



**AFRICA: THE BOTSWANA EXPERIENCE**  
**WITH CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER**



**THE INSIDE STORY ON CONSERVING AFRICAN WILDERNESS:**  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY**

**OFFERED BY:**

**GREAT PLAINS-CONSERVATION BOTSWANA & CHERRI BRIGGS— AFRICAN SAFARI & VILLA SPECIALIST**

**9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS**

*Available: October 1, 2013 - February 28, 2014*

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*Following in the footsteps of Dereck & Beverly Joubert's film legacy, travelers will explore the issues facing the planet's mighty cats and other species, and begin to ask who and why humans could or would possibly allow these beautiful creatures to vanish. In the company of passionate young regional experts and conservationists and big cat specialist guides, travelers will be forever moved by a trip that is not only enriching but uplifting.*

*Stay at two remarkable safari camps; one in northern Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta and the other in the exclusive Selinda Reserve. Explore the African wilderness with the best conservationists and researchers by your side to learn what it takes to protect the extraordinary wildlife of Botswana. Included is the special opportunity to stay at the exclusive Zarafa Camp created by visionaries Dereck and Beverly Joubert, whose passion for conservation of wildlife in Botswana inspired the design of this "perfect" and ecofriendly lodge. Enjoy your time at Duba Plains, where the Joubert's filmed "The Last Lions" movie which answers to the strongest conservation concern, the saving of big cats.*

*This safari invites you to experience the heart-stopping excitement of big game viewing, the supreme tranquility and serenity of an untouched delta and scenes of unbelievable natural beauty. It has a unique focus on the efforts by conservationists and local communities to preserve this remarkable country and culture. This adventure promises to be not only an exciting but enriching and inspiring endeavor.*

## **Days 1-4**

### **OKAVANGO DELTA / DUBA PLAINS CAMP**

After arriving in Maun, Botswana (via Johannesburg) on Day 1, you are met and escorted to your scheduled light aircraft flight to Duba Plains Camp, one of the most remote camps in the famed Okavango Delta. The world's largest inland delta, the Okavango Delta is also one of the planet's most magnificent ecosystems. Formed by rivers that spill down from the highlands of Angola and Namibia to spread across the parched sands of the Kalahari, the Okavango offers wildlife a vast oasis. A labyrinth of lakes, lagoons and hidden channels teems with a stunning variety of wild creatures, including 450 species of birds. In what has been called "Earth's Last Eden" crocodiles



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slither down papyrus-lined banks, hippos ferry their great bulk through pools, and leopard, lion and cheetah prowl in deadly silence along island paths trampled smooth by herds of elephant and buffalo.

Located on a tree-covered island in a 30,000 acre concession known as the Kwedi Reserve, Duba Plains Camp is a small, intimate camp renowned for its unrivalled access to the titanic struggle for survival between lion and buffalo. The unique landscape, punctuated by palm tree islands, is also home to large herds of elephant, lechwe and pods of hippo. The birdlife is excellent, especially in the Southern hemisphere's summer when all the northern migrants arrive.

With just 6 tents, and a central lounge, dining room and library, this idyllic outpost deep in the Delta, provides the perfect place to relax after the adventure of safari.

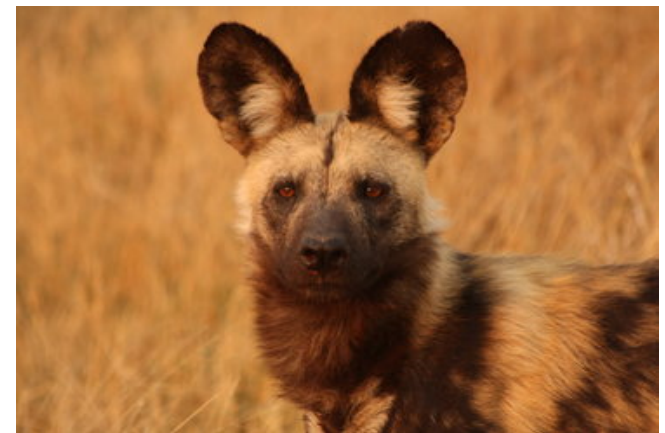
**Highlights:**

- Seeking out Ma di Tau, the famous lioness star of the National Geographic film, "The Last Lions"
- Game drives in open 4x4 vehicles
- Mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions
- Walking safaris
- Night game drives
- Tracking the buffalo herd around the concession
- Scenic helicopter flight (*at additional cost*)

**DAYS 5-8**

**PRIVATE SELINDA GAME RESERVE / ZARAFKA CAMP**

On Day 5, you are transferred by light aircraft to Zarafa Camp, located in the 320,000 acre Selinda Reserve. There are few places in northern Botswana as dynamic as the Selinda Reserve, which is centered on the famous Selinda Spillway, which weaves its way east, linking the far reaches of the Okavango Delta in the south with the Linyanti water systems in the east. It is a truly spectacular and unique landscape.



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The view from camp is breathtaking and at the lagoon large pods of hippo gather and crocodiles slide into the water scaring off water birds in great variety and abundance. Elephant are common around Zarafa Camp, with densities during the dry season on a par with those of the Chobe National Park. The open plains are ideal habitat for cheetah while leopard viewing is rewarding when they are encountered. One of Africa's most endangered predators, the Wild Dog, is sometimes encountered in close proximity to the camp. Other common species include: buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hippo, hyena, a variety of antelope including red lechwe, and the chance to spot a number of nocturnal species on night drives.

Synonymous with exclusivity and perfection, Zarafa Camp comes from Dereck and Beverly Joubert, who together designed Zarafa to incorporate all the components of what they envisioned as the ultimate safari camp. It embodies authenticity, luxury and simplicity to create a camp that has been clearly considered, and thoughtfully planned to be as environmentally sensitive as possible. It is the culmination of years of safari experience. Each of the camp's four immense tented suites are raised up on wooden decking and shaded by a canopy of African ebony and Red ivory trees, each with uninterrupted views.

Exploration of this concession, in its immensity, will reveal the pinnacle of conservation, a land restored from the damages of its trophy hunting past and now renewed to its original self, where huge herds of elephant and buffalo roam amongst all three species of big cats as well as the elusive wild dog.

### **Highlights:**

- Private cruise on the HES Zibadianja, Zarafa's special pontoon boat, where guests can enjoy a floating brunch or sundowners while watching the hippos and elephants go by
- A visit to the Joubert film camp (October to March travel only)
- Fly-fishing

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- Power boating on the Zibadianja Lagoon
- Morning and late afternoon game drives
- Bush walks with armed guides

**EXCLUSIVE OFFER AVAILABLE ONLY TO CNT WORLD ON SALE CLIENTS:**

**Spend 2 days with one of Botswana's top wildlife researchers or conservationists (*subject to availability of the conservationist/researcher*) exploring the area with them, learning about their area of expertise.**

**A private vehicle is included for the 2 days.**

**Dr. Chris Brooks** was brought up in Kenya, and moved to Botswana in 1998 to work as a professional safari guide. He set up a research program in the Makgadikgadi, studying Botswana's biggest zebra and wildebeest migration, completing his PhD in 2005. As the Integrated Natural Resource Management Coordinator for the Southern Africa Regional Environmental Program (SAREP), Chris continues to supervise a wide variety of projects across northern Botswana. He has extensive knowledge and experience in conducting ecological monitoring and scientific research on range ecology and management, animal behavior, herbivore foraging strategies and has conducted numerous community appraisals within the field of human-wildlife conflict. He is continuing the Makgadikgadi zebra research project and has recently helped to establish a project on Cape buffalo movement within the Delta, while advising PhD research students working on the herbivore guild structure of the Okavango Delta and the foraging ecology of Brown Hyaenas in the Makgadikgadi.

**Dr. Hattie Bartlam-Brooks** has worked on a number of herbivore projects in the northern Botswana, focusing on improving our understanding of the regulatory factors that control herbivore distribution patterns and how this can be applied to improve conservation practices. She completed her PhD in 2009 and has a particular interest in herbivore migrations. In 2008, she discovered the re-establishment of the second longest zebra migration in Africa. Hattie continues to set-up and supervise a wide variety of applied research projects in northern Botswana. Hattie is the lead researcher of the Okavango Herbivore Research project. She is passionate about increasing our understanding of, and thus our ability to protect, northern Botswana's fragile and unique ecosystems. In 2008 Hattie established the Zebra Migration Project to further investigate the second longest zebra migration in the world that she discovered whilst collecting data on zebra movement in the Okavango.

**Dr. Richard Fynn** supervises or co-supervises studies running on zebra and buffalo in the Selinda/Linyanti/Savuti region, studies on roan antelope in the Linyanti area, studies on wildebeest in the CKGR and rangeland studies in the Ghanzi region. He will be heading up a big vegetation/habitat mapping project over much of northern Botswana. His key specialization is grazing ecosystem ecology - looking at how the heterogeneity of habitat types in a region determines population productivity for various different herbivore species and how in turn the herbivores affect the productivity and quality of their resource base.

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**Dr. Sven Bourquin** earned his PhD in Conservation Ecology from the University of Stellenbosch with his thesis focused on the Nile crocodile in the panhandle of the Okavango Delta. His experience includes a position as an Environmental Consultant for Dibatana Research and Monitoring Camp in Botswana. He also conducted a number of vegetation surveys as part of a program aimed at assessing the impact and change of diet of relocated elephants. These surveys were conducted in reserves in South Africa and included a diverse range of habitat types including savannah bushveld, dune forest, floodplain, sand forest, swamp forest and riverine forest.

**ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE RESEARCHERS ACCOMPANY YOU FOR 2 DAYS DURING YOUR SAFARI. THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE EXCLUSIVE TO THIS PROMOTION AND NOT OFFERED THROUGH ANY OTHER CHANNEL.**

## **DAY 9**

### **DEPART / JOHANNESBURG / HOME**

Today you are flown back to Maun, where you connect with your international flight homeward (via Johannesburg).

### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ZAMBIA:**

*Add a week to your Botswana safari in neighboring Zambia at a 30% discount. After your Botswana safari, we are offering a very special itinerary to some of Zambia's most exclusive properties: "The Great Zambezi" takes you to Victoria Falls' exclusive Tongabezi Lodge for two days. Then fly to the Lower Zambezi to Kanyemba Lodge where you will have an in-depth experience with the Goba people and learn about conservation and community development challenges in contemporary Africa. End your visit at the beautiful award winning Sausage Tree Lodge located in the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park. The area abounds with wildlife, particularly elephant, and is renowned as the best spot for tiger fishing in the world.*



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## **WORLD ON SALE PRICE FOR THE 8 NIGHT BOTSWANA SAFARI (36%-40% DISCOUNT):**

October 1-31, 2013:	\$10,107.00 per person based on double occupancy
November 1-December 18, 2013:	\$7,412.00 per person based on double occupancy
January 12-February 28, 2014:	\$7,290.00 per person based on double occupancy

*\*Note: Offer excludes peak holiday season of December 19, 2013 - January 11, 2014.*

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 nights' accommodation at Duba Plains Camp & 4 nights' accommodation at Zarafa Camp
- All internal air transfers: Maun-Duba Plains-Zarafa-Maun
- All meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic house drinks, activities, park fees & laundry at Duba Plains Camp
- All meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic house drinks, activities, park fees & laundry at Zarafa Camp

### **CONDÉ NAST WORLD ON SALE INSIDER'S HIGHLIGHT (APPLIES DURING YOUR STAY AT ZARAFKA CAMP):**

- (2) Full-day private excursions with a Botswana-based Wildlife conservationist or researcher (*private vehicle included*)

### **PRICE EXCLUDES:**

- International airfare to/from Maun, Botswana
- Gratuities
- Travel/Medical insurance
- Passport fees
- Visa fee if applicable (no visa necessary for US citizens)
- Spa Treatments
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional arrangements before or after your safari

### **APPROXIMATE COST OF REQUIRED INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE (NOT INCLUDE IN THE ABOVE PRICE QUOTES):**

\$2300 per person (economy class airfare)

- USA to Maun, Botswana (via Johannesburg)
- Maun to USA (via Johannesburg)
- Overnight in Johannesburg may be required based on flight schedules (at additional cost)

*Zambia extension offered at 30% discount- please ask EXPLORE for details and pricing.*

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