

AFRICAN *Art*Tours

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Botswana and Zambia Wine and Culinary Safari AUGUST 1-12, 2010

August 1: Johannesburg

Upon arrival into Johannesburg airport you will be met by Catherine Dillon, your wine specialist and tour host for this trip. You will be transferred by luxury coach to the Grace hotel, located in the suburb of Rosebank. This evening enjoy a welcome reception to give you an opportunity to meet fellow travelers and to interact with your hostess and wine specialist. **Accommodations: Grace Hotel (R)**

August 2-4: Okavango Delta – Nxabega

After breakfast you will transfer to OR Tambo for your international flight to Maun, Botswana. It is important that you observe the travel bag allowance of 15kg as you will be undertaking charter flights into the private game reserves within Botswana. Upon arrival in Maun you will clear customs & immigration and then board your private charter for the Okavango Delta and the Nxabega Tented Camp or similar lodge.

Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp is set in a private concession of 8 000 hectares (19 800 acres) to the southeast of the Moremi Wildlife Reserve in the centre of one of the most unique regions in the world, the Okavango Delta. Renowned for its lush waterways and abundant wildlife, the Okavango is home to a number of aquatic and land species.



Located in northern Botswana, the Okavango River is a unique natural phenomenon - flowing more than 1 000 km (620 miles) from its source in Angola, this river disappears beneath the sands of Botswana, creating a lush inland delta in the midst of this otherwise arid country. The Okavango Delta is in a constant state of flux, expanding and contracting according to the rainy season. While some parts of the Delta remain permanently flooded, others are only deluged during the rainy season from May to September.

Covering approximately one third of the Delta, permanent swamp areas are lush and green, with groves of wild date palm, papyrus and water lilies growing around deep lagoons lined with riverine forest. Seasonal swamps, on the other hand, contain a network of small channels cutting their way through papyrus and reed beds to create islands of all shapes and sizes. Nxabega is located in riverine forest on the channels and lagoons of the southern, seasonal part of the Delta.

Activities include bush walks, game drives and exploration of the Okavango Delta from Mokoro's, dug out canoes. Meal times include food & wine pairings and tutored tastings by your wine specialist. There is also the opportunity to undertake a class in local cooking.

Accommodations for three nights at Nxabega Safari Camp or Similar Camp (B, L, D)

August 5-7: Okavango Delta - Sandibe

After breakfast we depart for Sandibe Private Game Reserve, located SE of Nxabega, within the Delta. Our focus is now on dessert wines – Sauternes style, Ports and Sparkling wines and the most suitable combination with dessert and chocolate.



Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge is set in a private concession of 8 000 hectares (19 800 acres) on the southeastern border of the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, in one of the most unique regions in the world, the Okavango Delta. Renowned for its lush waterways and abundant wildlife, the Okavango is home to a number of aquatic and land species. Predators from the adjacent Moremi, renowned for its wildlife sightings, often cross into the Sandibe concession.

Accommodations for 3 nights at Sandibe Safari Lodge or Similar Camp. (B, L, D)

August 8 & 9: Chobe

After breakfast we depart for Kasane airport in NE Botswana. Upon arrival, transfer to Chobe Chilwero Game Lodge or Similar lodge.

A wildlife enthusiast's dream, Chobe National Park is one of the top wilderness reserves in the world. From the striking Savute area to the beautiful Linyanti River, it is a vast landscape waiting to be explored. Chobe covers almost 11 000 km² (4 250 square miles) and was Botswana's first national park. It boasts some of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa, but is best known for its large herds of Kalahari elephants, said to be the largest elephant population in the world (approximately 120 000). These impressive herds can be witnessed from the relaxing vantage point of a boat, floating down the Chobe River, or on an interpretive game drive.



Highlights:

- Prime birdwatching destination, with 450 species during the rainy season
- Four ecosystems host a large diversity of game
- Superb game viewing at Savute Marsh and Linyanti River
- Close proximity to Zimbabwe's Victoria Falls
- Large elephant population

Accommodations for two nights at Chobe Chilwero Lodge or Similar. (B, L, D)

August 10: Victoria Falls

After breakfast we transfer by road and ferry to Livingstone, Zambia and the Royal Livingstone hotel, located along the mighty Zambezi River. After check-in, you will have down time before we meet to undertake the sundowner cruise aboard the African Queen.

Nestled between the lush vegetation of the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park and the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, Sun International's The Royal Livingstone Hotel provides guests with an atmosphere that captures the opulence of a bygone era. The 173 elegant suites are situated in two-storey clusters, inspired by the grand estates of times past. Each suite is appointed a private butler and boasts an ensuite bathroom, air conditioning, balcony and terrace, which offer spectacular views of the river and its surrounds.

Guests can relax under the thatched shade of the travelers' bar and sitting room while enjoying an impeccably served high tea or indulge in a refreshing dip in the sparkling swimming pool. A variety of activities is available, such as an elephant back safari (a must), bungee jumping, abseiling or game drives. Dinner is on your own. **Accommodations: Royal Livingston (B)**

**August 11: Victoria Falls**

After breakfast you will undertake a tour of the Falls. In Zambia the falls are called Mosi-o-tunya (the smoke that Thunders). The tour last two hours and you will return to the hotel by 11am. You may decide to undertake the Flight of the Angels, a spectacular helicopter flight that gives the most impressive sights of Victoria Falls.

We meet again in the early afternoon to undertake a visit to Mukuni village where you will have the opportunity of interacting with locals and bartering at their local market or spend the afternoon relaxing. This evening you gather together for a Farewell Dinner.

Accommodations: Royal Livingston (B, D)

August 12: Departure

Today you will transfer to nearby Livingstone airport for your international flight to OR Tambo airport, Johannesburg. Upon arrival you will transfer to your connecting flight to USA.

END OF SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE: EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ADVISED!

Pricing and Terms

PRICE:

The price per person is \$9795 based on double occupancy, and a minimum of 10 participants.

The price include...

- All transfers with assistance
- Accommodation in standard twin/double bedded rooms/tents
- Full breakfast throughout
- Meals and sight seeing as specified
- Full board (BLD) as indicated on safari
- Tea and/or coffee with all meals
- Ground transportation in custom designed safari land cruisers
- Transfers and game viewing in 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Service of English speaking drivers
- All park entrance/conservation fees
- Game drives as specified
- Internal flights
- Porterage
- Government taxes and levies that are subject to change in case of increases by government/suppliers

The costs exclude...

- International airfare
- Entry visa fees
- Personal and trip insurance
- All expenses of a personal nature such as laundry service, communication bills etc.
- Tips and gratuities

Reservations, Terms and Conditions

Reservations:

To reserve a place on this tour, please call Pam at African Art Tours, 720-746-0748 or email her at pam@africanarttours.com. Once it is determined that there is space, you will be required to send a \$1500 deposit in the form of a check to:

African Art Tours
23676 Genesee Village Rd
Golden, CO 80401

The check must be made out to African Art Tours. The balance of the tour cost is due April 20.

Airfare:

International airfare is NOT included in the price of the tour. Participants organizing their own travel need to arrive in Johannesburg by/on August 1. This will require departing the USA by at least July 30 or 31. I would recommend the non-stop on South African Airways/United Airlines that departs from Washington Dulles or New York JFK in the early evening and arrives in Johannesburg mid afternoon on the next day. My office can assist with airline reservations and other pre/post trip requests.