

Tour code: **BT14**
 Guaranteed departures
 Small group safari maximum: **12 travellers**
 Travel through: **Botswana, Zambia & South Africa**
 Safari length: **14 days**

2016

BOTSWANA "WILD SIDE"



DEPARTS:

JOHANNESBURG on Sunday at 06:30am

ENDS:

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

Highlights

- * Khama Rhino Sanctuary – game drive
- * 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 6 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!).

Meals 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 8 dinners will be provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle and eaten around the camp fire.

Transport for the majority 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. For the first two days from Johannesburg to Maun we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats; or (on 5% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning.

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 6-11). The camp assistant will help with meal preparation and washing up, and make your life a little easier!

CAMPING ITINERARY

Day 1 **JOHANNESBURG to KHAMA RHINO SANCTUARY** [camping -LD] (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing Johannesburg at 06:30am we head north into Botswana. We pass Serowe, birthplace of Botswana's first president, Sir Seretse Khama, on our way to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. This 4300 hectare reserve situated on the Kalahari sandveld, has several natural waterholes and provides prime habitat for white rhino, zebra and wildebeest. We take our first game drive around the open grassland of Malema and Serwe Pans.

Day 1: Breakfast is not included

Day 1: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 1: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Khama Rhino Sanctuary
Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers.
Distance/time: 630km, ± 7½ hours, excluding border formalities & stops for sightseeing & lunch



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 2 **MAUN** [camping BL-]

We drive through the Kalahari to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. 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 2: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

Day 2: 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: 450km, ± 6½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing



Day 3, 4, 5 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 3, 4: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3, 4: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3, 4: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5: 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 3 & 4: Wild camping – basic facilities with bucket shower
Day 5 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 6,7,8,9 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 6, 7, 8, 9: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6, 7, 8, 9: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6, 7, 8, 9: 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 10 – 11 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 11.

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 provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

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

Day 11: 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 10 wild camping – basic ablutions with bucket shower

day 11 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 12 – 13 VICTORIA FALLS / LIVINGSTONE ZAMBIA [camping Bx2 - -]

We camp 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 12, 13: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 13: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 12, 13: 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 14 **ZAMBIA - LIVINGSTONE – TOUR ENDS** [- B - -]

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

Day 14: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 14: Lunch not included

Day 14: 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.

2016 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

Prices: (valid Jan 2016 – Dec 2016)

BT14 € 1 740 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 70 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.)

2016 DEPARTURE DATES

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

23-Oct-16	05-Nov-16	LM
30-Oct-16	12-Nov-16	German / NB
06-Nov-16	19-Nov-16	LM
13-Nov-16	26-Nov-16	NB
20-Nov-16	03-Dec-16	LM
27-Nov-16	10-Dec-16	German / NBg
04-Dec-16	17-Dec-16	
11-Dec-16	24-Dec-16	NB
18-Dec-16	31-Dec-16	
25-Dec-16	07-Jan-17	

* **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

BT14 Johannesburg to Livingstone

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

Single supplement: € 70 pp

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

€ 1 590 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 65 pp

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

€ 1 330 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 50 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.