

Commonwealth Club Travel

Presents

BOTSWANA

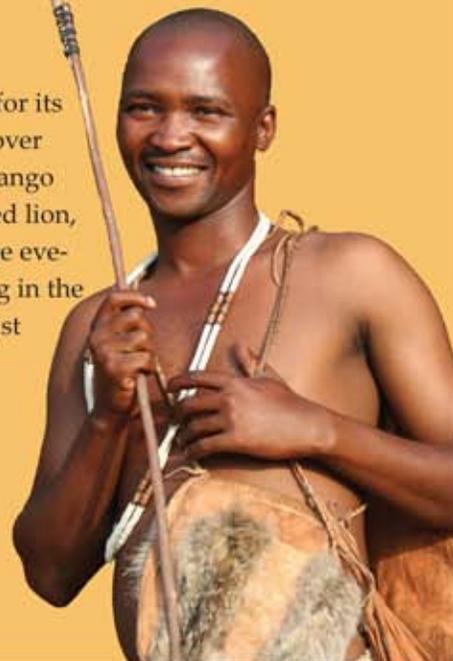
DESERT SUNSET, DELTA DAWN

May 17 to 27, 2012

Considered by many to be Africa's ultimate safari destination, Botswana is revered for its breathtaking landscapes, spectacular wildlife, and exclusive accommodations. Discover the best that Botswana has to offer, from the vast Kalahari Desert to the fertile Okavango Delta. By day, venture out in open 4X4 vehicles and *mokoros* in search of black-maned lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, cheetah, and the exceedingly rare African wild dog. In the evening, watch for lion passing right under the camp's walkway and elephant splashing in the river while you dine. Fall asleep to the sound of hippo crunching on water lettuce just outside your door and awaken to the songs of hundreds of birds.

"Of all the places on the Earth that I have been fortunate to visit over the years, no place struck me more powerfully than the unique convergence of the mighty Okavango River and the Kalahari Desert. There is nothing else like it on the entire planet."

— Scott Williams
Chicago, IL, Mar 2010



YOUR ITINERARY

THURSDAY, MAY 17 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/ EN ROUTE

Get set for your adventure as you board your overnight flight on South African Airways. (Meals Aloft)

FRIDAY, MAY 18 ~ JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg this evening, where you are escorted to your hotel, which offers a convenient location close to the airport coupled with modern comforts. D'OREALE GRANDE. (Meals Aloft)

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 19-20 ~ MAUN/ CENTRAL KALAHARI GAME RESERVE

Fly to Maun, Botswana and on to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve for one of the most remote and unspoiled experiences on the continent. This reserve is one of the largest in the world and home to an unbelievable array of wildlife. During this time of the year, as the hot rainy season comes to an end, travelers will enjoy cooler day time temperatures and evenings that still remain warm. Look for southern giraffe, red hartebeest, black-backed jackal, bat-eared fox, the almost mythical black-maned Kalahari lion, and the best cheetah viewing in Africa. Your home for two nights offers great access to wildlife in a secluded part of this diverse area, coupled with all modern comforts and conveniences. KALAHARI PLAINS CAMP. (All Meals Daily)

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 21-23 ~ OKAVANGO DELTA/BANOKA BUSH CAMP

Take to the air and make your way to one of the world's most distinctive regions and largest inland water systems, the Okavango Delta. Spend the next three days at Banoka Bush Camp situated in the Khwai Community Concession on the banks of the Khwai River. Experience the exhilaration of nature walks and day and night wildlife viewing from an open 4x4 vehicle that may include sightings of elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and cheetah, as well as the endangered African wild dog. Your camp is elevated overlooking a lagoon, offering impressive views of the surrounding landscape. BANOKA BUSH CAMP. (All Meals Daily)

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, MAY 24-25 ~ OKAVANGO DELTA/XIGERA CAMP

A light aircraft takes you to your water-based camp in the Okavango Delta. Glide through the quiet waterways in mokoros to see the vast array of animal and plant life it supports. Birding in this area is excellent, with Pels Fishing Owl and Wattled Crane regularly sighted. If you're lucky, you'll spot the elusive Sitatunga antelope. Depending on water levels, drives or boat trips may also be offered. Spend the next two nights at Xigera Camp, situated in the heart of the Okavango on Paradise Island, within the Moremi Game Reserve. The camp consists of ten luxuriously furnished walk-in tented rooms, each with en-suite facilities and outdoor showers. All rooms are raised off the ground and are built within a shady grove offering superb views of the floodplain to the east of camp and its attractive

waterhole that is frequently visited by lechwe. XIGERA CAMP. (All Meals Daily)

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 26-27 ~ MAUN/ JOHANNESBURG/SAN FRANCISCO

Enjoy a last wildlife run before flying back to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the U.S. (B, Meals Aloft)

CAPE TOWN PRE-EXTENSION

May 13 - 18, 2012



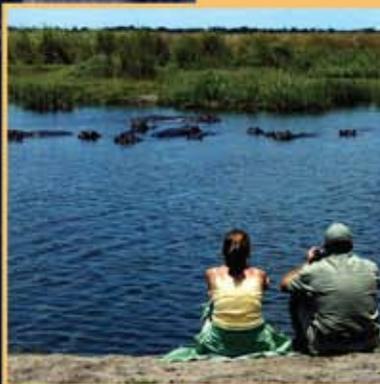
Begin your journey with a delightful retreat in Cape Town, one of the loveliest cities in the world. Enjoy international cuisine and ocean-front accommodations on the prestigious Platinum Mile. Ascend Table Mountain and take the coastal route to the Cape of Good Hope to discover charming seaside towns, spectacular wildlife, and the comical penguins at Boulders Beach. Tour the brilliant Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and spend a day in the famed Boland Valley wine region. Visit the settlement of Khayelitsha with a township guide and get an eye-opening historical tour of Robben Island. WINCHESTER MANSIONS. (B Daily; 3 L)

VICTORIA FALLS POST-EXTENSION

May 26 - 29, 2012



Continue your adventure to Zambia and experience the power of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. This incredible spectacle — "The Smoke That Thunders," as it is known to locals — is the world's largest waterfall, with five thundering cascades plummeting more than 300 feet. Feel the mist on your face during a guided tour of the falls; enjoy a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River, watching hippos, crocodiles, and birdlife at the water's edge while the sky turns a stunning array of red, gold, and purple; and visit a rural village to experience the age-old traditions of the ancient Leya people. TOKA LEYA CAMP. (B Daily, 2 L, 2D; Meals Aloft).



YOUR NATURALIST GUIDE:



As manager of safari camps in the Okavango, Dave Hamman has spent more than ten years working as a licensed guide and has an extensive knowledge of the bush. Dave's photographs have been published in numerous international publications around the world, including National Geographic and Africa – Environment & Wildlife. Dave and his wife Helene also co-produced the book, *Running Wild: Dispelling the Myths of the African Wild Dog*, the definitive book on these wonderful animals. Working closely with researchers, he strives to make new and interesting findings on many species.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- All flights between the Botswana camps. On the optional post extension, the flight between Botswana camp and Livingstone, as well as between Livingstone and Johannesburg.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals while on safari. Other meals as specified in itinerary.
- All wildlife viewing by 4X4 open vehicles, driven by professional driver/guides.
- Commonwealth Club of California leader will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on either extension.
- Dave Hamman will accompany group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main program and 10 on either extension.
- Laundry and all domestic beverages (beers, juices, house wines, sodas and some domestic liquors, excluding Champagne) during safari in Botswana.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles throughout.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling. Gratuities to driver/guides, naturalist guide and other conveyance attendants is not included.
- All park entry fees and sightseeing as specified.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form and send it by fax or mail to Commonwealth Club Travel, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main tour and \$250 for each extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (February 12, 2012).

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 17, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if the minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. Should considerable increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, or fuel charges we reserve the right to surcharge. This is also rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this trip:

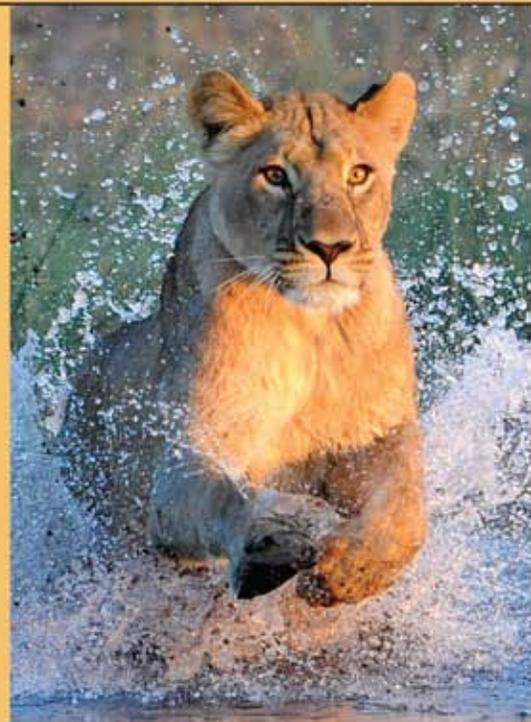
- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and either extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Information about travel insurance will be sent to you by the Commonwealth Club.

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

Commonwealth Club Travel
415-597-6720
travel@commonwealthclub.org



YOUR JOURNEY COSTS:

May 17 to 27, 2012 – prices per person

- \$6,895 double occupancy, land only
- \$1,995 single supplement
- \$2,800 international airfare from San Francisco, including taxes & flights between Johannesburg & Maun
OR \$700 air between Johannesburg & Maun, if purchasing international air independently

YOUR PRE-EXTENSION COSTS:

May 13 to 18, 2012 – prices per person

- \$2,995 double occupancy
- \$895 single supplement
- \$500 flights between Cape Town & Johannesburg

YOUR POST-EXTENSION COSTS:

May 26 to 29, 2012 – prices per person

- \$1,895 double occupancy
- \$495 single supplement

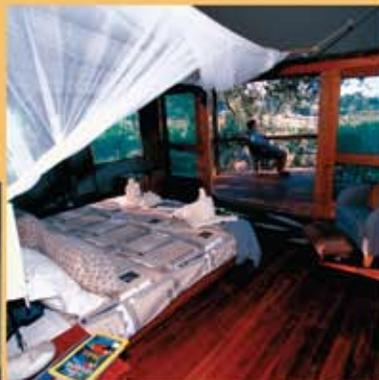


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Planet

RESERVATION FORM:

Tour Code: 12AFG0517/CCC

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 for the main trip and \$250 per extension, per person) to hold _____ places on the journey to Botswana departing on May 17, 2012.

Final payment due date is February 12, 2012. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Method of deposit: Mastercard Visa American Express Discover
 Check (Please make payment out to Classic Escapes and enclose with reservation form)

Name as appears on credit card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Card Verification Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Payment Amount: _____

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection)

I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Commonwealth Club of California or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement.
I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) and will pay the additional costs associated with:
 The Cape Town pre-extension
 The Victoria Falls post-extension

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement cost for:
 The main trip The Victoria Falls post-extension The Cape Town pre-extension

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from San Francisco.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand that I will be billed for the Johannesburg/Maun roundtrip flight and the flight for the Cape Town extension (if participating).

I/WE HAVE READ THE THE CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL SECTION AND CANCELLATION POLICIES IN THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Completed reservation forms should be sent to:

**Commonwealth Club Travel
595 Market Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105**

Tel: (415) 597-6720 Fax: (415) 597-6729

