

## 12-DAY 'GREAT PLAINS' SAFARI TO BOTSWANA

## Selinda and Okavango Delta

### FEATURES OF YOUR SAFARI

# **Program highlights:**

- ☐ This safari begins with three nights in the Selinda concession where you will explore by vehicle and walking.
- □ Continue to a private concession within the Okavango Delta and five nights at Duba Expedition Camp. This area is world-famous for the lion-buffalo interactions and four full days of game viewing gives you an incredible chance to see lions hunt.
- □ For over 30 years, acclaimed filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert have filmed in Botswana's Okavango Delta. Through the Great Plains Conservation and their storytelling through film, the Jouberts have helped raise awareness of the plight of Africa's lions. Catch a glimpse of the beautiful regions that Beverly and Dereck call home!









Day	Destination	Accommodation	
01+02	Fly USA – Johannesburg	InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport Hotel	
03	Fly JNB – Maun – Selinda Reserve	Selinda Camp or	
	Afternoon game drive	Zarafa Camp	
04+05	Selinda Reserve	Selinda or Zarafa	
06	Fly Selinda Camp - Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition Camp or	
	Afternoon game drive	Duba Plains	
07	Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition or Duba Plains	
08	Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition or Duba Plains	
09	Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition or Duba Plains	
10	Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition or Duba Plains	
11	Fly Selinda – Maun – JNB – USA		
12	USA		

Destinations	Base Package Optional Upgr Accommodations		
Selinda Reserve	Selinda Camp	Zarafa Camp	
Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition	Duba Plains	



## **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 01 USA/JOHANNESBURG

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Johannesburg.

#### DAY 02 JOHANNESBURG

On arrival you will be met and assisted to your hotel, adjacent to the Arrivals Hall.

Johannesburg is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in South Africa and is the center of the gold and diamond industry. Johannesburg began as a mining town when the largest deposits of gold in the world were discovered in the Witwatersrand in 1886. This "City of Gold" (locally known as "Egoli,") is now the country's largest commercial center and the country's main gateway for overseas visitors. The city itself has a population of approximately 2 million, while the total urban area including Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOwnships) has a population of approximately 4 million.

The InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport Hotel is located within walking distance from the airport terminals. This luxury hotel features 138 room hotel and offers business and leisure travelers the ultimate comfort and personalized service combined with consistent world class standards. Special features include in-room flight information and the Camelot Health Spa offering a variety of treatments and massage facilities complemented by steam rooms and a gymnasium to ease the stress of long distance travel. You will be treated to an entirely new taste sensation - "Aero African cuisine" - a fusion of African concepts incorporating flavors from around the world in the signature Quills Restaurant. Accommodation: InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport Hotel (B)







## DAY 03 JOHANNESBURG/MAUN/SELINDA RESERVE

Make your own way to the airport in time to check-in for your scheduled flight. Depart on the scheduled inter-Africa flight to Maun, Botswana. On arrival you will be met by your pilot and board the aircraft for your scheduled charter flight to your camp.

\*PLEASE NOTE\* There is a luggage limit of 44lbs (20kg) per person on the charter flight so please prepack your luggage accordingly in a soft-sided bag. Scheduled Charter flights times are estimates and may include multiple stops.

On the banks of the eastern Selinda Spillway, a waterway linking Botswana's Okavango Delta to the Linyanti Swamps, is the Selinda Reserve. This private wildlife reserve is available to only a handful of guests where you can experience some of Africa's finest wildlife. The shaded camp has a splendid view over open floodplains dotted with palm islands.







Destinations	Base Package Accommodations	Optional Upgrade	
Selinda Reserve	Selinda Camp	Zarafa Camp	

**Selinda Camp** is a classic level safari camp with the nine luxurious tents under thatch with unique en suite facilities. Each tent has open views of the spillway and floodplains, a shady veranda, flush toilet, enormous bathtub and a shower under the open African sky. The main area is a thatched double-tiered building incorporating dining and lounge facilities. Dinner is a gourmet delight with wines chosen to enhance the main course.

Activities include early morning game drives aboard 4x4 Land Cruisers, followed by an open-air "brunch". There is sufficient time to relax by the plunge pool or siesta before afternoon game drives, with sundowners, continuing into a night drive with spotlights. Occasional bush dinners maybe arranged. Short walks from camp or on drives can also be taken. During high water levels of late-May to early October, flat bottom boat rides are offered.

Accommodation: Selinda Camp (Full Board)







#### OR

**Zarafa Camp** is a small, intimate, ultra-luxurious safari camp with just four tents, located on a palm island on the edge of the northern Linyanti Swamps. Close by is the lagoon after which the camp is named. There are panoramic views of open floodplains dotted with palms.

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Accommodation: Zarafa Camp (Full Board)







DAY 04+05 SELINDA RESERVE
Enjoy two days of game viewing activities.
Accommodation: Selinda Reserve or Zarafa Camp (Full Board)



**DAY 06** SELINDA RESERVE/OKAVANGO DELTA
Following a morning game drive and breakfast, depart on your scheduled charter flight to your next safari camp in the Okavango Delta.







The Okavango Delta, covering over 6,000-square-miles (15,000-km2), is a natural mosaic of palm-fringed islands, open savannah, flowing rivers, crystal-clear lagoons and floodplains sprinkled with water lilies, and gigantic baobab and jackalberry trees. The Okavango River originates in the central African highlands, located in Angola which is about 600 miles (1,000 km) northwest of Botswana, then it fans out into the Kalahari Desert to create a vast system of thousands of waterways, separated by innumerable islands, and it eventually disappears into the Kalahari sands.

Game viewing for the larger land mammal species is excellent in many parts of the Delta. Large herds of buffalo, elephant, giraffe and a variety of antelope are often seen. Lion, leopard, cheetah and other predators are also frequently encountered. Hippo and crocs are found in the waterways and bird lovers will relish the incredible variety.







Destinations	Base Package Accommodations	Optional Upgrade
Okavango Delta	Duba Expedition Camp	Duba Plains

**Duba Expedition Camp** is ideally located on a 77,000 acre private concession in the heart of the game rich Okavango Delta. Built on a wooded island, the camp features six luxurious expedition-style canvas tents on raised decking each with en suite bathroom, double vanity, flush toilet and indoor shower. Enjoy spending time on your private verandah, relaxing between game drives and watching visiting birds and wildlife. The raised main lodge includes an open-concept dining and lounge area with expansive deck and a fire pit. The camp is run by solar power and electricity is provided throughout the day and night in each tent and main lounge.

Morning and night game drives take place in specially equipped Land Cruisers that can traverse the floodplains and channels (a maximum of six people per vehicle). Guided walking safaris, seasonal fishing and mokoro rides are also offered (water levels permitting).

Accommodation: Duba Expedition Camp (Full Board)







### OR

**Duba Plains** is perhaps the Okavango Delta's most remote camp. Located on a private 77,000 acre concession area, the camp is just north of the Moremi Reserve. Built on an island, surrounded by expansive seasonally flooded plains, this area is home to a variety of game. The area is famous for the lion prides and although the prides have splintered within the Duba concession in recent years it has allowed leopard to inhabit the area, giving guests a more well-rounded game experience.

Duba Plains has six luxury tents, including a two-bedroom tented suite, each with en suite bathrooms, inside-outside showers and sumptuous bathtub. Each tent overlooks the bust and has an expansive deck with an inviting sala bed and private plunge pool. The main lounge area includes a welcoming bar, wine cellar, interactive kitchen, library, dining room and fire pit. Activities include day and night game drives in open vehicles, guided walks and boating (subject to water levels).

Accommodation: Duba Plains (Full Board)







DAY 07-10 OKAVANGO DELTA

Enjoy four days of game viewing.

Accommodation: Duba Expedition Camp or Duba Plains (Full Board)













#### DAY 11 OKAVANGO DELTA/MAUN/JOHANNESBURG/USA

Leave as the sun comes over the horizon and enjoy an early morning game drive. Depart on your scheduled charter flight to Maun. Connect with the scheduled inter-Africa flight to Johannesburg. Continue onward overnight to the USA.

DAY 12 USA WELCOME HOME!

#### **2018 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

Based on Selinda Camp and Duba Expedition Camp

	Jan 11-Mar	Apr-Jun 14 Nov-Dec 19	Jun 15-Oct
Per Person	\$8,150.00	\$9,875.00	\$16,275.00
Optional Upgrades			
Zarafa (3 nts)	\$1,775.00	\$2,625.00	\$3,175.00
Duba Plains (5 nts)	\$2,950.00	\$4,375.00	\$5,295.00

<sup>\*</sup> Pricing is quoted per person sharing a room

### **AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** (subject to change until ticketed)

Please note the following sample airfares. Lower promotional airfares are offered throughout the year so please take a moment to contact our "in house" air department for even better pricing options!

## **INTERNATIONAL:**

Economy Class: From \$1,299.00-\$2,299.00 per person (low-high season)

Business Class: From \$5,399.00 per person (via Europe or on SAA) (low season)

New York/Johannesburg/New York - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city.

### INTER-AFRICA From \$595.00 per person (approx)

Johannesburg/Maun/Johannesburg

## LAND COSTS INCLUDE:

- Accommodations
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- Breakfast only (B) in Johannesburg
- All airport and road transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Charter flights as per itinerary
- All local drinks and laundry in safari camps

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Extra meals, drinks and laundry in Johannesburg
- Tips to staff and drivers
- Departure and Airport taxes (payable directly)
- Travel insurance
- International air fare
- Inter-Africa flights

#### **TOUR CODE: B12Great Plains**

## **Trip Reports:**

Selinda Camp - This was my favorite experience...bush plane, then boat to camp on the spillway. Walked into my cabin outfitted with a bathtub, hair dryer, Swarovski binoculars, paint set to use, gorgeous books written by Derek & Beverly Joubert...heaven in Africa! The chef, Steve, created outstanding menus - the best food of my trip. The staff was outstanding. And the best...they had comfortable Toyota Land Cruisers! It was the most game-rich camp of my 3 weeks; guide, Donald drove us to two lion kills (buffalos), two packs of wild dogs on the hunt, lots of other animals & birds and my darling warthogs and an aardwolf! **Betty Rose** 

Duba Plains was absolutely perfect, and great way for me to cap off the Eyes on Elephants trip. Everything about Duba was perfect; the wildlife, the camp, the staff, and the guides. I could not recommend it more highly. Thanks again Kyle and to the rest of the team at AAC for another fantastic trip!!

Best regards, Chris Swindal

