

“Untamed Africa – 3 Country Safari”

Zimbabwe, Vic Falls, Namibia, Botswana

June 27 – July 7, 2019

June 27 - Fly USA into VFA (Vic Falls, Zimbabwe) Group air details to follow in emailed Trip Tips. Or you may arrange own air into VFA and out of Kasane.

June 28 – Arrive Victoria Falls (D)

Land portion begins. We would like everyone to be at the Victoria Falls airport by 1PM so we can arrange transfers. We'll go immediately to the amazing Elephant Hills Resort located on the edge of the mighty Zambezi River. You can see the mist from Victoria Falls from the resort while you enjoy the wildlife that wander the grounds. The Zambezi flows between Zimbabwe and Zambia, but Zimbabwe has always been the most popular access point. The force of the water sends a spray up into the air that can be seen from as far as a 19 miles away.

Once you are settled in, we will prepare for our special welcome feast at the must-experience Boma Dinner and Drum Show! We'll receive a traditional greeting in the local languages, Shona and Ndebele and then wear 'chitenges' - the traditional robes. As we dine on local cuisine beneath the magnificent African sky, we will be immersed in the local culture of song and dance by local Amakwezi traditional dancers, a story teller and a witchdoctor.

Explore our resort with 18 hole golf course, 3 restaurants, spa, 2 swimming pools, Adventure Booking Center, shops and more.

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel (3 nights)

June 29 – GUIDED TOUR OF SPECTACULAR VICTORIA FALLS (B)

Vic Falls - Now in their 150 millionth Fantastic Year and today you experience it first-hand. The thunder of the falls from the Zambezi spilling over into Bakota Gorge will leave you awestruck - the sight, the sound, the smell, the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. Nothing prepares you for your first sight and your photos can only attempt to capture a sight that comes equipped with feelings that will last a lifetime.

You will be accompanied through the Rainforest by a trained guide who will give a history of the Falls as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Raincoats are provided when needed to protect against the spray from the falls. Rainbows are almost guaranteed!

In the afternoon, we'll visit a traditional Zimbabwean village for a journey back in time. These colorful people will share with us their lifestyle and customs as we witness their primitive living conditions. We'll also have a chance to browse at the local handicraft market with so much to bargain for.

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel

June 30 – Free at Last! (B)

After breakfast buffet, the day is at leisure for many choices of optional activities. The choices available are unbelievable. Everything from gorge swing, bungee jumping, paragliding “Flight of Angles”, whitewater rafting, zip lining, visit to an elephant sanctuary, Lion Encounter and more.

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel

July 1 – OVERLAND TO CAPRIVI STRIP, NAMIBIA (B/D)

Today, we travel around 5 hours through game areas to the Kasane border and the area known as the Caprivi Strip or “Kalahari Panhandle” extending 400 miles in northern Namibia. Caprivi is a part of Namibia and is located just the east of Okavango Region, bordered by Zambia, Angola, Botswana. It is bordered by 4 rivers - the Zambezi, Chobe, Kwando and Okavango, so it's only appropriate that we take to the waters when we arrive at Camp Kwando. Enjoy a two-hour safari cruise on a relaxing journey while exploring this unique region. It's the perfect way to see hippos, elephants, buffaloes, impalas, wild dogs, prolific birdlife and so much more.

Our home for the next two nights is a true oasis in the untamed land. Nestled on the banks of the Kwando river (Zambezi Region), Camp Kwando invites you to come and explore the hidden treasures of the region. Capture the spirit of the African bush while sipping sundowners from the beautiful overhead deck and experience the thrill of the hauntingly beautiful call of the African fish eagle. Our elevated Thatch Roof Tents await on the bank of the river. To call these tents is almost a mistake. These glorious solar powered accommodations have all of the comforts of home with en suite bathrooms and a deck off the back for views.

Overnight: CAMP Kwando (2 nights)

July 2 – MORNING GAME DRIVE MUDUMU GAME PARK (BD)

We start our day in the incomparable Mudumu National Park location for TV series, ‘Naked & Afraid’. This park is rich with wildlife that comes to enjoy its abundant waters. With the Kwando River to the west, Mudumu is known for its tranquil lagoons, narrow flowing channels and stupendous riverine forests. Be on the lookout for spotted neck otter, hippo and Nile crocodile which inhabit the waterways. And there is a staggering over 430 species

of birds who call this place home - including cranes, storks, ibis and jacana, a fascinating sight to behold, as they race across lily beds on broad webbed feet!

Mudumu also has an impressive expanse of dense savannah and mopane woodland, teeming with wildlife. We will encounter elephant, buffalo, roan, sable, kudu, impala, oribi and zebra as you drive through thick forest and over wide floodplains. But keep an eye out for the predators. Lion roam, leopard and hyena hunt at night and packs of African wild dog are now raising litters in the park.

When we return to our camp, enjoy our own waters – the river. Look for with the ripples of turtles and the swirl of the fanged tiger fish. Local fisherman ply their trade from their mokoro's (dug-out canoes) casting their nets for tilapia. Fall asleep tonight to the unmistakable sounds of frogs croaking and Modumu's hippos responding with a throaty chuckle.

Overnight: CAMP Kwando

July 3 - DEPART NAMIBIA TO CHOBE (BD)

Before we head out in the morning, we have the opportunity for an optional visit to a Namibian village. Just next door to Camp Kwando where the villagers have created a home where they can present you various fishing and hunting techniques, as well as their traditions on their everyday life. Most of it has been protected for centuries. The medicine Man of the village will show you how different dances were used against various illnesses.

We'll then travel about 4 hours to our next home, Botswana! You'll love Mowana Safari Lodge and Spa on the Chobe River. Completely refurbished, the resort has gorgeous grounds overlooking the river and includes two restaurants and an Olympic sized pool.

Overnight: **Mowana Safari Lodge (3 nights)**

July 4 - MORNING BOAT SAFARI CRUISE (BLD)

Start the day with a boat cruise on the Chobe and witness the abundance of animals which come to its shores. Along with many species of big game, Chobe National Park is affectionately known as "The land of the Giants" boasting countless elephant. It's the largest concentration in Africa and no doubt we will see scores of these gentle giants as they come down to the river to play, mate, drink and bathe. Also, many hippo pods, crocs and even giraffe on shore.

We take to the land in the afternoon for a Game Drive through Chobe National Park in our 4x4 vehicles on the hunt for the King of the Jungle -the lion. This game drive is specially famed for its lion sightings. But also keep your eyes peeled for monkeys, the rare red lechwe, puku and sitatunga antelopes as well as to most big game species associated with a classic African safari. All cats and predators chase prey at dusk.

Overnight: Mowana Safari Lodge

July 3 - MORNING GAME DRIVE

(BLD)

Early morning safaris are thrilling with abundant animals. We'll start the day with another Game Drive through this amazing park to rack up seeing more numbers of the abundant species of wildlife you will see here. If you didn't get that perfect picture before – here is another opportunity.

You'll have some free time in the afternoon to enjoy the resort or venture into the town of Kasane. Our evening includes another Chobe River Sunset Cruise. We'll have the unforgettable experience of witnessing the more wildlife on the banks of the Chobe National Park. Relax with a cocktail as the Sun sinks into the Chobe River.

Overnight: Mowana Safari Lodge

July 5 - TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

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Today, it's time to bid farewell. We'll arrange a communal group transfer from resort to Kasane airport for your connectin