

Botswana - Okavango, Linyanti & Savute



Elephants drinking, Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta on earth. Instead of flowing into the sea, the annual flood of fresh water flows inland, spreading over 15 000km² of the Kalahari sand in a maze of lagoons and channels. The delta is at its most impressive in August when the champagne-coloured water is at its deepest. Most of the animals' young are born between November and March when the vegetation is lush. Experience the waters and get close to the game of the Delta by taking a makoro trip in some of the channels. Your experienced poler will guide you around lazy, but vigilant hippos, and you can immerse yourself in the beauty and the wildness of the Okavango.



Cheetahs at waterhole

Linyanti

On the southern banks of the Linyanti River is the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Here the marsh subsides into lagoons and steadily flowing rivers with riverine forests of Jackal Berry and Sausage trees leading to open grasslands, and dry inland wooded areas. The wildlife is plentiful, especially in the dry winter months (April – October) when great concentrations of elephant, buffalo

and zebra congregate along the river, with giraffe, impala and roan antelope being seen in the forests.

Savute

Often described as one of, if not the best, wildlife-viewing area in Africa today. Savute boasts one of the highest concentrations of wildlife left on the African continent. Animals are present during all seasons, and at certain times of the year their numbers can be staggering. If you allow yourself adequate time here (a minimum of three to four days is recommended) you will probably see nearly all the major species. Savute is famous for its predators, particularly its resident lions and spotted hyena populations. You may even be lucky enough to see the endangered wild dog.

Wilderness Property Grading

Wilderness Safaris Camps consist of Premier & Classic Camps.

Premier Camps: This is the highest level of camp in their portfolio and comprises their most elegant and stylised accommodation.

Classic Camps: The Classic camps are generally tented camps, although a few are lodges built from permanent structures. All these camps offer superb facilities and accommodation, the bedrooms being slightly smaller than those of their Premier camps.

Their camps are then graded on the Paw Grading system.

6 Paw: This is the highest level and is equivalent to a 5-star deluxe grading

5+ Paw: This is one level below 6 Paw and is considered equivalent to a 5-star grading



Typical Day on Safari

The dawn of a new day and the bush is coming to life. Baboons scream a warning as they sense a predator close by. Fish Eagles utter their eerie cry as they skim the waters for breakfast. Somewhere in the wilderness a lion roars, greeting the new day. Hippos grunt their pleasure as they splash back into their watery sanctuaries. At camp the African drums are thumping their wake-up call and inviting you to be a part of the magic that is the African bush.

- Early morning wake-up with tea and coffee
- Light breakfast of cereal and fruit
- Morning game drive with coffee in the bush
- Return to camp for brunch
- Afternoon tea with cakes and savouries
- Afternoon game drive with sundowners
- Dinner in camp...

...its a hard life, but someone's gotta do it!

