

# Pure Botswana

## 7 days ~ Land Only – Sample Itinerary

*Departing Daily ~ We can mix & match, tailor any itinerary to match your budget!*

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### FIRST PLUS

#### Visiting

- Central Kalahari Game Reserve
- Okavango Delta
- Linyanti/Kwando

#### This Tour Includes:

- ▶ Luxury en-suite tents with indoor and outdoor showers (Lebala and Kwara)
- ▶ Luxury environmentally adapted ensuite rooms at Tau Pan
- ▶ Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (BLD)
- ▶ All beverages including house beers, wines and spirits and soft drinks
- ▶ Light aircraft flights Maun-Tau Pan-Kwara-Lebala-Maun
- ▶ Full game viewing activities with an experienced Ranger/Tracker – including game drives in 4x4 vehicles; water based game viewing by mekoro or game walks with an experienced Ranger
- ▶ All park entry fees, service charges and hotel taxes
- ▶ UTG personalized itinerary booklet and Take Me With You Kit
- ▶ UTG Safari Delay Protection including medical evacuation coverage

#### **Day 1 Arrive Maun-Tau Pan (Central Kalahari Game Reserve) (LD)**

Welcome to Botswana! Upon arrival in Maun, connect to the light aircraft flight to Tau Pan, set in the Central Kalahari. Nothing prepares you for the immensity of this reserve, nor its wild, mysterious beauty. There is the immediate impression of unending space, and having the entire reserve to yourself. Waist-high golden grasses seem to stretch interminably, punctuated by dwarfed trees and scrub bushes. Wide and empty pans appear as vast white stretches of saucer-flat earth, meeting a soft, blue-white sky. At night the stars utterly dominate the land; their brilliance and immediacy are totally arresting. The Central Kalahari game Reserve (CKGR) is the largest, most remotely situated reserve in Southern Africa, and the second largest wildlife reserve in the world, encompassing 52 800 sq kms. During and shortly after good summer rains, the flat grasslands of the reserve's northern reaches teem with wildlife, which gather at the best grazing areas. These include large herds of springbok and gemsbok, as well as wildebeest, hartebeest, and eland.

Tau Pan

#### **Day 2 Tau Pan (BLD)**

The camp offers truly incredible views from the ridge of an ancient sand dune, an unusual experience in a land as flat as Botswana, and overlooks the famous Tau Pan - recognized for its stark beauty and remoteness. Activities offered at Tau Pan are game drives, day trips to the well-known Deception Valley, Sunday, Piper and Passage Pans, star gazing, bush brunches on Tau Pan, and nature walks with Bushman trackers.

Tau Pan

#### **Day 3 Kwara Camp (Okavango Delta) (BLD)**

Today your journey continues as your light aircraft flight takes you to Kwara Camp in the heart of the Okavango Delta. This well-known camp is set overlooking a secluded lagoon in the northern Okavango Delta. This region offers a contrasting experience, as its location allows access to the permanent

waterways of the Delta as well as expansive dry land areas, admired for their quality game viewing. Kwara offers, within the exclusive concession in which it is located, a wide variety of activities. In addition to game drives, both day and night, the camp offers game walks and mokoro trips, as well as power boating and fishing (spinning equipment is provided but fly fisherman need to bring their own equipment).

Kwara Camp

#### **Day 4 Kwara Camp (BLD)**

In addition to game drives, why not take a walking safari today? Walking in Africa's wild areas is the only way to truly appreciate the natural environment. While game viewing from a vehicle allows one to see more animals as you traverse much greater distances and get much closer to animals safely, there is nothing as awe inspiring and humbling as observing wild animals on foot. Many smaller species of plants and insects, tracks and signs are all easily missed when in a vehicle. The slow pace of the walk and interpretative skills of your guide will open your eyes to a new and fascinating world. Game walks are not hikes; they are slow comfortable strolls meant to provide you with a chance to experience the wilderness at a natural pace. Any walk can be combined with a game drive or mokoro and the length of walk can be adjusted to suit your personal desires or level of fitness.

Kwara Camp

#### **Day 5 Lebala Camp (Kwando/Linyanti Concession) (BLD)**

Your light aircraft flight takes you to the southern section of the Kwando concession near the Linyanti marshes that form the border between Botswana and Namibia, and Lebala Camp. Lebala means 'wide open spaces' in Setswana and the scenery is dominated by vast plains with scattered palms and tree islands backed by wooded savannahs. This wild expanse contrasts with the casual understated elegance and luxury of the camp itself. This special ecosystem is home to a wide variety of Africa's plains game such as zebra, wildebeest, impala, giraffe and tsessebe and also provides refuge to lechwe, waterbuck and the shy sitatunga. The area is also recognized for its outstanding predator activity. Lebala is a land based camp, so both game drives and game walks can be enjoyed here.

Lebala Camp

#### **Day 6 Lebala Camp (BLD)**

Rise early this morning and enjoy a piping hot cup of tea or coffee around the fire before heading out on a morning game drive. As the evening mist begins to lift and the dazzling sun rises in the sky, animals begin to stir and the chances of unusual sightings are pretty good. There is never a rush for time on game drives, so if you spot something really amazing, your Ranger and Tracker will ensure you can continue as long as you like. Night game drives are special as well – you never know when you might come across a predator on the hunt!

Lebala Camp

#### **Day 7 Lebala-Maun-Depart (B)**

Your journey ends far too quickly today as your light aircraft flight brings you back to Maun where you begin your journey home. Or, why not extend your tour into South Africa or Zambia?