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On safari in the Okavango Delta

Hollywood classics such as *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* and *Out of Africa* have helped to establish the notion of a safari as something of an adventure. Perhaps the most familiar word used on the African continent, “safari” is Swahili for “journey”, and conjures up images of the romanticism and breathtaking wilderness associated with Africa.

This Volkswagen driving experience will take you to the very heart of one of Africa’s most beautiful countries, for you to experience its unique flora and fauna close up. Botswana is roughly the same size as France and is one of Africa’s most affluent countries thanks to its wealth of natural resources. It only has around 1.6 million inhabitants, however, thus leaving plenty of space for zebras, gazelles, giraffes, buffalo and elephants to roam free – and for you to marvel at the brilliant colours of the sun setting over the African savannah without the slightest distraction.

You will take the Touareg into the huge Moremi Game Reserve not far from the Okavango Delta, driving through wonderful stretches of vast savannah and the fertile plains alongside the River Khwai, to Chobe National Park, which is traditionally home to the world’s largest elephant herds. On a game drive, you will find yourself at close quarters with wild animals in their natural habitat. And with a little luck, you may see the most typical animal of all for Botswana, namely the hippo, which is otherwise known in the national language Setswana as “kubu”. In the evening, you will be able to unwind in the charming atmosphere of the luxurious lodges and enjoy all the conveniences of a perfectly organised trip. What better way to experience the magic and the sublime nature of Africa?



Minimum no. of participants: 10
Maximum no. of participants: 12
Travel dates: 09.11.–16.11.

Package price: €3,800 per person in a double room, excluding flights.
 €1,300* return flight Frankfurt–Botswana (Economy Class).
 €900* single supplement.

An automotive voyage of discovery to the Okavango Delta, with its wealth of wildlife. Luxurious game lodges for accommodation. The route may be changed due to force majeure.

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Itinerary

Day 1

You will fly from Frankfurt to South Africa.

Day 2

You will travel on from South Africa to Maun in Botswana. Maun is known as the gateway to the spectacular Okavango Delta. Your instructors will meet everyone, including anyone who chooses to make their own way to Botswana, at the airport and drive them to Riley's Hotel, located in a picturesque setting on the banks of the Thamalakane River. There you will check in and enjoy an excellent lunch before being given a briefing on a few important details of off-road driving. Before taking to the wheel of your Touareg, you will be given an introduction to the special technology on board. Then you will have your first chance to explore the nearby area. The day will draw to a close with a delicious dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 3

After a relaxed breakfast, we will set off northwards to the Moremi Game Reserve. This exciting route passes through the habitat of large herds of zebras, elephants and gazelles. We will stop on route for lunch together in this fascinating wilderness, before taking sandy tracks

to Xakanaxa Lodge, right on the lagoon, where you will spend the night. You will take your evening meal in this romantic atmosphere out in the wild, at the heart of Africa's fascinating natural world.

Day 4

The proceedings get off to an early start today, with a lengthy pre-breakfast safari during which you will observe elephants performing their daily ablutions. After the drive, you will head back to the lodge for brunch before having the afternoon to yourself. There will be a second safari before your evening meal and this time, you might be lucky enough to observe lions on their daily prowl. This eventful day will be rounded off by an excellent dinner together at Xakanaxa Camp.

Day 5

The drive today follows the River Khwai into the Mababe Depression. This fertile area is home to large herds of elephants and gazelles. A tasty picnic will be served for lunch, before moving on to Chobe National Park, a protected reserve with one of the broadest varieties of species in Africa and also one of the most beautiful nature reserves on the continent. You will put the Touareg through its paces on the sandy tracks,

arriving in the evening at Savuti Elephant Lodge, which is inside the national park. After sunset, you will have the unique opportunity to watch the shy animals approach the lodge's watering hole before you round off the day with an exclusive dinner in the lodge.

Day 6

There will be another early safari to tempt you out of your luxurious accommodation this morning. With scenes of the park fresh in your mind, you will return to the lodge, where the table will be laid for a relaxed brunch. You will then hop back into the Touareg to drive on to the Khwai River Lodge in the Moremi Game Reserve. You will come across large wild animals again and again on the drive. As dusk falls, you will go on another safari adventure, observing hunting packs and their prey, before enjoying a tasty dinner.

Day 7

You will have breakfast with a wonderful view of the African countryside before leaving the wildlife reserve and making your way back to Maun. You will stop at Riley's Hotel again for lunch and, if you have booked your return trip with us too, you will then fly back to Germany via South Africa.

Day 8

Arrive in Germany – with lots of wonderful memories in tow.

Package includes:

- Return flight Frankfurt–Botswana (Economy Class), if required
- Five overnight stays in hotels and camps along the way as described in the itinerary, including breakfast
- Five lunches or picnic lunches as described in the itinerary, including non-alcoholic drinks
- Five evening meals as described in the itinerary, including dinner drinks
- Admission fees for the Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park
- Training in off-road driving
- Professional off-road instructors throughout the tour
- A Touareg for every two participants, including everything necessary for the trip

All additional costs for alcoholic drinks, the minibar or pay TV are to be settled by the guest at each hotel. Please contact us about prices for individual requests (e.g. Business Class supplement).

* Guaranteed price only up to 12 weeks before the trip.