

7 DAY

OKAVANGO WILDERNESS TRAIL (26OWT7A)

Small Group Safari Dossier



Included Highlights

Chobe National Park, Fish Eagle (Sunset) Boat Cruise*
Chobe National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*
Okavango Delta Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari*
Nata Village Tour
Khama Rhino Sanctuary*

***Subject to purchasing the Safari Pass**

Intended Itinerary

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below, but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary and/or accommodation at short notice. Driving times are approximate and may vary due to bad weather, traffic, border crossings, police check-points, road works or road conditions and do not include any stops en-route. **Please therefore treat the following as a guide only.** Your tour may form part of a longer tour, which some of your fellow travellers may have joined already or continue afterwards.

Your tour ends in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year. Pretoria boasts many sights of interest - such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing beside the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars, and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour end point).

How do I get to the airport from Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer with Acacia to take you directly to Johannesburg's OR Tambo International. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are departing late. Alternatively, there is a regular low-cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from Pretoria to OR Tambo International and Johannesburg. If the train interests you, email or ask Acacia for more information.

The description below follows the itinerary with the mandatory Safari Pass for the tour.

Duration: 7 Days
Countries visited: Zimbabwe, Botswana, and South Africa

Day 1: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Kasane, Botswana - Chobe National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 80 km
Approx. driving time: 1 - 2 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

We recommend you arrive at Victoria Falls a few days early, so you can visit the Victoria Falls National Park and Zambezi River.

From Victoria Falls we travel the short distance to the Botswana border and cross into the small town of Kasane, and on to our lodge. This afternoon we head out onto a boat cruise in the Chobe National Park.

Chobe is widely known for its populations of elephant, but the park also contains lion, leopard, hyena, giraffe and a host of antelope and birdlife. The Chobe floodplains and Chobe River provide a sensitive eco system which attracts much of the wildlife of the region especially in the dry season. One highlight of Chobe is the combination of wildlife, birdlife and reptiles seen along the banks of the Chobe River.

We take the afternoon cruise for a unique perspective of river-side wildlife. This evening, we relax and overnight at the lodge.

Accommodation: Thebe River Lodge (or similar) - Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 2: Kasane - Nata

Distance travelled: +/- 315 km
Approx. driving time: 5 - 6 Hours (excluding stops)

We head out to explore the Chobe National Park in an open vehicle game drive where we may have the opportunity to spot not only elephant that are so prolific in the park, but also lion and different antelope species.

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Driving south we may be lucky to encounter elephant or buffalo alongside (or on) the road, often strays to the migratory herds which roam freely throughout the area in search of pasture and water. We stop in the small settlement of Nata for the night. If we are lucky, we will see plenty of bird species including Southern yellow-billed hornbills, pied and arrow-marked babblers, glossy starlings and paradise whydahs from the comfort of the pool deck, bar or breakfast table.

Accommodation: *Nata Lodge (or similar) - Twin share chalets or pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nata Bird Sanctuary*

Day 3: Nata - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 320 km

Approx. driving time: 5 - 6 Hours (excluding stops)

After an early breakfast we join a guided tour through a local village to learn something of the life of the local community. We then depart and head west to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun has experienced rapid growth in recent years and is a bustling provincial centre. Options here include scenic flights, but our priority is to prepare for our excursion into the Okavango Delta. The afternoon is at leisure to relax with a cool beverage and pack for the Delta excursion for the following day.

Accommodation: *Delta Rain Sitatunga Camp (or similar) - Twin share chalets with en-suite facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 4: Maun - Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/- 50 km

Approx. driving time: 1 - 2 Hours (excluding stops)

Heading out early after breakfast we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta. The first part of the journey is by 4x4 over rough sandy paths to the 'mokoro' station, where the river level reaches. Here we are introduced to the local Tswana 'polers', our guides for the excursion and transfer our luggage and equipment to the mokoros (dug-out canoes). We travel by these shallow canoes amongst giant lily pads, tall grasses, and labyrinthine channels to our camp on the edge of the Okavango.

From our camp we venture out on guided walk, in search of some of the prolific birdlife and larger mammals that inhabit the reserve. The whole area is a natural wetland spreading over some 1,600,000ha of northern Botswana offering a perfect habitat for the wildlife that roams here freely. The Okavango River rises in Angola (far to the north) and flows south dividing repeatedly to form an intricate floodplain of channels and swamps which then spreads out into a broad flat inland delta - the only one of its kind in the world.

We enjoy the afternoon wilderness experience and for many people the feeling of being at camp overnight is an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation: *Delta Rain Elephant Bush Camp (or similar) - Twin share pre-erected tents with camp beds and basic en-suite facilities (bucket shower)*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 5: Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 50 km

Approx. driving time: 1 - 2 Hours (excluding stops)

This morning, we explore the surrounds on a nature walk where you have the thrilling experience of being out in the natural wilderness. This is a great way to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the wilderness and enjoy nature as it wakes for the day. After the bush we enjoy breakfast and then pack up again onto our mokoros, leaving nothing behind but footprints. Returning to our 4x4 and bidding our polers farewell, we return to Maun.

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The afternoon offers the opportunity to join the guide for a trip into town for a little shopping. Another popular activity here is an optional scenic flight over the 'Delta' for a bird's eye view of the wilderness you have just explored by mokoro and on foot. Prices depend on number of people interested but seeing the vastness of the Okavango from the air gives a further appreciation of the beauty of this part of Africa. We return to our lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Delta Rain Sitatunga Camp (or similar) - Twin share chalets with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Okavango Delta Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane - 45 min flight, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours), Helicopter Scenic Flight per 3-seater Chopper - 22 min Flight

Day 6: Maun - Khama Rhino Sanctuary - Stevensford Game Reserve

Distance travelled: +/- 710 km

Approx. driving time: 12 - 13 Hours (excluding stops)

Another early rise for our long journey skirting the greater Kalahari, where we may glimpse in the distance the vast salt pans of central Botswana to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary which we normally reach by late afternoon.

In 1989 a group of local people wished to convert the Serowe Pan, previously a hunting area, into a conservation region for the rhino that inhabited the area. The 'Pan' was chosen because of its rhino-friendly habitat (and for its proximity to the Botswana Defence Force base for 24-hour protection against poachers). Khama is a prime habitat for white rhino, zebra, wildebeest, and giraffe and with its community-based wildlife project, allows the local people to benefit from tourism.

We take a game drive to catch sight of some of the rhino with guides often pointing up interesting facts about the local fauna and flora.

Our last night on safari is spent at the Stevensford private nature conservancy situated on the Limpopo River in Botswana's Tuli Block. At 3500 ha, this reserve is home to many species of antelope, crocodile, hippo, zebra, giraffe, and a plethora of bird species.

Accommodation: Stevensford Game Reserve (or similar) - Twin share rooms with en-suite facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: No (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 7: Stevensford Game Reserve - Pretoria, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 400 km

Approx. driving time: 7 - 8 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

Our last morning sees us joining the main route along Martin's Drift border post. Crossing the mighty Limpopo River into South Africa, we take in the scenic views and notice changes to vegetation, infrastructure, and populated areas.

We arrive in Pretoria where our tour ends normally by mid to late afternoon.

Accommodation: Nil

Meals Included: Breakfast

Wi-Fi: N/A

Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

Small Group Safari

To allow for the highlights and experiences packed into this tour, some long distances need to be covered. To minimise the impact travelling inevitably will have on a tour of this nature, we have allocated some days as longer driving days than others. Our intention is to cover the necessary ground as quickly and safely as possible with minimal delays. Africa is a wonderful continent to explore but there are occasions when it helps to remember that we are guests here and that when travelling sometimes things will take longer than we would like or expect at home.

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YOUR FELLOW TRAVELLERS:

Group Size: Maximum 12
Group Age: 8 - 75
Small Group Safaris' travellers come from all over the world and from all walks of life.

WHAT'S INCLUDED: All tour highlights, twin share accommodation as indicated, services of an English-speaking driver / tour leader, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Safari Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature. Meals not included are purchased en-route for lunches, and in restaurants for dinner when in towns. Please ensure you budget for these.

SAFARI PASS: The mandatory Safari Pass is paid to your tour leader at the beginning of the tour in USD cash, US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes (or pre-paid by arrangement at the time of booking). It is separate and in addition to the Tour Price and covers the cost of selected park entries, activities, and excursions along the way. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from your visit at the time of travel.

**ACTIVITIES &
EXCURSIONS:** These are optional activities that are booked during your holiday and paid directly to the provider while on tour. These options offer a variety of experiences and allow you the freedom to decide what activities you would like to do.

ACCOMMODATION: Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities as indicated. We mainly use accommodation situated in comfortable and picturesque locations with a pool, restaurant, and bar.

Please note that whilst every effort has been made to select accommodation of a consistent standard throughout the tour there are areas where this is difficult to achieve. We have not designed the tour with international standard hotels in mind but instead have sourced privately owned properties more suited to the environment and to Acacia's philosophy of helping local benefit from tourism. For that reason, accommodation, hotel facilities and service levels may vary from area to area between and within countries. To a degree this reflects local infrastructure, tourism development, and of the communities whose areas we are visiting. At times you may find lapses in service frustrating, but we ask your patience and that you consider it part of the African experience. Naturally your tour leader will do all he can to rectify any problems that may arise as the tour proceeds and although we ask that you accept that not everything on tour is under his or Acacia's control.

Wi-Fi ON TOUR: While Wi-Fi is becoming more common in some areas of Africa, we cannot guarantee the availability, coverage, speed, cost, or reliability during your tour.

TRANSPORT: 12-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle or minibus, 4x4 open safari vehicle, river cruise boat, mokoro (please note vehicles are not air conditioned).

GAME PARK VISITS To maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

Tour Preparation

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent the booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Victoria Falls (VFA) and Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in **Victoria Falls**. The **pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure**. The tour **departs at 08:00 on day 1 and ends in Pretoria on day 7**. Please check your Travel Voucher for your tour start point.

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Meeting point in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe: Cresta Sprayview or Shearwater Explorers Village Address: See below Tour start time: 08:00 on Day 1	Tour end point in Pretoria: Court Classique Suite Hotel Address: See below Tour end time: Late afternoon/early evening on Day 7
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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe: Cresta Sprayview Reynard Rd Victoria Falls +263 13 44344 reservations@sprayview.cresta.co.zw	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe: Shearwater Explorers Village Adam Stander Drive Victoria Falls +263 (213) 2844471 reservations@shearwatervf.com	Pretoria: Court Classique Suite Hotel 743 Francis Baard Street Pretoria, 0007 +27 (0) 12 344 4420 reservations@courtclassique.co.za
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PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Victoria Falls early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive at least the day before departure to overcome any jetlag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation and transfers for you - please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings. If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival, but you can pre-book this with Acacia or your agent.

LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e., fleece, long trousers, scarf, and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives and cold in winter (May-Aug). Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. A money belt / pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables. A power bank is recommended to charge electronic devices. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet**, issued when you book.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Acacia for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.

COVID-19: International requirements are constantly changing; please contact Acacia for the latest information as it relates to your tour.

VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk. For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

NB: Please ensure you check the tour itinerary to determine whether you require a Multiple or Single-Entry visa for the relevant country prior to applying for your visas.

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Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
South Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

ZIMBABWE

We recommend all nationalities who require a visa to obtain their visa upon arrival, payable in US\$ cash.

BOTSWANA

Travelling with children: Please note that Botswana Immigration requires for all children under the age of 18 to travel with an unabridged birth certificate to enter this country. Specific requirements apply if the minor is not travelling with both parents listed on the certificate. Please contact <https://www.gov.bw/contact-us> for more information.

SOUTH AFRICA

Certain nationalities requiring a visa are required to apply for a visa in advance of arrival.

Travelling with children: Please note that South Africa Immigration requires for all children under the age of 18 to travel with an unabridged birth certificate to enter this country. Specific requirements apply if the minor is not travelling with both parents listed on the certificate. Please see <https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/types-of-visas> for more information.

SARS Traveller Declaration - Mandatory from 1 July 2026: All travellers entering or leaving South Africa must complete the SARS Online Traveller Declaration within 24 hours before departure or arrival. This digital form replaces the old paper customs slip. Travellers will receive a QR code to present at customs. If not completed in advance, it can be done at airport kiosks, but delays may occur. Please see www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration for more information.

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: <http://acacia-africa.com/travel-info> for more details. In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (www.fco.gov.uk) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

Money Matters

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour for lunches, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips, and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand, Botswana Pula, and US Dollars for Zimbabwe (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

Spending money is best carried as cash in either South Africa Rand or US dollars (US Dollars in clean un-torn post 2008 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

Currencies are as follows: South Africa - Rand, Botswana - Pula; Zimbabwe - United States Dollars.

ATM machines are found throughout South Africa and Botswana although may be unreliable (so we ask that you please do not rely on them). Cash is often not available in Zimbabwe.

Credit cards can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be an additional fee for their use.

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash and some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader / driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

To give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in USD unless otherwise stated). All prices subject to change.

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
ZIMBABWE		Victoria Falls continues...	
Victoria Falls		Birding Half Day	\$160
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$170	BOTSWANA	
Bike Tour - 3 hours	\$65	Maun	
White-Water Rafting	\$130	Okavango Scenic Flight (5-seater plane - 45min flight)	From \$650
Gorge Swing	\$100	Okavango Scenic Helicopter Flight (3-seater - 22min flight)	From \$450
Full Day Canoe	\$150	Nata	
Helicopter (12min flight)	\$150	Nata Bird Sanctuary	\$35
Jet Boating	\$100		

Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the lodges we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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QUALITY & PROTECTION

As a member of ABTA (W4093), we are fully bonded for your financial protection and adhere to the highest standards set by the organisation for quality and service.

Get Connected

FACEBOOK:

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AcaciaAfrica and connect with other Acacia travellers and people booked on your tour. Tag us in your amazing travel posts / stories to be featured.

INSTAGRAM:

Find us on Instagram @acaciaafrica and tag us in your amazing travel posts / stories to be featured.

BLOG:

Follow our blog at <http://acacia-africa.com/blog> and get regular updates from our crew on the road as well as other Acacia Travellers.

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