

Botswana

“Sea of land, land of water”

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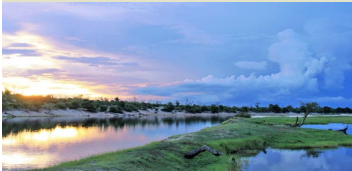
Explore Botswana's exceptional beauty, from the lush green shores of the Okavango Delta to the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert.



The landlocked country of Botswana offers vast, unspoiled landscapes. It is one of the prime wild destination that Africa has to offer. The country has a unique ecosystems, which gives the country an amazing contrast from the spectacular waterways of the Okavango Delta in the north through to the harsh dry desert of the Kalahari in the south.

Safari opportunities are plentiful in Botswana and a wide range of species can be discovered on your journey. Key species such as African Wild Dog, the Big 5, Cheetah and Spotted Hyena are plentiful in the parks while birders can keep an eye out for Pels Fishing Owl, Carmine Bee Eater, Long-Toed Lover, Greater Flamingo and more, depending on the region.

Plan your safari to visit Botswana's hotshot safari locations. Each destination offers an unforgettable experience.



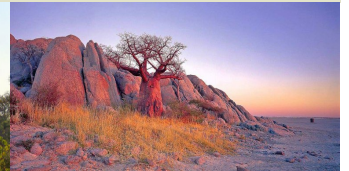
Okavango Delta



The Kalahari Desert



The Tuli Block



Makgadikgadi

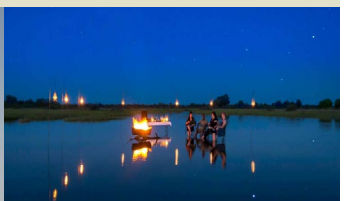
This inland delta is formed right where the Okavango River flows into the Kalahari, giving the Okavango Delta an incredible dense population of fauna and flora. Known for luxurious camps and lodges the Okavango Delta is the perfect location experience close encounters with Africa's quintessential large game species. It also offer unique safari activities; try your hand at fishing for the infamous tigerfish, or enjoy the remarkable birdlife found in this oasis.

The Kalahari is a vast, remote wilderness that takes up the centre of Botswana. Being classified as a dessert does not mean it is unpopulated, quite to opposite. The area teems with wildlife, having a high densities of large and small predators, large herds of buck and great birdlife abound. The Central Kalahari Game Reserve offers luxury camps and several tour operators run catered trips for those looking at a guided tour through this fascinating semi-desert landscape.

Fondly known as the 'Land of Giants', where huge trees line the banks of the Limpopo and the Shashe Rivers, the Tuli Block is situated alongside the borders of South Africa and Zimbabwe. Massive herds of elephant wander the river basin, and the large apex predators are prolific. The Tuli gets incredibly dry during the dry winter months, and game species are drawn to the rivers and to the remaining pools. The Tuli offers a wide array of activities.

Lying to the southeast of the Okavango and surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, Makgadikgadi consists of salt pans with stretches of sandy desert linking them. The largest pans are the Sua, Nwetwe and Nxai Pans. Even though area hot and dry, it enjoys regular seasonal rains which cover the pans with grass and water, creating a refuse for birds and wildlife. Makgadikgadi is a popular camping destination.

Unique and different safari activities await. From traditional mokoro canoe safaris, to boating tours, from hot air balloon safaris to hiking tours.



Botswana offers several different non-motorised and alternative safari opportunities while still offering traditional game drives and walking safaris:

- Paddle through the waters of the Okavango Delta in a traditional dugout canoe (mokoro) while your guide points out the wildlife and landscape features.
- For those who prefer cycling, you can explore Tuli, the Land of Giants on the back of a bicycle.
- Go Tiger fishing in the Caprivi, also known as the Caprivi Strip.
- Taste true wilderness in one of the remotest places in Africa – the Central Kalahari, while on a hiking or guided driving safari.
- Camp out under the stars on the vast salt pans of the Makgadikgadi, enjoying some of the best views of the Milky Way.
- To round off your trip, why not enjoy a couple of lazy days on a houseboat on the Chobe River, taking in the beautiful Chobe National Park.

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