

2012 TRAVEL ADVENTURES

BOTSWANA AND VICTORIA FALLS

Optional post-trip extension to Natural and Cultural Wonders of Namibia

Sunday, July 22–Friday, July 27, 2012

Botswana has long been a premier destination for wildlife enthusiasts. The sheer diversity of its landscapes and habitats—from the arid Kalahari Desert to the verdant Okavango Delta—ensures an abundance of animal species. Nature's menagerie includes big game, such as elephants and buffalos; numerous predators, including lions, cheetahs, and wild dogs; and a host of colorful birds and exotic reptiles. In this post-trip extension, we will focus on the watercourses and floodplains of the Okavango Delta and the big game country of Chobe National Park. Our tour ends at Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River—an immense, ever-changing curtain of water surrounded by lush rainforest.

Please note: A Crow Canyon representative will escort the Botswana tour, but we will not be accompanied by a primary scholar. Instead, we will be joined at each camp and lodge by some of the best wildlife scouts and experts in Botswana.

Tuition: \$6,295

Deposit: \$500 • Balance due: April 11, 2012

DETAILED ITINERARY

B: Breakfast
L: Lunch
D: Dinner

Sunday, July 22: Maun, Botswana, to Okavango Delta

From Maun, we take a morning flight in light aircraft to Oddballs' Camp, a tented camp situated on the edge of Chief's Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta and one of the richest wildlife-viewing areas in Africa. The fully equipped tents are set on elevated wooden platforms and have beautiful, rustic en-suite bathrooms. The camp offers private guided bush walks, Mokoro (dugout canoe) safaris, and game drives. **(B, L, D)**

Monday, July 23: Okavango Delta

We spend the day viewing the vast array of wildlife around Oddballs' Camp. Animals we might see include elephants, hippos, buffalos, wildebeests, giraffes, lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, rhinos, zebras, and many birds, such as crested cranes and sacred ibis. Overnight, Oddballs' Camp. **(B, L, D)**

Tuesday, July 24–Wednesday, July 25: Chobe National Park

Tuesday we fly in light aircraft to the town of Kasane, gateway to Chobe National Park. The town is located on the south bank of the Chobe River, in an area known as the "Four Corners" of Africa, where four countries— Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Zambia—meet. After transferring to the Chobe Safari Lodge, which features luxurious rooms with private patios and river views, we begin our exploration of the park. Today and tomorrow, game drives and river cruises offer outstanding access to wildlife, from elephants and hippos to crocodiles, water birds, and large predators. **(B, L, D)**



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Thursday, July 26: Victoria Falls

This morning we transfer from Kasane to Victoria Falls Town in Zimbabwe, where we check into the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, adjacent to Zambezi National Park. After visiting thundering Victoria Falls, located on the Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe, we enjoy a sunset cruise on the river—an excellent opportunity to see game that frequents its banks. Then it's back to the lodge, where we watch for wildlife watering at the onsite waterhole.

(B, L, D)

Friday, July 27: Johannesburg • Departures

Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for flight to Johannesburg, South Africa, and connecting flights home. (B)

Itinerary subject to change.



TOUR DETAILS

Tuition: Tuition is per person and based on shared accommodations. Tuition includes accommodations, meals listed, entry fees and permits, tours, game drives and boat rides with wildlife experts, and transportation from Maun, Botswana, on July 22, 2012, until arrival at Johannesburg Airport, South Africa, on July 27, 2012, including three internal air flights. Gratuities are not included.

Program prices are based on current tariffs and currency exchange rates and are subject to change. Crow Canyon reserves the right to levy a surcharge, if necessary, prior to the final payment date.

Transatlantic Air: Transatlantic air flights are not included.

For assistance making arrangements, we recommend Travel Management, Inc., in Post Falls, Idaho. E-mail crow@tmitravel.net, or call 1-800-975-7775 and ask for the Crow Canyon representative. Or, you are welcome to make your own arrangements. Schedule departure from Johannesburg, South Africa, for any time after 1:00 p.m. on July 27, 2012.

Accommodations: Two nights are spent in a tented camp in dome tents with en-suite bathrooms, and two nights are spent in a luxury lodge. The night at Victoria Falls is in a first-class lodge. Shared accommodations are based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are available for an additional fee of \$640.

What to Expect: This extension does not involve strenuous activity, but it does include short game walks, game drives in open, four-wheel-drive vehicles on dirt roads, and water travel in dugout canoes and river boats. There are two flights in small aircraft.

TOUR RESERVATIONS

Call 800.422.8975, ext. 160 or 146, Mon–Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain Time), or use the secure reservation form at www.crowcanyon.org/travel. Online requests are subject to availability. Your credit card will not be charged until your registration is fully processed and confirmed by Crow Canyon.

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