# Botswana

UNDISCOVERED OKAVANGO DELTA SAFARI wildlife & nature adventure | 9 days

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### TRIP ITINERARY



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## How we deliver THE WORLD'S GREAT ADVENTURES

A passion for travel. Simply put, we love to travel, and that infectious spirit is woven into every one of our journeys. Our staff travels the globe searching out hidden-gem inns and lodges, taste testing bistros, trattorias, and noodle stalls, and discovering the trails and plying the waterways of each remarkable destination. When we come home, we separate wheat from chaff, creating memorable adventures that will connect you with the very best qualities of each destination.

Unique, award-winning itineraries. Our flexible, handcrafted journeys have received accolades from the world's most revered travel publications. Beginning from our appreciation for the world's most breathtaking and interesting destinations, we infuse our journeys with the elements of adventure and exploration that stimulate our souls and enliven our minds. Whether you are looking for a challenging physical expedition or a leisurely cultural exploration, Boundless Journeys has exceptional itineraries to match your sense of adventure.

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**Flexibility to suit your travel style.** We offer both scheduled, small-group departures and custom journeys so that you can choose which works best for you. Not finding exactly what you are looking for? Let us customize a journey to fulfill your travel dreams.

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Multi-year recipient of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's **"World's Best Tour Operator"**; and recognized by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine as one of the **Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth.** 

## **Botswana** undiscovered okavango delta safari

We hope you will join us on this fantastic journey to Botswana. We have handcrafted this safari from our own experience and hope you fall in love with this very special part of Africa—as we have!

#### THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

One of the world's great travel adventures, an African safari should be inspiring, thrilling, immersive, and of course, fun. With nearly 40% of its land protected—a combined area nearly the size of Texas—Botswana offers an ideal backdrop for a safari that is all those things and more.

Boundless Journeys' *Undiscovered Okavango Delta Safari* will take you deep into private reserves bordering the country's world-famous national parks, where you will find yourself immersed in remote, wildlife-rich areas, with flexibility to explore off-road, get out of the vehicle, and embark on a real adventure.

Whether learning about southern hemisphere constellations during an aftersundown guided stargazing session, or descending into an underground hide for up-close views of thirsty elephants from ground level, or walking with the safety of an armed ranger, you'll encounter a diversity of wildlife that is breathtaking to behold—lion, leopard, cheetah, numerous plains animals, and one of the largest elephant populations in Africa—all in the company of some of Botswana's most revered guides.

For those looking to experience more in this region, optional extensions to your Boundless Journeys adventure are offered to Victoria Falls—one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World—or to Cape Town, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and more.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Fun and engaging activities that go beyond game drives, from wildlife tracking walks, to mokoroing, to night excursions—all advantages of staying in private reserves (some activities are seasonal)
- Travel with an experienced naturalist guide who seamlessly leads your entire safari
- Epic and diverse African landscapes and an optional extension to Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World
- Permanent safari camps offer an authentic and comfortable safari experience in prime locations

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## SAFARI OVERVIEW



### THE BASICS

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Duration:	9-day Safari				74100	
Tour start:	Maun, Botswana					
Tour end:	Maun, Botswana					
Accommodations:	8 nights comfortable, permanent camps					
	(spacious, walk-in tents with en suite private					JAO
	facilitie	es and	full-size	e beds)		
Trip rating:	1	2	3	4	5	
	Easy .			Stı	renuous	
Land cost:	\$6,995 per person**					
Single Supplement:	First one reserved on each departure:*					_
	\$2,19	5; Add	itional s	singles: \$	2,695	N
	*Must	reserve	e at lea	st 120 da	ays ahead.	Â
Internal Airfare:	\$950 per person					



### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags—we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- · Expert leadership
- · Services of safari camp staff, including laundry service
- Scheduled bush flights
- All accommodations and meals
- All activities noted in the itinerary, such as daily game drives, night drives, mokoro excursions, and tracking walks
- · Local wine, beer, and cocktails
- Gratuities for porterage, camp staff, mokoro paddlers, rangers, and transfer drivers
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, smallgroup trip (conditions apply)

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance with booking your flights or other travel plans, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at 800-941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.



"We continue to bathe in the rich memories of the trip and want to thank you, Karen, and all of your people who helped make it such an enjoyable, flawless trip. It certainly did exceed our expectations and we could not be more satisfied with your efforts and those of your wonderful people in Botswana. It was truly a lifetime experience we will treasure always." —H.F., Monterey, CA

### ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

#### TYPICAL ITINERARY

Following represents the typical activities you will enjoy on this safari. Your guide may amend the plan on any given day to take best advantage of current wildlife movements, in order to provide the most memorable experience.

#### **DAYS 1-2**

Fly from Maun, Botswana to our camp in the Okavango Delta's private Jao Concession. For two days, embark on boat safaris, nature walks, and river explorations by mokoro from our permanent tented camp.

#### **DAYS 3-5**

On Day 4, a light air transfer brings us to the Khwai private concession in the southeast Okavango Delta, wedged between the Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park. Activities include game drives, guided star-gazing, as well as game viewing from hides providing both up-close and bird's-eye views of the wildlife.

#### **DAYS 6-8**

On Day 6, a light air transfer brings us to the Linyanti Concession bordering Chobe National Park, Botswana. From our exclusive, private tented camp, embark on game drives and tracking walks in this region known for its elephant and wild dog populations, among many other species.

#### DAY 9

After a final morning game drive on Day 9, we fly to Maun, Botswana, where you are free to depart for home or additional African travels. Extension options include a visit to the incredible Victoria Falls.

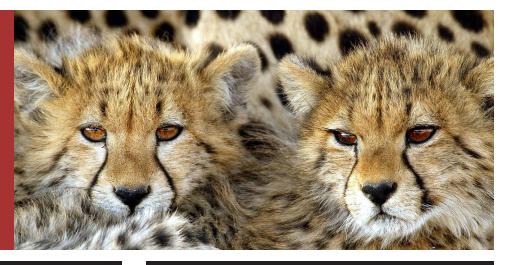
## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS; CALL FOR SAMPLE ITINERARIES: 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS - VICTORIA FALLS

Whether from the Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia side of the iconic falls, you'll experience river cruises, a tour of the falls, and options for game drives in the Mosi Oa Tunya or Zambezi National Parks.

#### **5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS - CAPE TOWN**

We recommend a 5 day/4 night extension to allow three full days of exploration in Cape Town, including must-see areas of the historic center of Cape Town, Table Mountain, the Cape Peninsula, and the Winelands. Extensions can be customized to your interests and preferred accommodation style—from simple to luxurious.

## THE JOURNEY



### DAY 1: Into the Okavango

Activity Overview: Wildlife viewing by boat (depending on animal activity and water levels) Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: about 3 hours

Upon your midday arrival in Maun, you will be met by our guide and embark on our bushflight over the shimmering waters of the Okavango Delta. This initial flight provides a remarkable and beautifully scenic introduction to one of the world's most unusual ecosystems. The Delta represents life at its most fertile -- abundant water, sunlight, and rich soil combine to form a paradise bursting with life and a landscape of indescribable beauty.

By mid-afternoon, we arrive at our home for the next two nights, a comfortable, cozy five-room permanent tented camp located in the private Jao Concession, deep in the heart of the Okavango Delta. This area's abundant water allows for boat outings, complemented by nature walks. This afternoon, we'll start our exploration of the area by motorboat, complete with sundowners.

Wildlife here includes water-loving species, such as elephant, hippo, lechwe, reed buck, sitatunga and crocodiles, not to mention spectacular birding, with some 450 species recorded. All of this in complete solitude with only a few other camp visitors exploring the area; a huge advantage of staying in a private reserve.

Accommodation: Pelo Camp, Private Jao Concession, Okavango Delta, Botswana Meals: D

### DAY 2: The Okavango Delta

Activity Overview: Mokoroing and possible wildlife viewing by boat or on foot (depending on animal activity and water levels)

Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: about 5-6 hours

This morning, we awaken to the day breaking over our campfire. We enjoy a hot drink before heading out for our first mokoro adventure of the safari.

Traditionally constructed from the strong trees of the Delta, the Botswanan dugout canoe, or *mokoro*, can most closely be compared to the Venetian gondola. Your guide will stand in the back and pole you through the shallow, crystal-clear waters of the Delta, while you relax and enjoy this most sublime of safari experiences.

We keep our eyes peeled for both large and small denizens of the Delta—from colorful frogs clinging to reeds, to snorting hippos and graceful lechwe, we never know exactly what we'll spy around the next bend in the river.

This afternoon, when we are back in camp, our guide will pull out the maps and provide an informative (but of course, optional!) presentation on the ecosystem of the Okavango Delta, before we head back out for another evening activity. As another glorious African sun slips below the horizon, we make our way back to camp for a delicious dinner.

Accommodation: Pelo Camp, Private Jao Concession, Okavango Delta, Botswana Meals: B, L, D



### DAY 3: Okavango Delta West to East

Activity Overview: Morning and afternoon safari activities Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours

This morning, we enjoy a final activity at Pelo Camp perhaps a peaceful mokoro exploration through the waterways, exploring in the camp boat, or a nature walk in the bush.

We'll then return to camp, gather our things and depart for the airstrip, where our aircraft awaits to take us to our camp for the next three nights. Nestled between the Moremi Game Reserve, Chobe National Park, and the Khwai River, this exclusive private area boasts an incredible diversity of animals—think herds of elephant and buffalo, along with lion, leopard and wild dog fiercely defending their territories, and plains species such as kudu, red lechwe, and herds of antelope.

This afternoon, we head out on our first game drive to explore the camp's surroundings, enjoying sundowners in a scenic spot as the sun slips below the horizon, before returning for dinner in camp.

Accommodation: Hyena Pan, Khwai Private Reserve, Okavango Delta, Botswana Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 4: Hyena Pan

Activity Overview: Morning and afternoon safari activities game drive and sunken hide photographic session Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours Today's plan will be based on recent wildlife activities in the area, but may include starting our day in a below-ground hide at Hyena Pan. Sometimes kiddingly referred to as "elephant cage diving," getting into a sunken hide allows even the most amateur of photographers to capture some amazing images in complete safety. A room half-buried underground, with a ground-level opening allowing for up-close photography, sunken hides allow us to capture captivating angles as elephants and other wildlife come to drink from the pan.

After a relaxing siesta back at camp, we'll embark on another game drive, exploring more of our private reserve.

Accommodation: Hyena Pan, Khwai Private Reserve, Okavango Delta, Botswana Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 5: Wildlife viewing and stargazing

Activity Overview: Morning and afternoon/evening safari activities—game drives and guided stargazing Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours

For our final full day at Hyena Pan, we have a variety of choices, and as always our guide will make recommendations based on the movements of the wildlife in the surrounding area.

For those craving a morning to sleep later, there is always the option of taking advantage of Hyena Pan's particularly good location next to a sizeable watering hole. Here one can sit with a pair of binoculars, a field guide, your camera or perhaps even a sketch book if you are feeling inspired, and enjoy an armchair safari as animals of all kinds make



their way to the watering hole throughout the morning to slake their thirst. For those eager to stay on the move, a morning game drive will be offered.

This afternoon, after teatime, we'll head out on an evening game drive, ultimately making our way to an elevated platform hide on the reserve. In addition to being an excellent spot for sundowners and viewing animals from a bird's eye view, the platform offers an excellent vantage point to enjoy a stargazing lesson covering the southern hemisphere constellations.

Accommodation: Hyena Pan, Khwai Private Reserve, Okavango Delta, Botswana

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 6: Into the Linyanti

Activity Overview: Morning and afternoon safari activities Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours

After a final activity and breakfast on Day 6 we fly northeast, departing the Okavango Delta and entering the renowned Linyanti Concession. After a short game drive we arrive at our final camp, which offers simple yet luxurious comforts for our own private use, and is set up overlooking the famed Savute Channel. Our final three nights are spent exploring this vast, wildlife-filled wilderness in nearly complete solitude.

The landscape of the Linyanti region varies from floodplains to open, dry savannah and forest with sweeping views, creating a paradise for a high diversity of wildlife and bird species. During our days here, our activities will include game drives in the private northern region of the concession. Here we explore a range of habitats, from riverbanks to scrub and forest, which reveal a myriad of wildlife. In particular, the world's largest densities of elephants can be found in this region during the dry season from May to October. Impressive even in small family groups, when these animals gather together in numbers, it becomes an awe-inspiring sight you won't soon forget. In addition to the elephants, seldom-seen sitatunga can often be spotted in the waterways, as well as rare plains game such as roan and sable antelope, and of course their predators, lion and leopard, with the endangered wild dog as an incredible bonus.

Accommodation: Linyanti Tented Camp, Private Linyanti Concession, Botswana Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 7: Exploring the Linyanti

Activity Overview: Morning tracking walk;\* afternoon-into -night game drive Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours

This morning, our adventures will be on foot, perhaps driving a short distance from camp before striking out through the bush with a specially qualified "trails" guide. Exploring on foot allows us to learn about the smaller signs of wildlife, and we find our senses are heightened without the vehicle surrounding us. Learning some of the same skills our guides use to track wildlife—print identification and aging, dung recognition, and how to interpret signs left behind by passing animals—will allow us to begin "decoding" the bush that surrounds us.

This afternoon, we depart for a game drive that will take us into the evening. When the sun has set and darkness falls, a new world of wildlife awakens. From bushbabies, to spring hares, to leopards on the move, we'll spend some time post sunset to search out the species that are rarely seen during the day.

Accommodation: Linyanti Tented Camp, Private Linyanti Concession, Botswana

Meals: B, L, D

\*please note that due to factors beyond our control, plans for walking are always subject to change. However, we will make every attempt to include a tracking walk from this camp at some point during our stay.

### DAY 8: Exploring the Linyanti

Activity Overview: Morning game drive and possible walk;\* afternoon photography from logpile hide Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 5-6 hours

Our final full day of exploring the Linyanti region will include a morning game drive, perhaps incorporating another walk along the banks of the Linyanti. In the afternoon, we'll have more opportunities for capturing unforgettable images of elephants enjoying the water from a nearby logpile hide.

This evening we'll enjoy a final, celebratory dinner to commemorate our time exploring this natural wonderland together.

Accommodation: Linyanti Tented Camp, Private Linyanti Concession, Botswana Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 9: Departure or Extend Your Safari

On the morning of Day 9, our final scenic bush flight returns us to Maun, where we say goodbye to each other and the shimmering waters of the Okavango Delta, in time for departure on early afternoon flights.

Meals: B

Alternatively, you may wish to extend your trip to visit other regions; from Cape Town to Victoria Falls, Boundless Journeys offers a wide variety of extensions to help you make the most of your African safari experience. Please call 1-800-941-8010 to discuss the possibilities.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, wildlife movements, and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.



## ACCOMMODATIONS



#### NIGHTS1&2

#### Pelo Camp

Private Jao Concession, Okavango Delta, Botswana

Set on a small heart-shaped island (*pelo* means 'heart') in one of the most remote areas of the Okavango Delta, Pelo Camp is an intimate, unpretentious fiveroomed camp. Each spacious tented room offers two full or one king-sized bed with en suite facilities. A lounge and dining area under canvas are complemented by a traditional African 'boma,' and there is also a plunge pool. A true "water camp," Pelo offers mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions, guided nature walks, and game-viewing by motorboat.



### NIGHTS 3, 4, & 5

#### Hyena Pan Khwai Private Reserve, Okavango Delta, Botswana

Hyena Pan is a comfortable tented safari camp in the Khwai Reserve—nearly 1/2 million acres of private, wildlife-filled nature tucked between the world-famous Chobe National Park and Moremi Game Reserve, on the fringe of the Okavango Delta. Eight spacious tents are built on raised decks and feature en suite bathrooms with private, shady verandas, and pretty views across the Hyena Pan lagoon, where wildlife of all manner comes to drink. The dining area, lounge and plunge pool enjoy the same views, and provide a welcoming area to relax and enjoy sundowners with fellow travelers.



#### NIGHTS 6, 7, & 8

#### Linyanti Tented Camp

Private Linyanti Concession, Northeast Okavango Delta, Botswana Our exclusive private camp in the wildlife-rich Linyanti Concession overlooks the iconic marsh and floodplains that draw large elephant herds and much more during the dry season. Four large, airy en suite tents are designed to recreate the style of the early explorers. The camp's main area is the perfect place from which to watch the passing parade of wildlife and for convivial relaxation. Evenings are spent around the crackling fire under the stars or in the traditional boma.

## WHAT TO EXPECT



#### **TRIP RATING**

Boundless Journeys' trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. *Undiscovered Okavango Delta Safari* is rated 1, easy, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). Our primary activities require little aerobic fitness, but some agility for getting in and out of vehicles and mokoro canoes, and walking through uneven terrain. This trip can be enjoyed by anyone who is in reasonably good health. We will walk where possible, but this is often determined by the local area and country regulations. NOTE: These optional walks are at your own risk, and can take you close to potentially dangerous wild animals.

#### PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. Regular walking and other exercise prior to the trip will prepare you for the activities (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this safari.

#### THE SAFARI EXPERIENCE

A variety of activities are included on this safari, but the primary activity is game driving. The wildlife is typically most active early in the morning and late in the afternoon (these times also provide the best light for photography), and therefore we plan our activities accordingly. Typically, one of the camp staff will knock at your tent door early in the morning, and the group will gather for a quick, light breakfast and coffee or tea before departing camp as the sun rises. We move slowly, and even when animals are not present, the landscape and sounds of the bush are entrancing. We spend a few hours exploring and observing animals at watering holes or on the move from one region to another. As we come upon groups of animals, we allow plenty of time to simply observe and also take photographs. Our guides are experienced naturalists and will add greatly to your understanding of the animals. We keep a respectful distance—although the same cannot always be said about the animals, and it is not unusual to come nose-to-car with baboons, zebras, wildebeest, gazelles, and elephants. By mid-late morning, we return to camp where a delicious brunch awaits.

After brunch, we enjoy a few hours of down time, enjoying the amenities of camp, resting, birdwatching, taking photos, or perhaps reading about the region you are visiting.

In the afternoon, we gather for hors d'oeuvres and drinks before heading out for the afternoon activity. Some days this will be another game drive, while other times we may board mokoros for a quiet exploration of the waterways near camp or explore the area on foot in the company of our guide and a ranger. "Sundowners"—a light snack and cocktails in the bush, are an African safari tradition, and a great way to enjoy unforgettable African sunsets. We then make our way back to camp, sometimes driving with a spotlight to look for nocturnal animals.

In the evenings, dinner is enjoyed as a group, and will vary from seated meals ordered from the daily menu, to dining in the camp *boma* (a traditional protected outdoor dining area) with a feast of traditional African foods and entertainment by the camp staff. These are joyful performances where it is often difficult to tell who is having more fun—the staff or the camp guests!

#### WEATHER

The winter season begins in May and ends in August. This is also the dry season when virtually no rainfall occurs. Winter days are generally sunny and cool to warm; however, during cold snaps, evening and night temperatures can drop below freezing in some areas. Please be prepared for chilly weather in the evening/night/morning and bring plenty of warm clothing, including a hat, gloves, long pants, fleece/wool top, and a windbreaker jacket.

Tents and public areas are not heated, though the public areas do have fire pits, and beds are warmed with hot water bottles on cold nights. Ponchos are available for use in the safari vehicles.

The following are average temperatures in the regions we'll be visiting:

May	82/49
June	77/42
July	77/42
August	83/47
Sept	91/55

You may obtain more detailed weather information at www. weatherbase.com.

#### WHEN TO GO

There are excellent reasons to visit Botswana at any time of year. Our *Undiscovered Okavango Delta Safari* is scheduled for the peak season to explore all that the magical Okavango Delta has to offer: abundant wildlife, seasonal inundations (allowing for exploration by mokoro and boat in addition to traditional game drives), and ideal weather.

In May, the green season has ended but foliage remains on the trees and dust levels are low; flood waters begin arriving for the season. By August and into September, the dry winter season has begun to have an impact on both the landscape and the wildlife. The landscape is more arid in appearance although the floodwaters remain high, and the animals congregate in large numbers near the remaining watering holes. Predator and prey are often in close proximity in their intense need for water, leading to some memorable encounters. No matter when you choose to go, you will see more elephants, giraffes, zebras, gazelles, buffalos, hippos, and big cats than you can keep track of!

For those with an interest in an extension trip to Victoria Falls, it is important to note that the amount of water going over the falls during the dry season is highest in the month of May, and becomes progressively less as the season advances; by August and September, there is little water passing over the Zambian side of the falls. At this time, a tour of the Zimbabwe side of the falls is recommended. In either case, spending time on the Zambezi River is an ideal way to top off your safari experience.

#### TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Trip participants have certain responsibilities to both Boundless Journeys and your fellow travelers. This includes understanding the conditions described in the trip itinerary and making sure it is appropriate for your interests and abilities, based on a review of the trip ratings, consultation with Boundless Journeys' staff, and perhaps your doctor. In addition, trip participants are responsible for preparing for a trip by undertaking the proper fitness training. At the guide's discretion, a participant may be asked to leave the trip if the guide feels that the person's further participation may be detrimental to the individual or to other trip participants. If you have any questions about the difficulty level of the trip you have chosen, please contact Boundless Journeys to speak with one of our Destination Managers.

#### SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

Small group travel affords us the opportunity to seek out the most remote and exotic destinations on the planet. Often we are exploring these locales with just 6-8 guests. The nature of active group travel is such that not all participants have the same ability level or interests. Traveling at a pace that is comfortable for the entire group, with a spirit of flexibility and adventure are all part of this intimate experience.

#### **DRINKS WITH MEALS**

At Boundless Journeys we believe group dinners are a time to celebrate our day, while enjoying the best of local cuisine, and good company. On this safari, regional beer, wine, and house cocktails are included in the cost of your trip. If you prefer premium wine or liquor, you may order what you like and settle your tab at the end of your stay at each camp.



#### DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all trips; however, in an effort to reduce waste, the first camp will provide an aluminum water bottle which you may travel with and refill from a central water cooler at each camp. This is just one small way we strive to travel more responsibly and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.

Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge, too, and learn more about TAP's efforts at www.travelersagainstplastic.org.

#### CUISINE

In the camps, the food is healthy, varied, and delicious, a feat when considering the logistics involved in servicing these remote areas with fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and meats. To accommodate our morning and late afternoon activity schedule, several small meals and a few large ones are served daily. The pre-game drive early breakfast typically includes porridge, cereals, yogurt, fruit, coffee and tea; brunch includes typical breakfast fare accompanied by more savory items like sausage tarts, spring rolls, pasta dishes, and other eclectic choices; afternoon tea offers cakes, cookies, and savory items; "sundowners" are light appetizers and cocktails often taken at a scenic spot in the bush; and finally, dinner, ordered from a menu with two or three daily choices. Beef, pork, and chicken are the basis of most main dishes, with occasional opportunities to try indigenous meats like farm-raised springbok.

Vegetarians can be accommodated with advance notice, though choices tend to be more limited. Please inform us of specific dietary restrictions by completing your online guest information form.

#### TRANSPORTATION

While in the bush, transportation is provided in open-sided safari vehicles. Around cities, and for airport transfers, a shuttle van is used.

Camps on this safari are reached by small aircraft that may be shared with other travelers. This is typically in a 12-seater Cessna Grand Caravan, although the exact plane size and type can vary based on group size.

## OUR BOTSWANA TEAM

#### TRIP MANAGER



#### Karen Cleary

Born and raised in Vermont, Karen was a founding employee of Boundless Journeys, which allowed her to travel extensively to expand our collection in the early years. She soon began focusing her attention on Africa, deepening her knowledge to become our safari specialist. She has explored eastern and southern Africa's wild places numerous times and never tires of the grandeur. Karen enjoys hiking, skiing, and mountain biking with her family and their dog, Max.

#### **GUIDES**

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



#### Brooks Kamanakao

"I was really born in the bush," states Brooks. This rings true considering he grew up in the small village of Motopi, on the banks of the then flowing Boteti River and one of the main channels of the Okavango Delta. Belonging to the Bayei tribe (the people who introduced mokoros to the Okavango Delta), Brooks had a fascination with Botswana's wild areas from a young age. Determined to succeed, he began his career in tourism as a casual worker, soon being granted a position as a barman/waiter. As his interest was in the bush, he soon managed to move into the position of tracker which he pursued for a year before passing the guide's course in 2000. A combination of superlative bush knowledge, friendly hosting, and a wide interest in astronomy, birding, and the diverse cultures of Botswana make Brooks an excellent all around traveling companion.



#### **Ollie Porote**

Olebogile (known to all as Ollie) was born and raised in Maun, Botswana. He comes from a long line of subsistence farmers, and his passion for and appreciation of nature and wildlife stems from his days as a small boy herding goats and cattle in the bush. After completing school, Ollie did his national service in the Department of Customary Law, and then enrolled in a professional guiding course at The Botswana Wildlife Training Institute. With over a decade of guiding experience all around the Okavango Delta, Ollie brings a depth of knowledge and enthusiasm for his homeland that is contagious.

## NEXT STEPS



#### TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

#### **ONCE YOU RESERVE**

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

#### **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

#### **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

#### QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at info@ boundlessjourneys.com. Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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## BOUNDLESS BEYOND



#### **RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

At Boundless Journeys our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

#### WE ARE COMMITTED TO

**Making connections**. Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a connection to and understanding of place.

**Going local.** Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners abroad as we return year after year.

**Respecting people and the environment.** We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Give back**. Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or service-based travel opportunity.

**Learn more.** Visit boundlessjourneys.com/responsibletravel to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

**Join us.** Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at travelersagainstplastic.org.

#### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.

