participate in this trip, you must be able to walk unassisted at a steady pace for at least one mile over uneven terrain, climb steps to get into and out of our raised safari vehicles, and be able to tolerate daily outdoor excursions that may last 4-5 hours or even a full day at a time, sometimes in hot, windy and/or dusty conditions. Wildlife drives pose a particular type of physical demand on the body, as they require long hours of sitting and take place over terrain that is often very rough and bumpy, including dirt roads with many ruts and potholes. Travelers with back or neck problems, or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions, should take this into consideration. While any walking safaris are considered optional, travelers must be able to walk unassisted to and from the vehicle to our camp accommodations, sometimes walking over uneven ground or on boardwalks. Days spent on safari are often long, as mornings typically start before daybreak and evening meals are served after sundown. Safari accommodations and vehicles are not climate-controlled and, depending on the season, temperatures can range from quite cold to extremely hot, so it is critical that travelers come



prepared.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

Important Information About This Trip

We have designed this family safari for those guests whose African dreams include the most remote wildlife experience available and who don't require over-the-top accommodations to accomplish that goal. On these trips changes to the itinerary may occur in order to take advantage of conditions unique to the season. Depending upon availability, itineraries may run in a different order.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

Please plan to arrive in Maun, Botswana by 1:30 pm on Day 1 and you may depart Maun, Botswana anytime after 1:30 pm on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as our staff is intimately familiar with the special requirements of these programs and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.



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Extension Details:

Cape Town Extension
\$1995

Wild Cape Coast Extension
\$2995

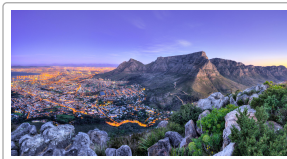
Victoria Falls Extension
\$1895

Sabi Sand Extension
\$4395

Namibia Desert Extension
\$5795

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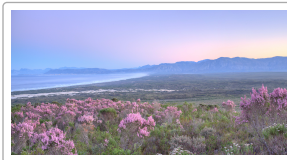
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Cape Town Extension

Discover one of the world's most entrancing cities and its natural environs. Survey the view from Table Mountain, explore the Cape Peninsula, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, see penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour the Winelands.

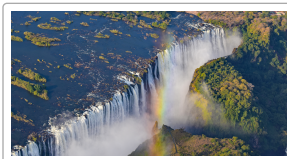
\$1995



Wild Cape Coast Extension

From our luxury ecolodge base on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, explore pristine coastal wilderness including the rare Cape Floral plant kingdom and Stony Point penguin colony.

\$2995



Victoria Falls Extension

Explore spectacular Victoria Falls as an idyllic extension to your Botswana safari while you reside in luxury at the closest possible spot to the plummeting sheet of water and enjoy time along the Zambezi River.

\$1895



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Sabi Sand Extension

An exclusive safari experience on a 160,000-acre private reserve that's one of Africa's best places to spot the famous Big Five—choose among intimate luxury camps and secluded boutique lodges.

\$4395



Namibia Desert Extension

Namibia's towering sand dunes, arid canyons and desert-adapted wildlife offer a distinct contrast to other southern Africa safari destinations—look for endangered black rhino, desert elephant and more.

\$5795 (+air)



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