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This 13 Day Photo Safari begins in Johannesburg, South Africa. We then fly into Maun, the safari capital of Botswana. From here we will set off on a 13 day adventure to explore Botswana’s best photographic locations, the Okavango Delta, Savuti and the mighty Chobe River.

On arrival in Maun, we are met by our bush pilot who will transfer us into the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve. A birds eye view of the Okavango Delta is a great way to grasp the immense scale of this wildlife paradise, one of the last intact wilderness areas left in the world.

The Delta begins life in Southern Angola and crosses Namibia’s Caprivi Strip. It then spreads out over the Kalahari sands forming a 15 000 square kilometre alluvial fan. The formation of the delta dates back two million years.

Based at our private camp site, set up for our group only, we will explore the Xini area of Moremi. Noted for its beautiful seasonal flood plains and many lagoons, this area is very remote and wild.

Our next stop will be Khwai, the eastern most river of the Okavango Delta. This area offers excellent wildlife concentrations and off road driving is allowed. Elephants come from miles around to drink, pods of Hippos are common and the semi aquatic Red Lechwe occupy the flood plains. Lion prides along the river front are regularly seen. It is also one of the best places to see and photograph Leopards and the African Wild Dog.

From Khwai we move north and east away from the Delta and into the Mababe depression. Savuti, a vast thirsty land, known for its Lion and Hyena densities and made famous by films like Eternal Enemies and BBC’s Planet Earth series is an area within the Chobe National Park. Here we will explore the Savuti Marsh and the Savuti Channel. It is good country for African Wild Dog and Cheetah. San art dating back to 4000 years can be seen on one of the hills.

Our final destination on the tour is the great Chobe River which we reach by plane. Here we spend our photographic time on a private boat, specially design for photographers. Morning and afternoon sessions of 3 hours each will provide many great photo opportunities of birds and animals that come down to the river to drink.

The tour will end with a flight from Kasane back to Johannesburg, South Africa.

This is an exclusive small group photo safari with a maximum of 6 participants in 2 private vehicles (3 participants per vehicle). This will offer you plenty of space for equipment and guaranteed access to both sides of the safari vehicle. Stu Porter will lead the tour and will alternate between the vehicles each day to offer photo tuition and guidance.

You will have a good chance to see and photograph the following animals: Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, African Wild dog, Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Hippo, Spotted Hyaena, Jackal, Crocodile, Giraffe, Zebra, Wildebeest, Red Lechwe, Sable Antelope, Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, Warthog and an excellent variety of birdlife.

**NB*** Luggage on this safari needs to be in soft duffel type bags, NOT hard cases, this is necessary for the road travel between the different destinations as well as the short internal charter flights. The dust & water proof NORTH FACE type duffel bags are ideal.
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INCLUDED

- Flight from JHB to Maun and from Kasane back to JHB
- All road transfers & charter flights within Botswana as detailed in the itinerary
- 3 nights Moremi (BLD)
- 4 nights Khwai (BLD)
- 3 nights Savuti (BLD)
- 2 nights Chobe River (BD) ** see not included section
- All park entrance fees
- Private use of 4x4 Landcruisers with qualified guides
- All local drinks (water, sodas, fruit juice, beer & local wine)
- Laundry whilst staying at the mobile expedition camps
  ** you must wash your own "smalls"***
- Professional photographic tuition
- Meals as indicated below
  (B = Breakfast  L = Lunch  D = Dinner)

EXCLUDED

- Lunch on the day of arrival in Chobe is INCLUDED but all other lunches whilst at Chobe will be for your own account - see FAQ’s
- Laundry whilst staying at the Chobe River (2 nights) - see FAQ’s
- Curios & personal gifts / items from shops
- Tips / gratuities for camp / lodge staff and for your driver / guide
- Internet usage (if available)
- Personal medical, travel & equipment insurance
- Visa fees
- International Flights
- Any extra nights of accommodation before or after the safari - we can arrange these for you and add it to your statement
This photo safari offers the most genuine wilderness experience of all our safaris. For the first 10 nights we will be staying in mobile expedition style camps set up exclusively for our group in private campsites deep in the wilderness areas of Botswana. This is authentic Africa at its best.

Your expedition tent is complete with its own en-suite drop toilet and bucket shower. Please make sure you view the video of the Expedition Camp on our website as it will give you a clear indication of what conditions in the camp are like. All our meals are expertly prepared for us by the camp staff. Local drinks and laundry are included.

This is the way the first explorers visited this vast wilderness and it is common to have elephants and other nocturnal animals in the camp at night. You will drift off to sleep accompanied by the real sounds of the African bush; Hyaena’s whooping and Lions roaring!

From Savuti we fly into Kasane on the Chobe River where we will spend 2 nights in a very comfortable river front lodge.
MOBILE EXPEDITION STYLE CAMPS
10 nights
Your "room in the wild" for 10 nights

Each tent has its own en-suite washroom with authentic bucket shower and drop toilet

The tents are large enough to stand up in and can accommodate two single stretcher beds

The dining tent and camp fire are the heart of our camp. All meals are prepared for us
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ROOMS AT MOWANA LODGE FACE THE CHOBE RIVER

The Lodge has its own jetty where we will meet our photo boat

The beautiful Baobab tree at Mowana

This is a comfortable ending to your Botswana Photo Safari

CHOBE RIVER LODGE

2 nights

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PLANE:
Your safari will start with a short 20 min flight from Maun into the Okavango Delta. This will be in a small 6 seater plane. Luggage allowance is restricted and it is compulsory to bring soft duffel type luggage bags. Later on in the safari we will fly in a similar plane from Savuti to Kasane and the same restrictions will apply. We arrange for extra luggage allowance by purchasing an empty seat on the plane. Each client cannot bring more than a TOTAL of 30 kgs. (including camera equipment)

BOAT:
The highlight of our stay on the Chobe River will be having access to a specially designed photo boat. We will be hiring the boat on an exclusive basis. The boat is incredibly stable and we are able to get very close to the shore due to the special design of the hull. We will be on the lookout for birds and mammals coming down to the river to drink. The resident Hippos and Crocodiles are very relaxed around the boats and we are able to observe and photograph them at very close range.

We will have four x 3 hour private sessions out on the river.
SAFARI VEHICLE:
We will be spending most of our time photographing from a 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser open safari vehicle. The vehicle has a canvas roof to protect us from the sun and possible rain. Special photo brackets will be attached to the vehicle for our photo safaris which make photography from the vehicle very comfortable. Each photographer will get his or her own row of seats, with plenty of space to store photo equipment and it allows the photographer access to both sides of the safari vehicle.

The vehicles will be in radio contact with each other which will assist in covering bigger areas in search of animals to photograph. The vehicles are also in contact with the main office in Maun in case of any emergencies.

Each vehicle has a small fridge to keep drinks cold, as well as plug sockets from which you can recharge batteries whilst we are out on game drives. On the drives between camps, we will pack our luggage bags into a trailer which we will pull along with us.
> How long are the flight & road transfers?

The safari begins in Johannesburg with a flight to Maun in Botswana which is around 2hrs.
On arrival in Johannesburg we will catch our charter flight into Moremi, this is a 20 min flight.
From Savuti we fly to the Chobe River (Kasane), this is a 40 min flight.
From Kasane we fly back to Johannesburg this is a 2 hr flight.
If doing the extension to Victoria Falls, you will have a road transfer from Kasane to Victoria Falls (approx. 2 hrs 30 mins)
The flight from Victoria Falls back to Johannesburg is a 1 hr 30 min flight.

> Why is lunch not included at the lodge in Chobe on the second day?

When we depart from Savuti we will arrive in Kasane at lunch time and this lunch is included in the safari price. However on our full day at the lodge, we return from our morning boat trip and have a late breakfast / brunch. It really is not necessary to include lunch too. If you are still hungry and would like to have lunch then it will be for your own account. Both dinners at the lodge in Chobe are INCLUDED in the price.

> What are the luggage restrictions?

On this safari it is ESSENTIAL that you bring a duffle type bag for your main luggage (not hard suitcases - they are not allowed on the internal flights within Botswana). We have managed to negotiate a total weight allowance of 30kgs per person (this includes your camera equipment). Please bare in mind that for the first 10 nights of the safari we will be in the mobile expedition camp and laundry is free of charge, so you do not need a lot of clothing for this safari, please keep it to a minimum. A normal Think Tank type camera bag (airport accelerator) should carry the amount of equipment you need.

> Can I hire Camera Equipment from you?

If you are NOT doing the extension to Victoria Falls then it is possible to hire a Canon 500mm f4 IS lens, version 1 from me. When we meet in Johannesburg I will pass the lens to you before the flight, you would then need to leave space for the lens in your camera bag so that you would carry it as part of your luggage allowance. At the end of the safari I will take the lens from you once we reach Johannesburg again. The same can go for a tripod and Wimberley Version 2 tripod head.

The only hire item I can bring for you in my own luggage allowance is a Visual Echoes Panning plate. You can hire one of these from me even if you are going on the Victoria Falls extension - but I would still need to take it back from you at the end of the Chobe River section.

The reason for this is because I do not always join the extension to Victoria Falls and therefore there would be no way to get the 500mm lens back to me, and I would not have enough luggage allowance to carry it along with all of my own equipment.

Please ask us for our up to date equipment hire rates.

> What "stable shooting platforms" do you offer?

I firmly believe that having a stable shooting platform on the safari vehicles is a crucial element to the success of a photo safari. You need to be comfortable when shooting so that you can concentrate on the image and not how to balance a telephoto lens on a wobbly monopod or on your knees! We will often sit and wait patiently for long periods for a shot to present itself - being comfortable is paramount.

The Vehicles we use in Botswana have been modified and offer a stable shooting platform in the form of an adjustable plate, complete with beanbags attached.

The Boat we use on the Chobe River has also been specifically designed for photography and has very comfortable swivel chairs with an adjustable arm that accommodates a wimberley tripod head. Here we simply clip in our telephoto lenses and off we go.

> Are we able to go off road to get closer to the animals?

In both the Moremi and Savuti areas there is NO OFF ROAD DRIVING allowed. In the Khwai concession area where we spend 5 days, there is off road driving allowed. You can be assured that your driver / guide wants to show you the animals and get you as close as possible but on some occasions we will have to use common sense and respect the environment and the comfort levels of the wildlife.

> What do you expect the weather to be like?

The weather in Botswana at this time of year (May / June) is very pleasant, cool evenings and mild warm days up to 28 C or 82 F. The skies are clear and the air is crisp and clean. It can be colder in June than in May especially in Savuti which has a more arid climate - colder nights and warmer days.

> What clothing & equipment would be relevant?

We would recommend a warm fleece as well as a wind breaker jacket, beanie / woollen hat, gloves, Long trousers / shorts.
As far as camera equipment goes, we have a more detailed kit list which we will send out to you at time of registration.

> Is there a laundry service available?

Yes there is a laundry service available at all locations. Laundry whilst on the first 10 nights in our expedition style camp is included but you must wash your own "smalls" i.e. your underwear / socks. Whilst staying at the lodge in Chobe and in Victoria Falls on the extension, any laundry charges will be added to your room which you need to settle on the day of departure.

FAQ's relevant to this specific safari
> How do we recharge camera batteries and laptops?
For the first 10 nights of the safari whilst we stay at the expedition style camps, there is no main electricity power. The vehicles we use have inverters that can handle all our recharging needs as long as we are sensible about when and how much we re-charge. The recommended way is to charge up camera batteries, cell phones / iPads whilst we are out on game drives. We usually return to camp at midday and this is when we recommend laptops are charged (at the same time downloading can be done). We will run extension cords from the vehicles to a charging station. There is no option to recharge items in camp whilst we are out on Game Drive. The support team in camp can only cater for their own power needs (running their fridges etc). When we return in the evening, there will be another opportunity to recharge Laptops and download. Power is available but it is limited, as long as we are sensible with how we re-charge there will be no problems. The lodges in Chobe and at the Victoria Falls (if doing the extension) will have electric points in the rooms.

> Is there internet access / mobile phone reception?
There is wifi internet at the Lodge in Chobe. Cell phone reception is not very good at all.

> How early can we leave camp and how late can we return?
The general rule for all the locations is that you can leave just before sunrise (around 06:30 and return just after sunset (around 17:30).

> What is a typical day "in the field"?
Days out in Moremi and Savuti look like this: wake up at 05:30, then meet up for a small breakfast at 06:00. We depart at 06:20. We will stop at a convenient time in the morning to stretch legs and have a cup of tea / coffee and some cookies. We will return to the camp at around midday for lunch and a short break. We head out again in the afternoon and return to camp at around 17:30. Dinner will be between 18:30 and 19:00.

In Khwai we are allowed to do a night drive on our way back to camp, where we will have dinner at around 19:30.

At Chobe, all our activities are on the Chobe River. The boat rides are 3hrs long. We start early, just before sunrise and return to the lodge at around 09:15 for breakfast. We depart again in the afternoon at 15:00 for our afternoon boat ride, arriving back at the lodge just after sunset. Dinner will be at 19:00.

> What is the recommended Tipping Policy on this safari?
Tipping is a safari tradition in Africa and it is expected in some form or other. You are welcome to stick to your regular personal tipping policies but we politely recommend you try to follow our guidelines regarding tipping as it helps to set a standard.

Firstly, even though it is expected, it is not compulsory. If you feel that you have not been given excellent service then you do not have to tip. I personally feel that if somebody goes above and beyond their job description then it is polite to tip them and I am more than happy to do so.

Please ask us to send you our detailed recommended tipping policy for this specific photo safari. It will also be in your Arrival Information Document, which will be sent to you 2 weeks before the start of your photo safari.
I was born and raised in Africa. From a young age I spent many family holidays enjoying Africa’s diversity of wildlife and wild places. As a family we have lived in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia and South Africa, which we now use as our home base from which we personally organise and lead authentic small group photographic safaris.

In 1999 I became a qualified FGASA Field Guide and THETA Tourist Guide and in 2003 I obtained a BA (Hons) Degree in Wildlife Photography at Blackpool & the Fylde College, an associate college of Lancaster University in the United Kingdom.

The combination of these two passions helped me to achieve my long-held dream of operating my own photographic safari tour company.

My images have been published in Outdoor Photography, Getaway, Africa Wild, Photo Comment, 50/50 Veld Focus TV show, Fuji Film awards and National Geographic Website. They are also for sale through a number of online stock libraries.

My wife, Justyna, was born and bred in Poland and is a handy photographer herself as well as a qualified tourist guide. Justyna worked on first class cruise liners, the world famous Harrods in London and as a top seller for the UK’s largest travel consolidator. Customer service is just one of her many strong points.

Justyna looks after the office and all the important administration of our business. We have two daughters, Molly and Jenny and my parents, John & Ann offer us tremendous support and help out with background logistics and catering whilst in the Kruger National Park.

We are a small family business with a sincere and genuine passion for our company and our clients.

Through our experiences, we have built a strong product that offers our clients the best opportunities to photograph African wildlife.
After 14 years of leading many successful tours, we feel strongly that the following principles and photographic details are crucial to the success of a photo safari:

- Quick response to clients' enquiries and personal attention to each client's travel needs
- Specialisation in small groups of only 3 to 6 photographers per tour
- Never more than 3 photographers per safari vehicle
- Careful planning of logistics to ensure maximum time in the field
- Use of locations that, through experience and over time, have consistently offered excellent photo opportunities
- All scheduled tours are personally led by myself
- Specially designed photographic platforms on the safari vehicles we use at all locations
- 24/7 tuition available, tailored to the individual needs of the client. In the field workshops and WILD4 tuition booklet provided
- Regular use of the same local driver / guides, who are familiar with the needs of photographers through our training manual and who operate to our specific guidelines
- An ethical approach to wildlife photography and genuine respect for the animals we photograph and the environment they live in.

Sticking to the above principles and details has been the number one reason why we have a high percentage of repeat clients and clients who approach us via word of mouth.
BOOKING PROCEDURE:

> First contact us to confirm that there are spaces available on the photo safari that you are interested in.
> Once confirmed, you will need to complete our Photo Tour Booking Form and we will send you details of how to make the deposit payment
> To secure your place on the safari we will need a completed Photo Tour Booking Form per person as well as proof of payment of the tour deposit.
> You will then receive a statement from us indicating that you have paid your deposit. The statement will also detail the outstanding amount and the due date for this payment (90 days prior to departure). We will also send out the following documents:
  - Wild4 suggested clothing & equipment lists
  - Wild4 plug & voltage info
  - Wild4 pre-safari camera setup
  - Wild4 Photographic Safaris tuition booklet

Please note that it is compulsory for you to take out your own travel insurance to cover unexpected trip cancellation, medical, personal and photographic equipment. WILD4 will not be held responsible in any way for the loss of or damage to any photographic equipment or personal belongings, nor for any medical expenses. Our medical insurance will only cover you for evacuation from the field to the closest most appropriate medical facility, at which point your medical insurance would take over.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

We must receive a formal written notification of your cancellation.
Deposits are non-refundable.
If for any reason a participant ends a tour early or does not make use of a service that has been included in the price of any scheduled tour, tailor-made tour or tour extension, no refund for this unused portion or service will be made.
Tour fees are not transferable.

All tour deposits are non-refundable.
Full payment of the tour fee is due 90 days prior to the departure date. We must receive written notification of your cancellation, at which time the following fees apply:
89 to 60 days before departure: 75% of tour fee
59 or fewer days before departure: 100% of tour fee
VICTORIA FALLS

ZIMBABWE

OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT EXTENSION
DESCRIPTION

One of the 7 natural Wonders of the world, Victoria Falls is only a couple of hours away from our final destination in Chobe.

After your final morning photo shoot on the boat & breakfast, we will arrange for you to have a road transfer from Kasane, to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

You will have the opportunity to visit this famous waterfall as well as partake in the many activities that are on offer at the Falls, such as helicopter rides, white water rafting, sunset cruises, game drives, night drives, walk with Lions, elephant rides and more.

After your two night stay, you will have a road transfer to Victoria Falls airport for your flight back to Johannesburg, arriving in the mid afternoon.

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This Lodge is inside the town of Victoria Falls and within walking distance of the famous Victoria Falls hotel. Based in a good location it offers easy access to the activities on offer. Bed and Breakfast is included.

This option includes all road transfers & ferry crossings from Chobe to the Lodge in Victoria Falls. Only breakfast is included at the lodge. You can choose to eat your other meals in the lodge’s Ala Carte Restaurant or at the famous Victoria Falls Hotel located within walking distance.

All other activities are NOT INCLUDED
Drinks are NOT INCLUDED

On your final morning you will be taken to Victoria Falls Airport for your flight back to Johannesburg - this transfer is INCLUDED.
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