

# Botswana & Victoria Falls

## 5 Nights, 6 days photo safari

***During this 6-day safari, you will experience Northern Botswana and Victoria Falls, located in Zimbabwe close to the Botswana border.***



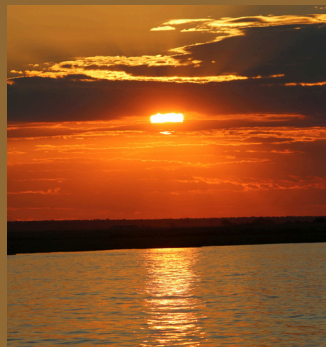
**Duration:** 5-Nights and 6-days

**Destinations:**

- Elephant Sands, Botswana
- Nata, Botswana
- Kasane, Botswana
- Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

**Trip Highlights:**

- Elephant viewing and morning drive at Elephant Sands
- Nata bird sanctuary
- Chobe river sunset boat cruise
- Chobe National Park Morning or afternoon drive
- Victoria Falls craft markets
- Visit Victoria Falls
- Caracle world of wildlife





# Elephant Sands - Where elephants rule



Elephant Sands is a bush lodge where you can get the real bush experience. The lodge is set on a private unfenced conservancy of 40,000 acres where wildlife can roam freely from one area to another. At the lodge, you can be sure to have close encounters with wild African elephants. The waterhole, situated in the center of the lodge, attracts elephants from all over. Enjoy dinner while watching Elephants and other animals at the waterhole. Watch these impressive creatures while they drink at only a couple of meters away from you, a unique experience!



Each of the en-suite safari tents and chalets has a unique view of the watering hole and numerous elephant footpaths passing by. The rooms are comfy and uniquely set up to bring you closer and enhance the experience alongside the beautiful nature.



## *Elephant Sands Morning drive*

The guided morning drive departs at 5:30 am in an open game viewing vehicle. The game drives either takes place on Elephant Sand's 40,000 acres private conservancy or in a nearby wildlife concession. Enjoy the opportunity to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. More than 95,000 resident and migrating elephants in this area will make the most beautiful sightings of these gentle giants possible for you. Other wildlife in this beautiful area includes buffalo, lion, giraffe, African wild dogs, hyena, zebra, blue wildebeest, steenbuck, kudu, and plenty more





# Nata Bird Sanctuary

## *Nata Lodge*

This oasis set among the Mokolwane palms on the edge of the pans is ideally situated close to the Nata Bird Sanctuary entrance. The shady tree canopy surrounding the lodge is a hive of activity, with a bird feeding area providing the bird watcher with the opportunity of viewing a variety of species from the comfort of either the pool deck, open bar, or restaurant. Set in the lush gardens amidst Mokwane palm, guests can dine out under the restaurant's vast African sky. The facilities include wifi, a swimming pool, a gift shop, a bar, and a lounge area.



## *Nata bird sanctuary sunset drive*

Nata Bird Sanctuary is part of the Sua Pan, one of the largest salt pans in Botswana and home to many African mammal wildlife and birdlife species. Mammal species in the sanctuary include antelope such as springbok, blue wildebeest as well as springhares, jackals, and foxes. However, the main attraction is the abundance of birdlife. Around 165 bird species, including kingfishers, eagles, ostriches, pelicans, spoonbills, and greater and lesser flamingos, have been recorded.

Enjoy a Pan drive on one of Nata's open 4-wheel game viewing vehicles.





# Kasane - Northern Botswana

While staying in the town of Kasane, you will be enjoying authentic African cuisine and warm Botswana hospitality. Kasane is close to Africa's Four Corners, where four countries meet: Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The town lies on the south bank of the wide Chobe River, which forms the border with the extreme tip of Namibia's Caprivi Strip.



Meet and greet the local people and visit the many arts and craft stalls next to the road



## *Caracal world of wildlife*

This center offers a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Botswana's lesser-known, less often encountered, and poorly understood wildlife. This wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center houses a wide range of Botswana's native species. It is home to Botswana's most extensive collection of endemic snake species, endangered species, small mammals, birds of prey, amphibians, and more. Not all rescued animals can be returned to their natural habitat, and these animals are used as ambassadors to educate people. Visitors to the center can interact with some of them in a hands-on encounter supervised by the centre's expert staff.



Enjoy a sundowner on the banks of the Chobe River while watching the African sunset leaving golden reflections on the water and return to the lodge for a hearty dinner and a good night's rest.





# Victoria Falls - Mosi-oa-Tunya

A Full day trip to Victoria Falls offers one an opportunity to view one of the seven world wonders: the largest curtain of falling water on the planet. Victoria Falls forms the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. There are numerous viewing points where visitors can experience this breathtaking natural wonder. Wander the town and visit the local craft market. An early departure will ensure a quick pass through the border post between Botswana and Zimbabwe. As the mighty Zambezi River falls over a basalt rock ledge and drops 354 feet into a powerful whirlpool, it forms the largest sheet of falling water on the planet. Victoria Falls is traditionally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya; it was so described by the Kolobo tribe that lived in the area in the 1800s and means 'the Smoke that Thunders.' The falling water's impressive roar can sometimes be heard from 25 miles away. Victoria Falls are a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi river. The footpath along the edge of the rainforest provides the visitor with unparalleled views of the falls.



## *Victoria Falls craft markets*

For the visitor to Zimbabwe, there are so many unforgettable experiences available. One such is the wide variety of arts and crafts on display in the craft markets. Because of the large number and variety of talented artists, whether painters, potters, cloth designers, woodcarvers, sculptors, or wire and metal workers, competition is intense, which results in a generally high standard of work. One can see many interesting stone sculptures. There are various skilfully carved wooden articles in the form of ornaments, dishes, bowls, and other attractive and useful objects. See the colourful dyed and painted tablecloths, aprons, cushion covers, and wall hangings, all individually crafted.

## *Flight of Angels*

**(Optional activity, please note that the safari package does not include this activity. There will be ample time to partake in this activity, and you can pay the fee at the Zambezi Helicopter Company.)**

Experience the 'flight of Angels' perspective first hand. Originally coined by David Livingstone when he first wrote about the area surrounding the Falls- "a sight so wonderful that angels must have gazed down on it in flight". After the helicopter takes off, the pilot turns towards the magnificent Victoria Falls. The pilot will fly left and right-hand circuits over the Falls in both directions giving you the best viewing, photographic and filming opportunities. A trip up the Zambezi River and back over the Zambezi National Park completes your flight.

**Duration: 15 minutes,+ \$165 per person.**





# Chobe National Park - Morning Drive

Chobe National Park is a true wildlife paradise and of the best national parks in Southern Africa. Wildlife in Chobe National Park varies significantly from area to area, which makes game viewing extraordinarily exciting. The park is the furthest south in Africa to see Puku antelope and the elusive Chobe bushbuck. African wild dog sightings are common, while lions and leopards are often spotted. One peek at the variety of wildlife and lush vegetation and you will be mesmerized forever.



## Chobe River - Sunset Cruise

Chobe boat cruises are a fantastic way to experience the Chobe National Park. Chobe is known for the large herds of animals seen on the Chobe River banks and Islands in the river. Large herds of Buffalo, elephants, and smaller antelope like waterbuck, puku, and lechwe are commonly seen making their way to the river for a drink and swimming to the islands in the river they graze on the green and sweet grass. Watching a herd of elephants swimming across the river to the island is a magnificent sighting. Hippos and crocodiles basking in the sun is a common everyday sight. The best photography is possible in the afternoons; the evening light lends itself to excellent photography of the animals and birds and the magnificent sunsets over the Chobe River.

