



WORLD DISCOVERY  
— HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE —

## Best of Botswana



### DAY 1 - Depart UK.

### DAYS 2, 3 AND 4 - The Central Kalahari.

On arrival in Maun you will be met by a representative of World Discovery and taken by specially chartered light aircraft to the **Central Kalahari Game Reserve**, Africa's largest protected area covering some 52,000 square kilometres in the heart of Botswana. Your base for the next 3 days is the Grasslands Bushman Lodge, a family concern whose staff are all local San Bushman. A stay here has been described as "the most comprehensive San experience in Southern Africa". As well as learning about the culture and history of these fascinating desert people, there is abundant opportunity for wildlife viewing. The reserve is renowned for brown hyenas, which emerge just after dark, and you may also see black-maned Kalahari lions, giraffes, wildebeest, eland, springbok, and possibly cheetahs and leopards. Enjoy day and night drives with your guide and tracker.

**Meals included: Lunch, dinner on DAY 2; full breakfast, lunch, dinner on DAYS 3 and 4.**

## DAYS 5 AND 6 - Makgadikgadi and Nxai Pans.

Your next destination is one of the most amazing places in Botswana, but not often included in safari itineraries; the **Makgadikgadi Pans Game Reserve** is the largest salt pan complex in the world. The Meno a Kwena tented camp is located at the western edge of this eerie and hostile environment, and enjoys a lofty location above the dry Boteti River and an amazing waterhole. The dry summer months (June to October) see Southern Africa's largest zebra and wildebeest migration pass just below the camp. Day trips are made into the salt pans, and one of the camp's boasts is the virtual guarantee of sighting white rhino.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner each day.**

## DAYS 7 AND 8 - Chief's Island (Okavango Delta).

Drive back to Maun and fly to your final safari base – Oddball's Enclave, located on Chief's Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Here you will enjoy excursions by *mokoro* (dug-out canoe) or on foot with your own personal guide (one guide is allocated to each tent). The area supports large numbers of wildlife, including elephants, wildebeests, zebras, giraffes, antelopes and lots of hippos and crocodiles. Birdlife is prolific - you may see bee-eaters, snakebirds, storks, egrets, shrikes, kingfishers, hornbills and herons, as well as birds of prey such as bateleur eagles and African fish eagles and perhaps the rarer Pel's fishing owl.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner each day.**

## DAY 9 - Depart for home.

In the afternoon depart by light aircraft for Maun. Continue by Air Botswana to Johannesburg to connect with your flight to the UK.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.**

## DAY 10 - Arrive UK.

Morning arrival in the UK.