

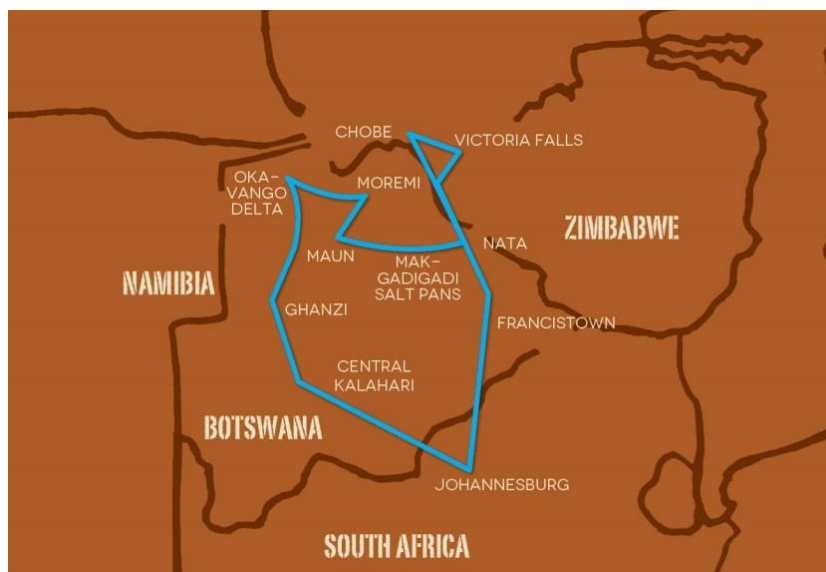


## BOTSWANA

### 16 DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI

Johannesburg to Victoria Falls or Johannesburg  
2 NIGHTS LODGE, 2 NIGHTS CABIN, 11 NIGHTS CAMPING

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The casual visitor to Botswana could be excused for seeing the country as kilometre upon kilometre of flat, desolate scrubland with little or no surface water – closer inspection however will reveal what is arguably Africa's finest wildlife destination. A country the size of France, over a quarter of Botswana's land is set aside exclusively for nature conservation.

Our tour will take us through the vast Kalahari where we will walk with the local Bushmen people, then to the north - into the magnificent Okavango Delta where we will travel by boat and in dugout canoes (mekoro) with local Bayei tribes people to our private camp in the heart of this unique natural wonderland – home also to a multitude of Africa's Fauna and Flora. We then explore the renowned National Parks in fully equipped open 4x4 vehicles - depending on the season our route will follow the game migrations. We will spend a night under the stars in the vast Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, will enjoy a game viewing boat cruise on the mighty Chobe River, and finally, will visit "The Smoke that Thunders" - Victoria Falls. Clients may opt to then fly out from Victoria Falls or enjoy the journey back to Johannesburg traveling south overland.

These tours offer the adventure traveller, photographer, birdwatcher and naturalist the ultimate natural paradise.

### **General Info and Important Details Regarding your tour.**

Dear Drifters Traveller

Thank you for choosing to travel with Drifters. The following information will serve as a guideline to your tour. Please take time to read this document as it includes important and helpful information.

Should you require any additional information please feel free to visit our website [www.drifters.co.za](http://www.drifters.co.za) or contact our head office at +27 (0) 11 888 1160. (Emergency contact number 24 hours)

This document consists of the following details:

**A: All the necessary information you need to know before travelling**

**B: Full tour itinerary**

**C: Optional activities with rates**

## **A: BASIC INFORMATION:**

### **1. CONFIRMATION**

It gives us great pleasure to confirm your tour with Drifters.

Should you NOT be staying at the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg the night prior to departure, PLEASE confirm your tour 24 hours before departure, and provide us with a contact phone number where you can be contacted the day prior to departure. Office hours are 07h30 – 17h00 weekdays.

Please remember to advise the following essential client info:

- Date of birth
- Nationality
- Passport numbers
- Special dietary/medical requirements (eg. vegetarian)
- Contact details of next of kin (eg. friend, family member)

### **2. DEPARTURE POINT**

The 16 day Botswana tour departs from the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg, 25 Alida Street, Northcliff at 06h30 on the first tour day (Saturday) and ends back on the last day (Sunday) at around 17h00 till late, border crossing dependant. Guests not staying at the Greenfire Lodge must arrive at the Lodge at 06h00. The telephone number is +27(0)11 888 1160.

The tour can be reduced to 15 Days by flying out from Victoria Falls.

### **3. PRE AND POST NIGHT ACCOMMODATION**

PRE and POST night accommodation can be arranged at the Greenfire Lodge in Johannesburg. It is advisable to overnight at the Greenfire Lodge if you have not already made alternative arrangements. Accommodation at the Greenfire Lodge can be arranged through Drifters or your travel representative. The Greenfire Lodge is located in the Northern suburbs of Johannesburg - a safe residential area. The Greenfire Lodge has a lovely swimming pool, restaurant, bar & shop. The Lodge is within walking distance of various shopping centers and banks. The Drifters Office is located on the same premises should you have any queries regarding your tour.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. Drifters will not be held responsible for missed flights on this day. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

### **ACCOMMODATION ON TOUR:**

Please note that linen will be provided at Johannesburg Lodge, BUT you will need a sleeping bag and pillow for the rest of the tour. The nights specified as accommodated on tour is a total upgrade from camping, but stays very basic.

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- Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source pre tour departure in Jhb, on most nights at the lodges and every day on the truck while the truck is driving from a 12 V inverter.
- Currency exchange opportunities: Arrival at Johannesburg Airport, the first day of your tour at the Lobatse border, Maun and in Victoria Falls
- Limited Laundry facilities: Maun & Victoria Falls (Essential washing only)
- Internet facilities: Pre night in Johannesburg & in Victoria Falls

We sell a range of sleeping bags in our shop starting from € 40.00 nett per person. We also have a range of barrel bags for sale starting from € 50 nett per bag.

#### **4. TRANSFERS**

The Greenfire Lodge is accessible from the airport as follows:

AIRPORT - GREENFIRE LODGE \* Approximately 45km

Drifters Transfer (€ 25 per person)

Self-arranged Taxi (Between R500 – R750)

Our pick up times at the airports are: 08h00, 10h00, 12h00, 14h00, 17h00 & 20h00

We depart from the Lodge to the airport: 07h00, 09h00, 11h00, 13h00, 16h00 & 19h00

Early and late transfers can be arranged for €35.00 per person one way.

If you wish to book a transfer with Drifters please advise us of your flight/arrival details timeously as we cannot always do transfers at short notice.

Meeting point at Airport: Please meet the Drifters representative at International Arrivals (Terminal A) at the Tourist Information desk.

Please make sure of the transfer time as per the Tour Voucher.

**Please note that the transfer service will not run unless a transfer is booked.**

#### **5. DAY TOURS**

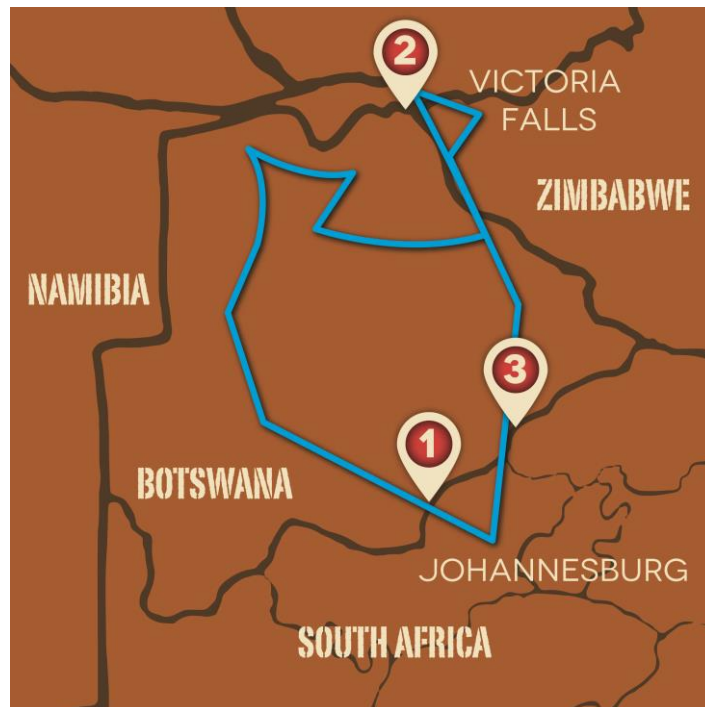
Day tours to various locations (Pretoria, Johannesburg, Soweto, Gold Reef City etc.) can be arranged for you by the Drifters staff on your arrival in Johannesburg. If you wish to experience the culture of the city we strongly recommend you arrange a half-day city tour. Day tours can be booked and paid for on arrival. Most tours are based on a minimum of two people, however all efforts will be made to accommodate single travellers with already existing tours.

#### **6. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries, (Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa) that you will visit. \*PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES, CERTAIN NATIONALITIES NEED TO APPLY AND OBTAIN THESE VISAS PRIOR TO YOUR TOUR DEPARTURE AS SOME NATIONALITIES CAN NOT GET VISAS AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR LOCAL EMBASSY WITH REGARDS TO VISAS THAT YOU NEED AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD GET IT BEFORE YOU DEPART ON TOUR OR NOT.\*

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- 1) BOTSWANA PORT OF ENTRY : LOBATSE BORDER ON DAY 1
- 2) BOTSWANA PORT OF EXIT AND ENTRY INTO ZIMBABWE : KAZUNGULA BORDER ON DAY 13
- 3) BOTSWANA EXIT AND ENTRY INTO SOUTH AFRICA : GROBLERSBRUG BORDER ON DAY 16

If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please ensure that you have proof of further travel arrangements if you do not have a South African passport, permanent residency permit, work permit or study permit. Although we will endeavour to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents.

- Telephone number: Botswana Consulate in Johannesburg: (011)403-3748 / 9  
Zimbabwe Trade mission in Johannesburg: (011)838-2156 / 9
- Or visit: Botswana Tourism at [www.botswanaturism.co.bw](http://www.botswanaturism.co.bw)  
Zimbabwe Tourism at [www.zimbabwetourism.net](http://www.zimbabwetourism.net)

Make sure that your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to your home country. Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets, visas. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home. Please note that all guests travelling to South Africa will require two blank facing pages in their passport.

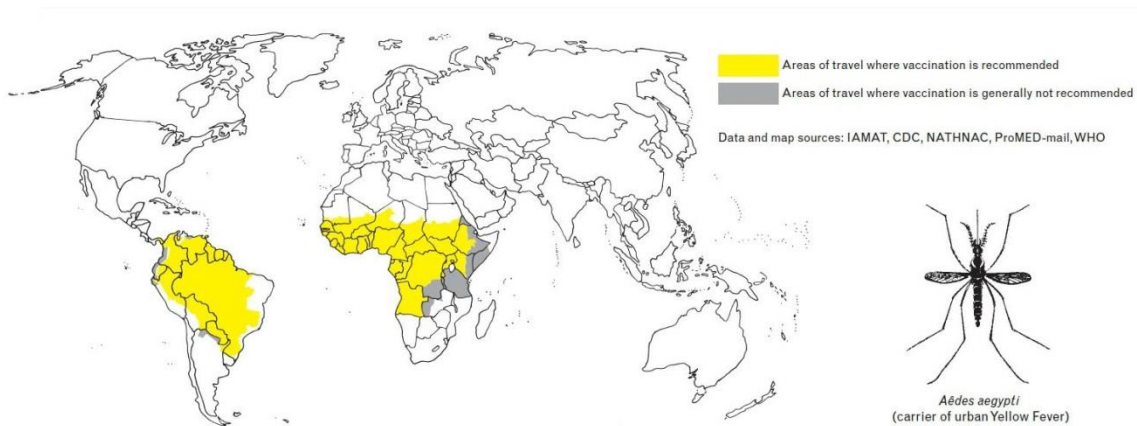
Zimbabwe/Zambia Please inquire from your guide about the KAZA visa obtainable at the port of entry into Zimbabwe (this Visa allows you to enter Zambia as well if you should be interested. Please note that a Yellow Fever Certificate is needed to enter Zambia depending on nationality and prior travels.

Yellow Fever info

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#### REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TRAVELLING THROUGH ALL BOTSWANA PORTS OF ENTRY

The Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs informs the general public that it has imposed requirements for minors (children under 18) travelling through the country's ports of entry. Effective from the 1st October 2016 minors travelling through the country's borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates in addition to their valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate. The development, which is aimed at managing the movement of children across the country's borders, has an ultimate goal of tackling human trafficking which is a global challenge. Botswana, like other countries is affected by this problem and as such has enacted the United Nations Anti-Human Trafficking Protocol; which calls upon governments to come up with deliberate measures aimed at combating human trafficking.

For more information contact the Director of Immigration and Citizenship at  
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**PLEASE NOTE IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE CORRECT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (VISAS AND VALID PASSPORTS) FOR EACH AND EVERY COUNTRY YOU WILL BE VISITING ON YOUR TOUR!!!**

## **7. WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Please note that Southern African weather conditions vary tremendously from season to season. During summer months temperatures of up to 40°C can be experienced. During the winter months of June, July and August the nights are very cold, temperatures may drop well below 0°C, although the day temperatures will be pleasant at around 20°C. Please take weather conditions into consideration when choosing a sleeping bag for your tour.

| AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE (MAX -MIN °C) |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                         | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   |
| JOBURG                                  | 26/14 | 25/14 | 24/13 | 22/10 | 19/06 | 17/04 | 17/04 | 20/06 | 23/09 | 25/12 | 25/13 | 26/14 |
| MAUN                                    | 32/18 | 32/17 | 30/16 | 29/12 | 26/07 | 23/06 | 24/06 | 27/09 | 33/14 | 35/15 | 33/19 | 33/19 |
| VIC FALLS                               | 29/19 | 29/19 | 29/18 | 30/15 | 28/11 | 25/07 | 25/07 | 28/10 | 32/15 | 34/19 | 33/19 | 31/19 |

| AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL (MM) |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|---------|
|                               | JAN     | FEB     | MAR     | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL  | AUG  | SEP  | OCT    | NOV     | DEC     |
| JOBURG                        | 100-200 | 100-200 | 0-50    | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 50-100 | 100-200 | 100-200 |
| MAUN                          | 100-200 | 100-200 | 0-100   | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50   | 0-50    | 50-100  |
| VIC FALLS                     | 100-200 | 100-200 | 100-200 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50 | 0-50   | 50-100  | 100-200 |

For more accurate information, please visit AccuWeather and choose your destination.

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/browse-locations>

## **8. FOREIGN CURRENCY**

Upon arrival in any respective country we operate in, you will be able to find a Bureau de Change OR ATM Facilities at the airport or in the Town/City the tour is departing from. It is advised to bring any major world currency (US Dollar, Euro or British Pounds) in small denominations and not dated older than 2009. It is advised to get a small amount of local currency upon arrival just to get around until your tour starts.

On Tour -Please be advised that our guides will inform and show you the best places to exchange any Major World Currency with the best possible exchange rates either before your tour starts or during the course of the tour. Our guides will brief you exactly on where to exchange and roughly how much you will need to exchange after discussing possible optional activities, own expense meals or possible curio stops. Drifters trucks have safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passport.

The preferred currencies per country are as follows:

- South Africa – ZAR; Rand
- Botswana – Pula
- Zimbabwe – US Dollar (it is the official currency); Rand, Pula, Euros, British pounds (at a bad exchange)

Suggested amounts for each currency:

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**(Without use of credit card)**

- Rand : +- R 500 – R 700
- Pula : +- P 1500 – P 4000
- Dollar: +- \$ 150 - \$ 500

**(With use of credit card)**

- Rand : +- R 100 – R 600
- Pula : +- P 500 – P 1000
- Dollar: +- \$ 30 - \$ 200

Credit cards are not favoured in most parts of Southern Africa so please ensure you have enough cash to buy good and possible gratuities.

Please note the only lodge on this tour to receive card payment will be Greenfire Johannesburg lodge. All other lodges will ONLY receive cash payments.

**Areas where you shall be able to use your credit card are as follows:**

- Greenfire JHB Lodge for activities; food; accommodation and small extras
- Shopping in Kang; Ghanzi ; Maun at large supermarkets
- Victoria Falls activities

## **9. INSURANCE**

It is compulsory that all passengers make arrangements for adequate travel insurance to financially safeguard against unforeseen circumstances. If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us. Drifters do not accept responsibility for any loss, injury, damage, accident, fatality, delay or inconvenience experienced whilst on tour. You will be required to complete and sign a full indemnity prior to your tour departure.

## **10. CLOTHING & PERSONAL EFFECTS**

Herewith a recommended guide of what to bring along:

**For walking, hiking and Safaris**

Sport Shoes / Sneakers

Sandals

Hat

Sun Cream

Water Bottle

Smaller day pack

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Camera, Binoculars

Books (Birds, Mammals, personal reading books, Optional)

**For general travelling** (to keep yourself entertained on the longer drives)

Personal iPod

Personal Reading Books

A deck of cards or something similar

Battery chargers for your personal devices (Ipods, Ipads, E-Readers, Handy's etc)

Our vehicles are well equipped with charging facilities while driving. A Two-pin charger is perfect.



(Examples of the two-pin chargers that will work directly in our trucks charging system while the vehicle is busy driving)



(An example of a South African adapter that you'll need for charging in our series of lodges and most camp sites)

### **Clothing and Toiletries**

Long Trousers / Tracksuit

Shorts

Waterproof Windbreaker

Jersey / Jumper

Socks & Underwear

T-Shirts / Shirts

Hat or cap

Swimming Costume & Towel

Personal toiletries

Insect Repellent

### **General Accessories**

Mosquito Net (Optional)

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Malaria Prophylaxis (please enquire from your general Doctor at home)

Money (Sundry expenses, gratuities)

Torch / Flashlight / Batteries

Sleeping Bag & Small Pillow

Thermo Insulation mat or sheet to place on top of the camp bed to prevent the cold coming from the bottom.

Refreshments

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Passport / Visas (if applicable) \*Please Note- If you wish to see Victoria Falls from the Zambian side or do any activities such as the Microlight Flight across the Falls from the Zambian side, it is advisable to get a Kaza-Visa on arrival of the Kazungula Border going into Zimbabwe. Please speak to your guide for assistance.

### **Luggage and Packing space on our vehicles**

\*\* Luggage should be limited to a maximum of 15kg's. Each Drifters Traveller has their own locker on our trucks which is accessible even while driving. Backpacks, Barrel bags or Soft Suitcases are strongly advisable as your standard Hard Suitcases sometimes don't fit into the lockers. Each locker could be locked with your personal lock (which you can also purchase from the Greenfire Johannesburg Inn upon arrival).



Our Truck Lockers



An Example of a suitable luggage bag (your main luggage bag)

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\*Drifters will supply each client with a comfortable camp bed on tour



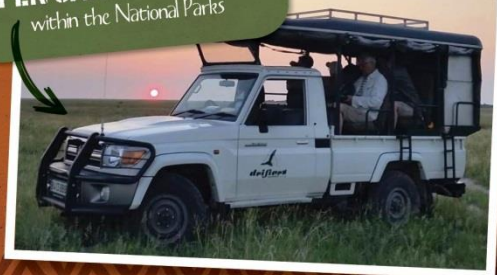
A friendly, registered professional qualified guide passionate full-time employee of the drifters family waiting to meet & share their knowledge with you.

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- 1 Fridge and freezer facilities to ensure fruits and vegetables are at their freshest & to keep client drinks refreshingly cool.
- 2 Fully functional masterchef kitchen, easily deployable, custom built with secure cutlery drawers, gas cookers and cooking lights.
- 3 A client safe to store away valuables, such as passports and moneybags, while out on activities.
- 4 Well looked after, serviced vehicles by trained professionals for your safety.
- 5 17th Seat in front with your guide.
- 6 A 400ℓ clean drinking water tank.
- 7 Bog Poles, to make life easier should we get temporarily immobile.
- 8 Mobile toilet and shower facilities.
- 9 Storage compartments for all our tents, chairs, camp beds & spare parts.
- 10 Individual client lockers, accessible even while driving.
- 11 PA System for easy communication between the guide and clients as well as to play music on longer drives.
- 12 Forward facing seats with maximum comfort and space each with their own safety belts.
- 13 Individual travel bag behind each seat to store a book or iPod.
- 14 An awning to use as shade or rain cover.
- 15 Massive windows offering unparalleled views for nature and scenic photography.
- 16 A charging station to recharge all your batteries on the go.
- 17 Long Range Fuel Tanks.
- 18 Maps provided for client use.
- 19 Library of Reference books and guide manuals.
- 20 Ample space and storage for a comfortable ride throughout Southern and East Africa.

Similar equipment will be used on our  
**OPEN SAFARI VEHICLES**  
within the National Parks



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\*\*\* Refreshments can be purchased en-route on the first day of the tour, and at regular intervals throughout the tour.

## **11. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS & REQUIREMENTS**

The only necessary prophylaxis for Southern Africa is against Malaria (Botswana Zimbabwe). Adequate chemo-prophylaxis are essential. Prevention is better than cure, so we do advise to also use insect repellent on exposed areas after sunset. Please consult with your general practitioner regarding this. All Drifters guides have first aid boxes for use in emergencies, however we recommend that you bring along your own basic supply of medication, headache tablets etc.

\*\*\*Personal medication

Please bring along any personal medication that you might need on your tour as specific medication could be difficult to find or might not be obtainable in most places we visit. General medication for headaches, colds and fever are easy to get.

Please also inform your guide of any medical conditions. This information will be received professionally and kept confidential.

For more info with regards to Yellow Fever please visit the following link

[https://www.iamat.org/risks/yellow-fever?gclid=CLaGk5H8\\_9ECFVcz0wodXhQBbg](https://www.iamat.org/risks/yellow-fever?gclid=CLaGk5H8_9ECFVcz0wodXhQBbg)

## **12. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS**

Meals are provided as indicated in the brochure/website. We do not provide meals on the first day of your tour. We do however stop en-route; therefore it is always possible to buy something along the way. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense; there is ample opportunity during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up for a couple of days.

## **13. PERSONAL EXPENSES**

A reasonable amount of personal spending money must be brought on our tours. This is to cover own expense meals as indicated in our Drifters Brochure, bottled water, soft drinks, alcohol, sundry goods purchased- such as suntan cream etc., curios, optional extra excursions, airport tax, transfers and tips.

**In Africa things work a little different to the rest of the World. Tipping or gratuity, unless otherwise specified, is not included in the price you pay for services delivered. This accounts for restaurant meals, casual help and the services of the guide or guides that you will meet on your tour.**

In Southern and East Africa it is classified as a common courtesy to **TIP** "casual help (guides)".

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This **TIP** is not something that is forced upon you by any means, but in many industries of tourism it is customary. It works as follows: if you believe your guide has lived up to your expectations and has performed his/her job in a way that you respect and are happy with the services rendered, an amount of R 50 per day or equivalent amount of R50 per day in any major currency **per person per day** would constitute a fantastic tip. Remember that this is just a guideline and is not by any means compulsory, but seen as common courtesy in Southern and East Africa.

#### **14. GROUP SIZE (Max 17)**

Group size varies from 4 – 17. Our Trucks are all exactly the same and can take 16 Passengers (all forward facing seats) in the back of the truck and 1 passenger can join the Guide in the front. The guide will always advise clients to rotate seats for everybody to get a different view.



#### **15. ON SAFARI**

All our tours require participation from all group members. This entails assisting with the food preparation, washing of dishes, keeping the truck clean and the setting up the camp.

Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari.

We are travelling in developing countries therefore please do not expect the punctuality you have come to expect in first world countries. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavour to run according to the itinerary as best as possible.

**DRIFTERS WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE**

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### INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kalahari - Bushmen walk
- Okavango Delta private camp
- Okavango boat trip and mokoro excursions
- Game walks
- National Parks (Moremi/Savuti – 5 Days)
- Extensive open-vehicle game drives in national parks
- Wild, remote serviced camping – including national parks
- Makgadikgadi Salt Pans – night under the stars
- Chobe River boat cruise
- Chobe National Park
- Victoria Falls National Park and entry fee

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- White water rafting
  - Bungee jumping
  - Game flight – Okavango
  - Zambezi River sunset cruise
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The casual visitor to Botswana could be excused for seeing the country as kilometre upon kilometre of flat, desolate scrubland with little or no surface water but on closer inspection, coupled with local knowledge, a whole brand new world will manifest itself, and then you will experience what is arguably Africa's finest wildlife destination. It is a country the size of France, and over a quarter of Botswana's land is set aside exclusively for nature conservation. That is the world you will be walking into.

Our tour will take us through the vast Makgadikgadi plains and we meet with the local Bushmen, the oldest people of Africa. Then venture further north - into the magnificent Okavango Delta where the waters originate far up in the north, flow downwards, creating a living paradise on Earth, only to disappear into the vast sands of the desert. We will travel by boat and dugout canoe (mokoro) with local Bayei tribes-people to our private camp in the heart of this unique natural wonderland – home also to a multitude of Africa's famed fauna and flora. We explore the renowned national parks in fully equipped open 4x4 vehicles – and, depending on the season, our route will follow the age old game migration tracks. We spend a night under the stars in the vast Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, and remember, there are no nearby towns nor cities to interfere with the lights of the night skies- it is a spectacle second only to the Northern lights. We will enjoy a game viewing boat cruise in the mighty Chobe River, and finally will visit "The Smoke that Thunders" - Victoria Falls.

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#### **DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG – KALAHARI**

Our adventure begins from the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG at 06h30. Travelling North West through an interesting part of South Africa with scattered mountains all around where a lot of skirmishes in times gone by occurred. We cross the Botswana border near Lobatse. After the usual immigration formalities, you immediately become aware that the vegetation is changing fast as you pass through Kanye, where you leave the last of the hills behind, then Westwards on to Jwaneng, where the richest diamond mine in the world is situated. The vast Kalahari Plains stretch as far as the eye can see in all directions.

We will cover quite some distance today before arriving at our camp, near the village of Kang. We enjoy a short leg stretch walk in the bush, return and set up camp where we will enjoy a catered meal while you will enjoy the first spectacular sunset of the desert, garbed in splendid purples and golds, whilst your guide explains what to expect in the days to come.

**Meals: Lunch and Dinner own expense**

**Distance: 720 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2-Man Dome Tent) – Kalahari Rest**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Scenic drive through North West South Africa , border crossing into Botswana then leaving the last of the hills behind at Kanye, and then.. The Kalahari Desert
- Jwaneng - the richest diamond mine in the world
- Short walk into the Kalahari
- Setting up camp for the night

#### **DAY 2: KALAHARI BUSHMEN OR SAN**

Waking up to a spectacular Kalahari sunrise, we enjoy our first cup of coffee and a sumptuous breakfast before continuing to the old frontier town of Ghanzi. Ghanzi is home to some of the last traditional Bushmen that make a living in this harsh desert environment, and it is here that we will enjoy learning about the wilderness from these fascinating people.

Our experience will include an educational bush walk led by true Bushmen to give us insight into their daily lives and teach us how they manage to survive in these harsh conditions, their hunting and trapping skills, their peculiar belief systems, and how they find and store their water. Overnight on a vast tract of land owned and managed by the local people.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 250 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) - Dqae Qare San Lodge**

**Included Highlights / Activity:**

- Guided bush walk led by true bushman/san
- Learn about digging for water and Tsamma melons
- Ancient gods and beliefs (like shape-shifting) of the bushmen

#### **DAY 3 - 5: OKAVANGO DELTA**

The Okavango, a massive river emanating from far North, flowing Southwards, creating one of the world's only true inland delta's and a unique ecosystem that supports a huge variety of animal and plant life. The sight of a nervous Lechwe (a type of water buck) pounding across a flooded plain, the Jacana striding delicately amongst the flowering lilies, the Bee Eater diving to prey on an unsuspecting insect, and of course the familiar cry of the African Fish Eagle - all combine to create a canvas of one of nature's unique masterpieces, and then the river, eventually spilling its contents into the vast plains of the Makgadikgadi sands, and it's all gone - just as if you had walked out the other side of an Alice in wonderland book.

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We begin our journey into the Delta near the panhandle, gliding through papyrus lined channels by motorboat. It is in this area, where at a time now long past, in Mamba alley, the well-known Bobby Wilmot was bitten by a green mamba. He called his assistant and, knowing that he had no chance of survival, told him verbally how he wanted his estate split up. The Court accepted the man's word as a will. On to our exclusive wild island. We spend three nights here in the true wilderness, deep in the wilds, exploring the area on foot and by mokoro (dugout canoe). There will also be time to simply relax and to absorb the remoteness and serenity of the area. Clients will not only learn more about the animals and plants from the local guides, but will also interact and have the opportunity to learn more about the people and their way of life in this isolated wilderness area.

**Meals: B L D; B L D; B L D**

**Distance: 390 km on Day 3**

**Accommodation: Tented units on Private Island**

**Optional Activities:**

**- Scenic Helicopter Flight over Delta**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

**- Motorboat transfer into the Okavango Delta**

**- Private Island**

**- Guided Game walks in the Delta led by local Motswana guides**

**- Mokoro trips in Delta**

**- Sunset Hippo Cruise**

#### **DAY 6: OKAVANGO – MAUN**

Starting early, we begin our journey back to relative civilisation, using motorboats we wind our way through the channels to where we are reunited with our vehicles. This afternoon we arrive in the 'tourism capital of Botswana' – Maun. We will spend some time stocking up on basic supplies before we travel the short distance out to the DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE to freshen up, or splash in the pool, and enjoy a catered meal.

The lodge is situated on the banks of the Boteti River. This river changes its flow directions, depending upon the season and rain patterns. The Lodge offers comfortable accommodation, swimming pool, bar and restaurant.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 354 km**

**Accommodation: Drifters Maun Lodge - Twin-bedded tented units**

**Optional Activities:**

**- Scenic Helicopter Flight over Delta**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

**- Motorboat transfer out of the Okavango Delta**

**- Boteti River Sunset**

#### **DAY 7 - 10: FLEXIBLE GAME RESERVE SCHEDULE (5 Days in National Parks)**

We enjoy a scrumptious breakfast at the Lodge while preparing for the game viewing part of the trip which is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour. Traveling in our well-equipped 4x4 vehicle we head into true wilderness, passing remote villages along the way. We spend five days in the national parks following seasonal game migrations on extensive morning and afternoon game drives, also with relaxing down time to appreciate this rare jewel of a place and its deep tranquillity.

Lourens van der Post, a well-known writer and poet of South Africa once said "Every time I go into the Kalahari, it keeps a piece of my soul". You will feel what it means when you get home. Part of you will still be there.

An example of our route could be: starting with Moremi, we spend first night near the well-known Third Bridge. Drift off to sleep to the howl of the distant hyena or the earthy roar of a lion, and even the deep grunt of a half-submerged hippo. We then head on north via Xakanaxa to camp near North Gate. This area is excellent for game viewing and we will conduct afternoon and morning drives along

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the wetland areas.

Then on up to Savuti, the area offers a multitude of game drive options and a very active game area (keep the fruit well hidden from the roving elephant, the meat from the prowling hyenas, and everything from the monkeys). The vegetation is constantly changing, from open plains, palm trees and marshland, to dense Mopane woodlands and Acacia scrub, and hence all the fauna and flora changes accordingly.

Depending on the conditions in the national parks we might also venture into the Central Kalahari Game Reserve or the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. During this part of the journey we camp in pristine, remote, private sites where there is no sign of man's existence – we leave each site in the same condition, nothing but footprints in the sand are left for the quiet winds to deal with.

**Meals: B L D; B L D; B L D; B L D**

**Distance: +- 125 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Wild Camping**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- 4x4 open vehicle game drives on all five days
- Private non fenced campsites
- Extensive first hand game viewing experience
- Explore the heart of National Geographic's photography region where the Jouberts spend their lives.

#### **DAY 11 – MAUN**

Our last morning in the parks, we slowly game drive our way back to Maun. We will have some time to explore town and enjoy an "own expense" lunch before heading out to the comfort of the DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE. This afternoon we will relax at the Lodge before enjoying a catered meal and a comfortable night.

**Meals: B D; (Lunch on this day is own expense in town)**

**Distance: +- 225 km**

**Accommodation: Drifters Maun Lodge - Twin-bedded tented units**

**Optional Activities:**

- Scenic Flights over the delta

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Game Drive on the way out of the park
- Visit to Maun

#### **DAY 12: MAKGADIKGADI PANS**

We enjoy a relaxed morning at the lodge, spending time along the river bank and enjoying the tranquillity of the area, or lounging at the swimming pool. After an early lunch we continue and venture eastward into the spectacular Makgadikgadi Salt Pans area. Besides the stark scenery, the pans are known for their prolific birdlife and the other desert-adapted animals, and, when the rains come, migrating flamingos are spotted on the pans.

Without disturbing the surface, we make our way to a remote site where we take in the isolation and serenity of this expanse. Tonight we encourage clients to enjoy a night out under the canopy of stars. With no other artificial light in the area, our private overnight spot provides the perfect location for star gazing and our guides will take time to explain the constellations, also, the atmosphere is so unpolluted, that the various colours of the stars can be seen. As the stars dance above us, almost mocking our mortal lives, we drift away to sleep.

NB: should the pans be inaccessible for spending the night we will make use of alternative accommodation in the area.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 250 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Wild Camping**

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**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Remote campsite on the edge of the pans
- Night under the stars (weather permitting)
- Star gazing

**DAY 13: CHOBE RIVER – VICTORIA FALLS**

Venturing north today, we leave the desolation of the pans behind and make our way up to the mighty Chobe River. The Chobe area is known for the huge herds of elephants and other animals that are attracted to drink from the river. This afternoon we enjoy an extensive boat cruise within Chobe National Park. Gliding close to the banks we hope to approach the animals from the river for close up viewing. Our cruise will explore the Chobe River front and a section of the Namibian side of the Chobe River. Back on land, we cross the border into Zimbabwe and make our way to the GREENFIRE LODGE VICTORIA FALLS. The lodge is centrally situated and within walking distance of the falls and all other attractions.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 400 km**

**Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Victoria Falls**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Chobe National Park, especially elephants
- Extensive Boat Cruise on the Chobe River- hippos and crocodiles, river birds.
- Exquisite environs

**DAY 14: VICTORIA FALLS**

Awaking in the adventure capital of Africa, it is with new excitement that we explore the amazing Victoria Falls. "Mosi o Tunya ", meaning "The smoke that Thunders". This is the place where, according to ancient traditions, the "Big Snake" or "Nyami Nyami" is in hiding. It will only be seen again once all the white people have left Africa. On this day we include your entry and leave you to admire this wonder of the world. Various other attractions can be visited and activities enjoyed including, the tribal village, the big tree, the curio market and the crocodile farm. An aircraft flip over the falls or a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping are all worthwhile, but allowance must be made for the extra expense.

We spend two nights here, thus allowing clients some time to explore the town and all it has to offer by themselves. Tonight we will eat out in a local restaurant (own expense). Relax to the sound of the African night and the distant roar of the falls and drink the farewell toasts to your adventure.

**Meals: B (Lunch and dinner is own expense in town)**

**Distance: 0 km (Free day to explore town or to do some activities)**

**Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Victoria Falls**

**Optional Activities:**

- Scenic Helicopter Flight
- White water rafting
- Bungee jump
- Gorge swing
- Many more available

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Victoria Falls National Park
- Entry Fee for viewing the Falls

**DAY 15: VICTORIA FALLS – FRANCISTOWN**

The guests flying out on the 15-day tour will do so today, the rest will set off to cross back into Botswana and continue south toward Francistown, home of the national football team. Tonight we spend our last night in our tents, enjoying the African night and celebrating our adventure with our last tour meal.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 568 km**

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**Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Woodlands Stopover**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Last opportunity to view game on route to Francistown
- Scenic drive from Zimbabwe to Botswana

#### **DAY 16: FRANCISTOWN – JOHANNESBURG**

Crossing the Limpopo River, we return to South Africa and make our way to the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG, where we arrive in the early evening. Post-tour accommodation and airport transfers can be booked through DRIFTERS.

**Meals: B (Lunch today is own expense)**

**Distance: 700 km**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Scenic drive from Botswana to South Africa

#### **DEPARTURES**

This tour departs from Johannesburg every Saturday. Please note – during peak season we may run two departures, at this time clients may be required to travel in the reverse direction. The tour can be reduced to 15 Days by flying out of Victoria Falls.

At time of going to print the above itinerary was correct but Drifters continually strive to offer our clients the best available tour options and as such we reserve the right to change aspects of the itinerary at our discretion. During the validity of the published itinerary conditions will change, roads are improved or deteriorate often opening up new routes, contracted camps and accommodation facilities change standards, optional activities become available or are discontinued, new border posts open and old ones become congested, etc. Drifters are continuously monitoring all of the factors that make up a successful tour and as such will make amendments to the published itineraries if circumstances demand or if we believe that the change will enhance the tour.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Seasonal malaria precautions are necessary and are locally obtainable. A barrel bag or backpack is best suited for this trip (suitcases do not fit into the space provided). An extra day bag or camera bag is advised. Spending money required will be for the restaurant meals, drinks, visas, tips, curios, airport transfers, and any other optional excursions. (Zimbabwe airport tax US\$30-00 for those flying out on day 15 - subject to change.)

Visa info - A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. It is the client's responsibility to insure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip to all the countries we visit. Some nationalities might need to obtain visas before departure as they cannot be obtained at the border.

Remember, help us to help you by participating and by keeping an open mind. Our price includes all food as specified, coffee, tea, juice at breakfast, transport, professional guides, mokoro hire, accommodation, group equipment, permits and park entrance fees. Our price does not include restaurant meals where stipulated, visas, tips, curios, optional excursions, alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, airport tax, airport transfers and airfares. Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel and medical insurance.

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| Day | Start the day at :        | Spend the night at :      | Distance | Highlights                        |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1   | Greenfire Lodge Jhb       | Kalahari Rest             | 720 km   | Lobatse Border Crossing           |
| 2   | Kalahari Rest             | Dqae Qare Game Farm       | 258 km   | Walk with the local bushman       |
| 3   | Dqae Qare Game Farm       | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | 392 km   | Okavango Delta and Boat Ride      |
| 4   | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | 0 km     | Game Walks, Mokorro Excursions    |
| 5   | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | 0 km     | Game Walks, Mokorro Excursions    |
| 6   | Okavango Delta Pvt Island | Drifters Lodge Maun       | 354 km   | Okavango Delta and Boat Ride      |
| 7   | Drifters Lodge Maun       | Moremi (Serviced Camping) | 0 km     | Moremi, Game viewing              |
| 8   | Moremi (Serviced Camping) | Moremi (Serviced Camping) | 0 km     | Moremi, Game viewing              |
| 9   | Moremi (Serviced Camping) | Savuti (Serviced Camping) | 0 km     | Savuti, Game viewing              |
| 10  | Savuti (Serviced Camping) | Savuti (Serviced Camping) | 0 km     | Savuti, Game viewing              |
| 11  | Savuti (Serviced Camping) | Drifters Lodge Maun       | 225 km   | Boteti River                      |
| 12  | Drifters Lodge Maun       | 1 Tree Island             | 240 km   | Makgadikgadi Salt Pans            |
| 13  | 1 Tree Island             | Greenfire Lodge Vic Falls | 470 km   | Chobe Boat Cruise                 |
| 14  | Greenfire Lodge Vic Falls | Greenfire Lodge Vic Falls | 0 km     | Free Activity Day, Victoria falls |
| 15  | Greenfire Lodge Vic Falls | Francistown (Woodlands)   | 568 km   | Scenic Drive                      |
| 16  | Francistown               | Greenfire Lodge JHB       | 735 km   |                                   |

Please Note: Due to the nature of the tours and industry, these distances and accommodation options are subject to change/ vary at any time. Driving in a truck on African roads usually takes longer than anticipated. Please feel at ease that Drifters will always try our utmost best to stick to the information provided as far as possible and would find similar accommodation in the area if needs be. Please do understand if changes have to be made on tour.

### **C: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

**Please note that Drifters do not book any of the mentioned optional activities in advance. Majority of the activities are weather dependent and are not always available. Activities can be booked on arrival by the clients directly with the external suppliers. Drifters will not accept any liability for the availability or rates of Optional Activities.**

### **JOHANNESBURG and SURROUNDS (PRE and POST Tour)**

#### **SOWETO TOUR**

South of Johannesburg is Soweto, the world's most famous township and important monument to Apartheid. A sprawling, self-sufficient home to millions, Soweto grapples with democratic change, but its spirit resonates in a plethora of shebeens. The focus on this tour is more on community projects & sustainable tourism. The Soweto Fair Tour includes: Nelson Mandela & Hector Pietersen Museums, a visit to Handiworx or the Soweto Green plus a view of Baragwaneth Hospital and an informal settlement. Also included is a cycle tour from Phomolong & visit a day care centre (also available without cycling).

From R590 per person for 3 hours

You can also do a cycle tour of Soweto – pricing depends on the time you cycle for.

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#### **JOBURG CITY TOUR**

The tour includes a panoramic view of the city, a drive within the business district, visit to traditional African shops, the bohemian Hillbrow and Museum Africa in Newton, the cultural district of Johannesburg. Extend to 8 hours & include Constitution Hill, SAB World of Beer & more.

From R590 per person for 3 hours

#### **SOWETO & JOHANNESBURG COMBO**

Combining the Soweto & Johannesburg City tours will give you a great overview of the area.

From R850 for 5 hours

#### **APARTHEID MUSEUM**

The path through the museum leads you on a journey beginning with segregation, the cornerstone of apartheid. It takes you back through the history of the myriad cultures converging during the pre-apartheid era. Through the years of race classification, the 150 acts of apartheid, detentions and the oppression of the nationalist regime. Examine the rise of black consciousness, the armed struggle & finally witness the release of Nelson Mandela after 27 years of imprisonment which finally led to the final negotiations for peace. The Apartheid Museum experience is one of upliftment and liberation both personally & socially and leaves each visitor with a feeling of hope for the future, unburdened by the ills of the past.

Duration: 3 hours R550

#### **CRADLE OF HUMANKIND**

The tour visits both the Sterkfontein caves, where the oldest hominid fossils (dating back to over 3 million years) in the world were found & Maropeng where you can experience the fascinating, interactive representations of the origin of Earth & all that lives on our unique planet. Interesting to both adults & children alike, this is a must visit on anyone passing through Gauteng's itinerary!

Duration: 4 hours R990

#### **PRETORIA CITY TOUR**

Pretoria generates a multicultural energy from a harmonious blend of traditions, culture and architecture. Pretoria has historic value extending to that of the British Empire and Apartheid. The tour includes the either the Voortrekker Monument or Freedom Square, the Union Buildings, Kruger House, Church Square, Mirramen Hindu Temple and thousands of Jacaranda trees. Extend to 8 hours and include both the Voortrekker Monument & Freedom Square as well as the Transvaal Museum.

Lunch in Pretoria

Duration: 4 ½ hours R850

Duration: 8 hours for the extended tour, incl. lunch R1500

#### **Botswana and Victoria Falls**

##### **Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (Highly Recommended)**

The flight prices range from between P3760 (1 pax, p.p.) – P 775 (p.p. up to 17 pax), this is dependent on how many people decide to go on a flight. If you are interested inquire with your guide. (you can use Credit Or Visa cards for payment)

Village walk from our Drifters Lodge in Maun (Pula 50) -Prices may vary

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| • White Water Rafting – Low water               | 150 |
| • White Water Rafting – High water              | 140 |
| • Gorge Swing                                   | 95  |
| • Tandem – Gorge Swing                          | 140 |
| • Zip line                                      | 70  |
| • Tandem – Zip line                             | 110 |
| • Flying Fox                                    | 45  |
| • Canopy tour                                   | 55  |
| • Half Day Adrenalin (Adrenalin High wire pass) | 140 |
| • Adrenalin high wire & canopy tour pass        | 175 |

**SAFARI**

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| • Full Day Chobe                    | 160 |
| • Horse Riding Safari - Experienced | 85  |
| • Horse Riding Safari - Novice      | 80  |
| • Game Drive                        | 95  |
| • Night Drive                       | 130 |

**RIVER**

|                          |     |
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| • Sundowner Cruise       | 50  |
| • Fishing (3 Hrs)        | 120 |
| • Upper Zambezi Canoeing | 150 |

**AIR ACTIVITIES**

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|----------------------------|-----|
| • 12/13 Minutes Helicopter | 150 |
| • Micro light Flight       | 174 |

(this only happens in Zambia, and if planning to do it, it will mean you will need to acquire a dual visa when going through the border to Zimbabwe)

**ADVENTURE PASS**

Choose any two of the following for only US\$ 305.00 and get a cruise almost free!!!

- White Water Rafting, Upper Zambezi Canoeing, Half Day Adrenalin, 12/13 Minutes Helicopter, Night Drive

**SAFARI PASS**

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