



**KHWAI** SAFARI  
GROUNDNS

*Moremi Game Reserve-North* \_\_\_\_\_



## ITINERARY

### DELTA ELEPHANT TRIP

<b>DURATION</b>	<b>4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS</b>
<b>RATES</b>	<b>USD400 PER PERSON PER DAY</b>

#### Trip Information

The best of Botswana's incredibly beautiful and diverse safari destinations are wrapped up in this 4 nights / 5 days itinerary - starting in Maun and ending in Maun.

This Fully Serviced Safari is a non-participation safari, where the Khwai Safari Grounds team will carry out all the necessary camp chores to keep the safari running smoothly. You will be accompanied by a professional guide, safari chef, and camp assistants. On moving days the safari team will break camp, travel to the next campsite and prepare the camp at the next location. Upon arrival you will find your camp ready with tents erected.

The tents are large canvas dome tents or safari meru tents with camp beds and bedding provided. Each tent has an ensuite shower and bush toilet.

This safari is undertaken in customized game viewing vehicles with rear mounted game viewing seats underneath a canvas canopy.

#### Highlights

- 2 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 2 nights Khwai
- Mokoro Excursion

#### Itinerary Overview

- Day 1: Maun to Moremi Game Reserve
- Day 2: Moremi Game Reserve
- Day 3: Moremi Game Reserve to Khwai
- Day 4: Khwai
- Day 5: Khwai to Maun

#### What's Included

- 4 nights of exclusive camping in private campsites within the parks and reserves
- Professional guiding
- Game drives, mokoro excursion and local transfers
- All entrance and camping fees within the parks and reserves

- Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks
- Bottled water and soft drinks, including local alcoholic beverages

### **What's Excluded**

- Travel insurance
- Visa costs
- International flights
- Items of a personal nature
- Toiletries
- Staff gratuities

### **What to Bring**

- Small Backpack
- Mammal and Bird book
- Wide brimmed hat
- Sunglasses
- Extra batteries
- Sunscreen (SPF30+)
- Insect repellent
- Body soap
- Shampoo
- Personal medications (if applicable)
- Spending money (we recommend USD)
- Torch / headlamp with chargeable batteries and charger

### **DAY 1: Maun to Moremi Game Reserve**

The safari begins in Maun, where your guide will meet you at the airport or at a pre-arranged meeting point. From Maun, you drive to Moremi Game Reserve, one of the best wilderness areas of Botswana, which covers swamp and dry areas.

A warm Botswana welcome awaits you. Upon arrival at your private campsite in Moremi, you will find your camp ready with tents erected. Time to relax and stretch your legs, enjoy a leisurely lunch followed by a relaxation period during which your guide will deliver a short briefing about the area and activities on offer.

You will set out on your first game drive to get your bearings in this pristine wildlife area. Elephant, giraffe, buffalo, zebra and even lion and leopard, to name a few, are often spotted here. Lookout for the dust above the horizon for signs of moving animals.

The next two days will be spent searching for the wide variety of wildlife and birds that this area is renowned for while absorbing the sounds and beauty of this region. Game drives which are conducted in the early morning as the sun rises and in the late afternoon as the sun sets will be the norm. After your morning game drive, you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta.



## **DAY 2: Moremi Game Reserve**

Today you'll wake up before sunrise for a quick, light breakfast then head out with your safari guide for your morning game drive where you'll explore all over the gorgeous and enchanting landscapes of Moremi Game Reserve. You'll also have opportunities to enjoy up-close-and-personal encounters with abundant wildlife in the Black Pools and Xini area where we will be doing our game drives.

There is plenty of game in this area, with a very good chance of seeing elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, hyena, jackal, and many different antelopes, including red lechwe and sitatunga, the web-footed antelope perfectly adapted to life in the swamps, as well as a wide variety of birdlife. Wild dog whose numbers are so rapidly dwindling elsewhere, are regularly sighted in the Moremi Game Reserve.

Return to camp for brunch and a siesta before heading out for a late afternoon game drive. A late afternoon game drive will take you exploring the Black Pools and Xini Area again.

After an adventurous day, spend the evening enjoying delicious cuisine and then retiring to your cosy tents for a good night's sleep.



### **DAY 3: Moremi Game Reserve to Khwai**

Today we say goodbye to Moremi Game Reserve. After a light breakfast you'll take a slow drive through Moremi north-east towards Khwai.

The day's journey follows the Manuchira Channel, which is known as the Khwai River at its easternmost extremity. The path weaves from the riverside and floodplains into the mopane tree woodlands that make Khwai one of the most scenic areas in the Okavango Delta.

Here you'll enjoy great game viewing as animals gather around various watering holes and the Khwai River. Located just outside the north-eastern boundaries of the Moremi Game Reserve, Khwai offers unmatched wildlife encounters, including spectacular bird watching opportunities. You'll spend your time between the Leadwood and Camel Thorn woodlands, savannahs, the riverside, and the marshy backwater of the Khwai. The river also has a high density of hippos, as well as crocodiles, leopards, lions, and cheetahs. Khwai is included in



the home ranges of different packs of wild dogs. You may also notice southern giraffes, zebras, Kudu, tsessebe, waterbuck, and sable antelope.

Arrive at your private campsite in Khwai and find your camp ready with tents erected. Time to relax and stretch your legs, enjoy a leisurely lunch, a relaxation period, followed by a late afternoon game drive.

#### **DAY 4: Khwai**

Wake up before sunrise for a quick, light breakfast then head out with your safari guide for your morning game drive where you'll explore all over the gorgeous and enchanting landscapes of Khwai. A game drive along the banks of the Khwai River will get you even closer to nature and provide an opportunity to learn more about the indigenous flora and traditional medicinal uses of plants. During the cool morning hours, you'll also have the best chance of seeing a hunt, as most animals are more active at this time.

Return to camp for brunch and a siesta before heading out for a late afternoon game drive and a mokoro excursion - dependent on the water level in the channel.



The Khwai River is also an ideal location for a mokoro (dug-out canoe) safari where you'll have a chance to explore the Okavango and go to places only accessible by mokoro. Sightings include aquatic birds, plants, and water lilies at eye level as you'll be at water-level. The quietness of the mokoro makes it less likely for birds and animals to take fright, creating the

opportunity to capture that perfect photo. During this excursion, you'll be guided by an expert 'Poler'. The skilled locals who operate the mokoro are commonly known as 'Polers'.

Arrive back at camp before dark to a roaring campfire and late sundowner refreshments, followed by dinner and relaxing to the sounds of the night.

### **DAY 5: Khwai to Maun**

Early morning wake up and light breakfast before heading out for your final game drive in Khwai.

Return to camp for brunch, break camp and head south to Maun, to continue to your onward destination.



**End of Trip**