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Tour code:

BT13

Guaranteed departures

Small group safari maximum:

12 travellers

Travel through:

Botswana & Zambia

Safari length:

13 days



2019

BOTSWANA "WILD SIDE" (Maun start)



DEPARTS:

MAUN on Monday at 17:00pm

ENDS:

LIVINGSTONE - ZAMBIA on Saturday at +/-08:00am

Highlights

- * Okavango Delta – mokoro excursion
- * Moremi Game Reserve – game drives
- * Savuti – game drives
- * Chobe National Park – game drive and river cruise
- * Victoria Falls – adventure activities



SAFARI GRADE: CAMPING

Botswana is considered Southern Africa's premier game viewing destination. The remote wilderness, limited access for visitors and abundant game make for an exceptional wildlife safari. This tour is the essence of why we started Sunway.

The **BT14 Johannesburg start** saves you the cost of flights to Maun, and includes an opportunity to see rhino.

The **BT13 Maun start** clients join the BT14 group in Maun on day 2 and eliminates the drive from Johannesburg to Maun.

Overnight 3 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks and towns. Formal campsites have hot and cold showers, laundry facilities & telephones.

7 nights we "camp wild" without fences in the wilderness areas. On these nights the crew will erect a bucket shower (with hot water off the fire) and a pit latrine (with seat!).

2 nights at a lodge in Livingstone with en-suite rooms and air-conditioning.

Meals 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners will be provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle and eaten around the camp fire except the last 2 breakfasts at the lodge in Livingstone.

Transport for the entirety of this safari you travel in a custom-built 4WD Land Cruiser with 12 forward facing seats (of which 8 are "window" seats). Roll up canvas sides allow you to feel part of the bush.

Limited participation An essential part of your safari is some participation. From putting up your tent to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help (on rotation) with the washing up. If there are 9 or more clients on the tour, then a supply vehicle and camp assistant travel with the group through the national parks (days 5-10). The camp assistant will help with meal preparation and washing up, and make your life a little easier!

CAMPING ITINERARY

BT13 Maun start clients will join the group at the campsite on arrival in Maun at +/-17:00. The guides will give an introduction and tour briefing this evening. Airport transfers are available on request.

Day 1 MAUN [camping ---]

We will meet up with the group at 17:00 at the camp. Situated on the banks of the Thamalakane River, Maun is a bustling frontier town where we prepare for the delta excursion. After setting up camp we have a relaxing afternoon at the swimming pool.

Day 1: Breakfast is not included

Day 1: Lunch is not included

Day 1: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes: -

Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar

Distance/time: 15km, ± ½ hour, excluding stops for sightseeing



Day 2, 3, 4 OKAVANGO DELTA [camping Bx3, Lx3, Dx2]

Our local guides will take us deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta on mekoro (dugout canoes). The delta forms as water flows from the Angolan highlands out over the Botswanan flat Kalahari Desert sands creating a delicate, green oasis for birds & wildlife. We will camp wild on remote islands in this amazingly dynamic environment & enjoy bush walks, bird watching & swimming in the clear water. Camping with our local guides we learn more about their lifestyle & culture. We return to Maun in the late afternoon of day 5 and have time for an optional (own expense) game flight over the Okavango, which will reveal a different aspect of the delta.

Day 2, 3: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes: Entrance to Okavango Delta, mokoro excursion, morning and afternoon game walks with local guides

Overnight: Day 2 & 3: Wild camping – basic facilities with bucket shower. You will need to bring a towel.
Day 4 Maun: Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar

Distance/time: 2 hour 4WD transfer into the Delta, each way

Optional Activities: Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (+/-USD95-120) pp depending on number of people in each aircraft)



Day 5,6,7,8 MOREMI & SAVUTI [camping BLD]

We have 4 nights in these conservation areas with time to explore the various habitats. We spend our time on game drives watching the plentiful wildlife including wild dog, elephant, hippo, buffalo, lion & other game.

Moremi Game Reserve rates as one of the leading wildlife areas of the world and we take our open 4WD vehicle into Moremi for fantastic game viewing! Grasslands, floodplains, forests, lily lagoons and winding water channels combine to form a variety of game viewing habitats.

Moving north over the sand ridge and into the Mababe depression we arrive at the Savuti Marsh. This open grassland area attracts herds of zebra and wildebeest, which in turn draw the large lion prides for which Savuti is famous. We camp wild in the central Chobe National Park at either Savuti or Zwei-Zwei.

Day 5, 6, 7, 8: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6, 7, 8: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6, 7, 8: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees, morning and afternoon game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle
Overnight: Wild camping – basic ablutions with bucket shower
Distance/time: 350kms ± 8½ hours, excludes game drives & stops for wildlife viewing (Maun – Savuti)



Day 9 – 10 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK [camping Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]

The Chobe River flows lazily along the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park attracting some of the largest herds of elephant in Africa. In the early morning we search for game on the flood plains of the Chobe River. The late afternoon game viewing “sundowner” cruise is a highlight as we see the mighty elephant herds returning to the Chobe River to quench their thirst. We camp at Kasane on the Chobe River for night 10.

Day 9: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes: Entrance fees, morning and afternoon game drives in open 4WD game viewing vehicle & sunset cruise on Chobe River
Overnight: day 9 wild camping – basic ablutions with bucket shower
day 10 campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant
Distance/time: 150kms ± 5½ hours, excludes game drives & stops for wildlife viewing (Savuti – Chobe)



Day 11 – 12 VICTORIA FALLS / LIVINGSTONE ZAMBIA [lodge Bx2 - -]

Overnight for 2 nights in Zambia near Livingstone town on the banks of the Zambezi River. Enjoy a spectacular walk through tropical vegetation to the very edge of the “Mosi oa Tunya” or “the smoke that thunders” - Victoria Falls. Opportunities to white water raft on the mighty Zambezi River, bungi jump, or take a “flight of angels” (own expense).

Day 11: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12: Breakfast provided by the lodge

Day 11, 12: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 11, 12: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

- Includes:** Entrance Fees to see the Victoria Falls
- Overnight:** Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant
- Distance/time:** 85kms – 1 hour, excluding border formalities (which can take 2 to 4+ hours)
- Optional Activities:** White water rafting, sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more



Day 13 ZAMBIA - LIVINGSTONE – TOUR ENDS [- B - -]

Tour ends at 08:00 after breakfast. Transfers to local airports are available.

Day 13: Breakfast provided by the lodge

Day 13: Lunch not included

Day 13: Dinner not included

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** N/A
- Distance/time:** N/A

Please Note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and animal sightings!

In the unlikely event that road conditions in the parks prevent us visiting Savuti, then the alternative route will be run via Nxai pan (It is possible that this may happen between January – April, but it is subject to rainfall, so only in special circumstances).

Sustainable Tourism:

The Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust is a community based wildlife project established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and provide economic benefits to the local Motswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources.

2019 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (valid Jan 2019 – Dec 2019)

BT13 € 1 740 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 185 pp (If you are traveling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single tent, then you'll pay the single supplement.)

2019 DEPARTURE DATES



Departs MAUN Monday at 17:00pm	Ends LIVINGSTONE Saturday 08:00am	
14-Jan-19	26-Jan-19	German
21-Jan-19	02-Feb-19	
28-Jan-19	09-Feb-19	
04-Feb-19	16-Feb-19	German / NBg
11-Feb-19	23-Feb-19	
25-Feb-19	09-Mar-19	
04-Mar-19	16-Mar-19	NB
11-Mar-19	23-Mar-19	German / LMg
18-Mar-19	30-Mar-19	
25-Mar-19	06-Apr-19	NB / LM
01-Apr-19	13-Apr-19	
08-Apr-19	20-Apr-19	
15-Apr-19	27-Apr-19	
22-Apr-19	04-May-19	LM
29-Apr-19	11-May-19	NB
06-May-19	18-May-19	
13-May-19	25-May-19	
20-May-19	01-Jun-19	LM
27-May-19	08-Jun-19	NB
03-Jun-19	15-Jun-19	
10-Jun-19	22-Jun-19	German / LMg
17-Jun-19	29-Jun-19	LM
24-Jun-19	06-Jul-19	NB
01-Jul-19	13-Jul-19	German / LMg
08-Jul-19	20-Jul-19	NB
15-Jul-19	27-Jul-19	LM
22-Jul-19	03-Aug-19	NB
29-Jul-19	10-Aug-19	LM
05-Aug-19	17-Aug-19	German / NBg
12-Aug-19	24-Aug-19	NB / LM
19-Aug-19	31-Aug-19	German / NBg
26-Aug-19	07-Sep-19	LM
02-Sep-19	14-Sep-19	NB
09-Sep-19	21-Sep-19	German / LMg
16-Sep-19	28-Sep-19	NB
23-Sep-19	05-Oct-19	LM
30-Sep-19	12-Oct-19	NB
07-Oct-19	19-Oct-19	German / LMg
14-Oct-19	26-Oct-19	NBg
21-Oct-19	02-Nov-19	LM
28-Oct-19	09-Nov-19	German / NBg
04-Nov-19	16-Nov-19	LM
11-Nov-19	23-Nov-19	NB
18-Nov-19	30-Nov-19	LM
25-Nov-19	07-Dec-19	German / NBg

02-Dec-19	14-Dec-19
16-Dec-19	28-Dec-19
23-Dec-19	04-Jan-20
30-Dec-19	11-Jan-20

- * **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.
- * **German:** These tours are lead by a German speaking translator / tour leader.
- * **LM:** These tours can be combined with the Livingstone – Johannesburg Trade Route tours to create an ultimate Southern African experience.
- * **NB:** These tours can be combined with the Livingstone – Windhoek/LVI Desert & Delta camping tours to create an ultimate Southern African experience

BT14 Johannesburg to Livingstone

€ 1 890 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 190 pp

BT13 Maun to Livingstone *Fly into Maun on day 2 of the BT14 (Monday)*

€ 1 740 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 185 pp

BP10 Maun to Livingstone *Fly into Maun on day 5 of the BT14 (Thursday)*

€ 1 480 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 170 pp

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:


In a nutshell

- A true African experience - wild and free!
- All inclusive trip with cultural experience, adventure and wildlife.
- Victoria Falls, Moremi Game Reserve, Savuti & Chobe National Park, Okavango Delta, Kalahari desert and Makgadikgadi Pans.

Why travel with Sunway Safaris

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups** – by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you are able to witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2 Sunway tour guides** – group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified and registered field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and her wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** – departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.
- **All inclusive price** – when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So when planning the Sunway routes we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours, so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.

- **Safety** – our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Responsible travel** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. 
- On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support.
- **Solo Travellers** – going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience** - we have more than 22 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa, but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** - probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at time of travel require a medical certificate stating client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact marketing@sunway-safaris.com.

Accommodation

- **Camping** - for 3 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks, on private land and in towns. Campsite facilities are generally very good but in places can be basic. There are hot and cold showers, restaurants, washing facilities and telephones available at most of the campsites. Some camps in Botswana have simple reed enclosures for showers but do have flush toilets!
Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest.
- **Wild camping** - for 7 nights while in the Okavango Delta, Moremi, and Chobe we camp wild. Wild camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. Toilets will be of the "dig and bury" variety and a simple bucket bush shower will be provided.
- **Lodge** – 2 nights at a lodge in Livingstone with en-suite rooms.

SOS trees project – Okavango Botswana

- For hundreds of years, the local communities in and around Botswana's Okavango Delta have used the wood of the sausage tree to craft their traditional mokoro (dugout canoes). The knowledge and skill have been passed down from generation to generation and, up until recently, has been a sustainable practice. With increasing numbers of people visiting the Delta each year, more mokoro are needed and as a direct result, more and more sausage trees are being felled and the sausage tree is sadly disappearing from the region. A traditional wooden mokoro will have to be replaced every five years, thereby placing increased pressure on the dwindling sausage tree supply.

Sunway Safaris has established a project to encourage polers in the local communities to buy replica fiberglass mokoro's, which have a lifespan of approximately ten years, are more stable and are produced without any negative affect to the environment. As such, sponsorship for each fiberglass mokoro is needed, and a portion of the tour cost will be donated to the project, but we also will offer our clients the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Please feel free to contact the Sunway Safaris office for more information on the SOS trees project or if you would like to make any contributions towards this project. It is something that is close to all of our hearts and we hope that it will be successful.

Local Payment

- A local payment is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari.

Sunway prepays by bank transfer, as many of the tour costs as possible. However, in many cases, a cash payment is the only option: certain of the destinations that we visit, only accept cash. For example entry fees to most national parks, some of the campsites and also local food markets (and even some shops) are only payable in cash. In addition, each Sunway vehicle has a garage card but these are only accepted in South Africa and parts of Namibia, therefore in all other countries, fuel must be paid for in cash. Due to the remoteness of some departure points, having a local payment system enables us to manage tour funds effectively. The efficiency of this system helps keep the overall tour prices down.

For these reasons, it is necessary for Sunway to charge a local payment. It also ensures that a portion of the tour costs goes directly into the country you are visiting, thereby benefiting local communities and contributing to the conservation of the areas we visit. This is all part of Sunway Safaris' ongoing effort to operate sustainable safaris that make a real difference.

Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- #1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith (Fictional story of life in Botswana)
- Trees of the Okavango by Veronica Roodt (A reference book with traditional uses and myths)
- Okavango: Jewel of the Kalahari by Karen Ross (A comprehensive description of the Delta ecology)
- Don't run whatever You Do by Peter Allison (A guide's perspective of Botswana lodge life)
- Okavango: Africa's Last Eden by Frans Lanting (A coffee table book of photography)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

Shopping

- Craft shopping for carvings, batiks, paintings and clothing is best in Victoria Falls which has a wide variety of curios. Botswana has beautiful grass weavings but these are available mostly at curio shops as there are hardly any craft markets in Botswana.

Food

- We pride ourselves on giving very good healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except 5 dinners and 2 lunches in Maun, Kasane & Victoria Falls where we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- We do cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies.)
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

Difficulty

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. Simple campsites and basic wild camps are enjoyed by the outdoor enthusiast, you will get dusty on occasion; but this is Africa!
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days. The road conditions through the wilderness areas a very poor and our progress can at times be slow and dusty. Remember to hold on at all times and enjoy the ride!
- Everyone is asked to help out with the running of camp on tour. In other words if everyone spends a little time setting up camp, preparing meals and cleaning up then the tour will run smoothly and everyone will have a good time. Participation is the name of the game.

Things you should know

- Includes park entrances, game drives and the Okavango Delta excursion.
- As this tour spends most of the time in wilderness areas it is essential that clients adhere to the tour leaders (and local guides) instructions regarding interaction with wildlife, camp safety and game walk/drive rules.
- Your client will need a valid passport and visas for entry into Zambia, and Botswana and re-entering South Africa.

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- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Also bring daypack for walks and keeping in the vehicle. You will need to bring your own towel.
- We recommend that you bring Euro, US\$ or South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip but please note that foreign currency will need to be changed into Botswana Pula as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept BWP. Zambia requires that all services are paid in local currency (Zambian Kwacha), however major credit cards (Mastercard / Visa) can also be used for optional activities in Livingstone and elsewhere on tour. See the Sunway tour dossier for approximate costs of drinks and meals etc.

Common questions about this trip

1. **Can I buy memory cards?** Memory cards and other photographic accessories will be available several times on tour. A camera with a zoom lens from wide angle to telephoto, 35-300mm, is advisable to capture both scenic and wildlife shots. Each 4WD vehicle as used in Botswana is fitted with a 12/220V inverter – this can be used while the vehicle is running (but will drain the vehicle battery if left plugged in), so this should only be relied on for limited charging of camera batteries and we recommend you bring a 2nd battery. Remember you can also charge your camera on those nights we use accommodation (SA 220V)
2. **Is it safe?** Botswana is relatively safe and your guide knows the country intimately and will endeavor to show you the best parts while looking after you. In the wild areas your guide will brief you on the necessary precautions, follow this advice and you will be fine. Be aware of your personal belongings and you will have a great trip!
3. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Yes, the trip passes through malaria areas and prophylactics are recommended.
4. **What do I need to bring?** All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from www.sunway-safaris.com on home page) but the basics are: - a warm sleeping bag, comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!

