

BOTSWANA WILDERNESS WING SAFARI WITH SPECIALIST GUIDE 'BROOKS KAMANAKAO'

Exclusive AAC Departure: JULY 11, 2021

Kwando Reserve and Okavango Delta- Visit Victoria Falls

Program highlights:

- ❑ Join this incredible adventure to the heart of Botswana including the Kwando Reserve and the Okavango Delta.
- ❑ You are led by Specialist Guide, Brooks Kamanakao, during your days on safari.
- ❑ Enjoy three nights in 2 camps, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Botswana.
- ❑ Begin your adventure with two nights at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel.
- ❑ **Rates reflect special Kwando Camp Portfolio discounting.**

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Specialist Guide Brooks Kamanakao with AAC's Founding Director, Alison Nolting



BROOKS KAMANAKAO

“I was *really* born in the bush.” states Brooks. This rings true considering he grew up in the small village of Motopi, on the banks of the then flowing Boteti River and one of the main channels of the Okavango Delta.

Belonging to the Bayei tribe (the people who introduced mokoros to the Okavango Delta), Brooks had a fascination with Botswana’s wild areas from a young age. Determined to succeed, he began his career in tourism as a casual worker, soon being granted a position as a barman/ waiter. As his interest was in the bush, he soon managed to move into the position of tracker which he pursued for a year before passing the Wilderness Safaris guides course in 2000.

Since then, Brooks has improved his bush knowledge and fine tuned hosting skills working at premier camps like Kings Pool and Mombo as senior guide. In early 2006, he joined the Explorations team to enhance his knowledge of other areas of the country, as well as spending more days with each group of guests.

A combination of superlative bush knowledge, friendly hosting and a wide interest in astronomy, birding and the diverse cultures of Botswana, has meant that Brooks has quickly become popular as both an Explorations guide and an often requested private Explorations guide.

“Mark, thanks for setting up such a great itinerary. It was absolutely fabulous. A very special Thanks for arranging to have Brooks as our guide at Mombo and Zarafa. He was excellent. He was so knowledgeable about the animals, their habitats, the wonderful working of nature...he would stop the vehicle and just listen and then he could tell us what messages the animals were sending. We found a leopard with a kill because of that listening. But he also had such knowledge of Botswana. He gave us a talk while we are on a sunset cruise at Zarafa. I told him he should be a teacher. He also was very attentive to any need we had at the camps. Excellent!!!!”

Kelly and Nathan Tarbox

July 2021	Destination	Accommodation
11	Fly USA – Johannesburg	Travel
12	Johannesburg	Southern Sun O. R. Tambo International Airport Hotel
13	Fly Johannesburg – Victoria Falls Afternoon at leisure	Victoria Falls Hotel
14	Day at leisure Optional touring available	Victoria Falls Hotel
15	Road transfer to Kasane Fly Kasane – Kwando Afternoon activity – Kwando	Kwando Lagoon Camp
16	Kwando Reserve	Kwando Lagoon Camp
17	Kwando Reserve	Kwando Lagoon Camp
18	Fly Kwando - Okavango Afternoon activity	Splash Camp
19	Okavango Delta	Splash Camp
20	Okavango Delta	Splash Camp
21	Fly Okavango – Maun Fly Maun – Johannesburg - USA	
22	USA	



2021 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

Peak Season	Per Person Sharing	Single Supplement
12-Day Program	\$12,475.00 per person	Please Request

** All rates are per person sharing a room*

** Based on 6 people traveling on the departure*

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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 FLIGHT:

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 FLIGHT: From \$695.00 per person (approx)

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls – Maun/Johannesburg

LAND COSTS INCLUDE:

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

NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra meals in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls
- Tips to staff and drivers
- Departure and Airport taxes (payable directly)
- Optional touring and park fees in Victoria Falls
- Travel insurance
- International air fare
- Inter-Africa flights

Trip reports:

We had experiences I could have never dreamed about. When Brooks is excited and taking photos you know it is special. With him we saw the rare pangolin, the wild dogs chasing a young giraffe (the baby did survive). We saw a 6 months leopard on ground, then tree and then with a kill –a squirrel or other similar animal. In the drive to airstrip we saw an elephant “climbing” a tree with front legs to get higher branches.

Brooks is the greatest! He took us everywhere by vehicle-we were 400yards from main lodge so he drove us back and forth for meals and all else. We did not ask he just took it upon himself to help us out. If he is not the best guide there are none better. It was fun to watch him figure out where the action was. He ate with us so we got to know him quite well.

Thanks to all,

Bev Bounds

We had a phenomenal time in Africa, and want to thank you so much for setting up such an amazing experience.

Brooks was such an accomplished and experienced guide and really took care of us, not just in finding animals but in really understanding our needs and making each day an adventure that took all of our expectations into account. We saw so many animals! Way more than we might have anticipated and Brooks was intuitive in his ability to track and find them. You couldn't have selected a more perfect person for our family.

Laurie Mortensen