



**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 March 1, 2014 to November 30, 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 in northern Botswana's exclusive and stunning 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 total privacy at Selinda Explorers Camp, an authentic bush camp with an emphasis on environmentally friendly activities and experiencing the African bush on foot.

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 with a 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 an enriching and inspiring endeavor.

Days 1-4

SELINDA GAME RESERVE / SELINDA EXPLORERS CAMP (exclusive use of camp)

Upon arrival in Maun, Botswana (via Johannesburg) on Day 1, you are met and escorted to your scheduled light aircraft flight to Selinda Explorers Camp. Set away from any other camp, and in a pristine location on the banks of the Selinda Spillway, this camp offers a chance for a different type of safari experience. Promoting a move away from carbon-based activities, Selinda Explorers is the ultimate eco-tourism destination. On safari here, it is possible to see a tremendous diversity of species, with particular emphasis on the smaller things only seen outside of a vehicle, such as an extensive network of animal tracks on the eastern part of the reserve. Getting out of the vehicle allows guests to connect with the ground and water to enhance their safari experience. It is a wildlife hot spot, with huge herds of elephants and buffalo, lion, wild dog, sable and roan antelope all frequently spotted.



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It is very possible to imagine yourself on safari with the early explorers Stanley & Livingstone while here, with its authentic bush camp style. Each of the four custom-designed, walk-in tents is expansive; however, in keeping with a bit of traditional safari, the en-suite flush loo and shower are attached and enclosed, but under the stars. Hot/cold water is provided by jug on demand. The double-vanity copper vanities and dressing make for spacious accommodation. Stylishly decorated with campaign-style furniture, decanters of cognac and Persian rugs, the décor pays homage to the roots of safari. And personal hammocks adorn each verandah.

In balance with the wild location of this camp, the camp is ecologically sensitive with 100% solar power, grey water treatment, bore-hole water for drinking, and activities that concentrate on getting back to nature: guided walking and canoeing a focus, but day and night game drives are also available exploring the eastern reaches of the Selinda Reserve.

Highlights:

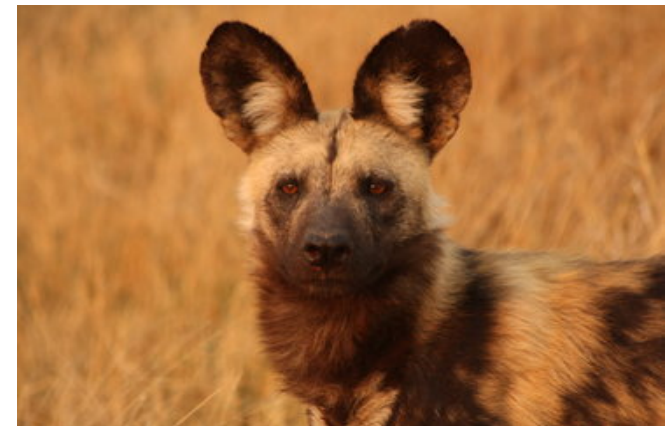
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Swimming (there are no crocs!)
- Guided wildlife walks
- Game drives

**This exclusive-use camp consists of just 4 tents, offered only on a private basis for up to eight guests maximum. Price is based on a minimum of 4 guests; so if there are only 2 or 3 guests in your group, you are required to pay for 4 guests and are then guaranteed exclusive use of the camp.*

DAYS 5-8

PRIVATE SELINDA GAME RESERVE / ZARAFSA 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,



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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.

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.

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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
- Fly-fishing
- 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 Hyenas 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

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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.

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 Johannesburg (via Maun) where you connect with your international flight homeward.

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 (38%-40% DISCOUNT):

March 1-31, 2014:	\$7,649.00 per person based on double occupancy for 2 guests traveling together \$5,956.00 per person based on double occupancy for 4 guests or more traveling together
April 1-June 14, 2014:	\$8,247.00 per person based on double occupancy for 2 guests traveling together \$6,417.00 per person based on double occupancy for 4 guests or more traveling together
June 15-October 31, 2014:	\$10,902.00 per person based on double occupancy for 2 guests traveling together \$8,556.00 per person based on double occupancy for 4 guests or more traveling together
November 1-30, 2014:	\$8,358.00 per person based on double occupancy for 2 guests traveling together \$6,504.00 per person based on double occupancy for 4 guests or more traveling together

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' accommodation at Selinda Explorers Camp on exclusive use basis
- 4 nights' accommodation at Zarafa Camp
- All internal air transfers: Maun-Selinda-Maun
- All meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic house drinks, activities, park fees & laundry at Selinda Explorers 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

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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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