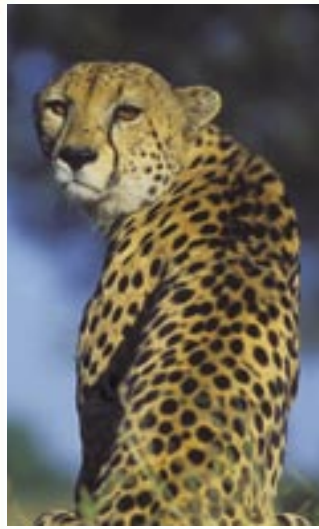




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Botswana is a land-locked country the size of Kenya, France or Texas with a population of around 1.7 million people giving it one of the lowest population densities in the world. Botswana has been a stable democracy since independence in 1966. Until the late 90's, the country boasted the fastest economic growth rate of any country in the world. Botswana safaris are famous for the Okavango Delta and having the largest elephant herds in the world.

Why Kwando Safaris? The list below outlines the specific advantages of a Kwando safari. Experienced safari travellers will confirm that these unique ingredients are essential for the best safari. Kwando Safaris was founded to give our guests a true African Safari – just what you would expect and a little more...

- Kwando operates in our exclusive private safari areas.
- The camps are open all year round.
- Never more than 6 guests per vehicle (in individual seats).
- Game drives operate on and off road when necessary... and at night (30% of all fascinating mammals are mainly active at night).

- River cruises are on double-deck boats for maximum all round visibility.
- Our select guide/tracker teams are used to enhance guest experiences.
- Personal attention from our guides is assured as the trackers maintain the vehicles.
- Maximum 8 tents/huts in any camp.
- Guests enjoy three healthy wholesome meals per day.
- Our rates include all drinks – including premium brands, wine and other beverages.
- Meet and greet service in and out of Maun airport in our private guest lounge.
- Intimate camps in private areas with personal service – vintage Africa.

Kwando Safaris focuses on the one thing we have in great abundance – wild wild Africa – in fact 1 million acres of traverse area – more than any other. While our camps are stylish and luxurious our emphasis is on the best possible safari experience.

The Kwando Safaris concessions:

1) The Kwando River big game concession is 232 000 ha (573 000 acres) of unfenced wilderness area and features 2 camps on the Kwando River – Lagoon and Lebala. For the ultimate in privacy and wilderness it just does not get any better. The concession has 80km (50miles) of exclusive river frontage. Famous for huge herds of elephant and buffalo with our wild dog viewing considered the best in Africa. Predators include lion, leopard, hyena, cheetah and 4 species of smaller cats.

2) The 175 000 ha (432 000 acre) Kwara concession shares a 30 km water boundary with Moremi Game Reserve but being a private concession offers night drives, boat and mekoro trips, walking and fishing that cannot be offered in the Game Reserve. The concession has both permanent water and seasonal flood plains ensuring the best of the Okavango Delta as well as extensive dry bush wilderness. Favoured with labyrinths of permanent water channels and secret islands the concession offers you the privacy and tranquillity available in the Okavango Delta.

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Lagoon Camp

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The most beautiful camp setting in Botswana. Lagoon comprises 6 luxury tents, set on the banks of a perennial lagoon of the Kwando River, under large shady trees. The small size of the camp and its setting makes the Lagoon experience personal and intimate – the epitome of the Kwando Safaris ethos.

Tents have a spacious bedroom area with deck and view of the lagoon. There are his and hers basin, flush toilet and outside shower with hot and cold running water. The camp has a plunge pool, lounge, bar, gift shop and dining room with a shady area overlooking both the lagoon and a favoured spot where elephants come to drink.

The vegetation is markedly different to Lebala in the south of the concession. Here the defined river channels give way to flood plains, both seasonal and permanent. The ox bow lakes make many secret lagoons favoured by game for drinking in the dry season. However Lagoon is famous for its wild dogs and excellent lion and buffalo interaction. Lagoon like Lebala has a reputation for predator action – the lions known for their ability to hunt and kill mega fauna like buffalo, hippo and elephant.

The airstrip is 3km from camp for light aircraft transfers, the predominant method of access to the camp. The camp offers game drives both off road and at night, walks (subject to guides discretion), fishing and a double deck boat cruise on the permanent river.

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Lebala Camp

B O T S W A N A



One of finest tented camps in Africa. Lebala in the Setswana language, means "open plains" which aptly describes the extensive grasslands and seasonal flood plains of the Linyanti marshes – fed by the Kwando River. Lebala tents are well known by experienced travellers for their old world charm and modern comforts. At times the camp becomes an island when the floods arrive.

The 8 luxurious tents have a view onto the surrounding plains from their teak decks. The spacious bedroom, intimate lounge, dressing room and en suite bathrooms with Victorian ball-and-claw bath tubs, double basins and outside showers complete the picture. The camp has a plunge pool, lounge, bar, dining room, game viewing hide, gift shop and fire place area. The game viewing at Lebala is amongst the best in Africa due both to the concentrations of game and the excellent visibility on the plains. Lebala focuses on the excellent game drives, both off road and at night. Bush walks are at guides discretion due to seasonal high elephant concentrations. There are no water activities offered due to the presence of large numbers of hippo and elephant in the channels.

Lebala has a simple formula – the grass on the plains is grazed short by abundant prey species resulting in concentrations of large predators. Lebala, like Lagoon, has a reputation for predator action with the lions known for their ability to hunt and kill mega fauna like buffalo, hippo and elephant. Lebala airstrip is 6km from the camp.

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Kwara Camp

B O T S W A N A



The only complete Okavango Delta experience. Kwara is located on the northern edge of the permanent water of the Okavango Delta in a massive private concession. The 8 tents are set under a shady tree island overlooking a lagoon fed by the waters of the Delta. The area surrounding the camp is a mosaic of treed islands, lagoons, channels and grasslands. Kwara has a combination of permanent water, seasonal flood plains and pans, open grasslands as well as extensive dry bush and scrub.

The camp has elevated tents with views over the surrounding areas. Each of the tents has an en suite bathroom, double basin and a unique inside/outside shower as well as a viewing deck. The honeymoon tent has a ball-and-claw bath. The camp has a plunge pool, dining room, bar, lounge and a gift shop.

Kwara is renowned for being the only camp that offers a year round Okavango Delta experience with game drives both off road and at night. The range of activities on offer include, mekoro trips (dug-out canoes), double deck power boat, fishing, bush walks with armed guides and trackers. The combined experiences make Kwara the camp of preference for many of our guests.

Access is by air to the Kwara airstrip 4 km from camp. Kwara also offers boat transfers through the Okavango Delta to some water based camps in the Delta and Moremi Game Reserve.

Refer to www.kwando.co.za for more info.



Songwe Village

VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA



The complete Victoria Falls experience with a cultural flair. Victoria Falls – one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. The Falls form the core of the experience. Livingstone is the adventure capital of Africa. Perched on the edge of the Batoka Gorge, Songwe Village is the perfect base for exploring the area and sampling the adventures on offer – white-water rafting, flight of angels, bungi jumping and many others.

Songwe Village is different and that is what makes it special – 8 thatched huts in a traditional village layout. Each hut comprises a bedroom, bathroom and awesome view. The huts are en-suite and comfortable with a charm enabled by simplicity of their African design.

A stay at Songwe Village will enrich your lives and change your perspectives in many little ways. Sunrise and sunset views from the extra bathrooms, ensure that many guests bathe a few times every day.

A Songwe stay, time permitting, offers the following:

- A visit to the Falls and a cruise on the Zambezi river
- A tour of the town and markets
- A visit to a traditional Toka-Leya village
- An ox wagon trip to our field museum
- A game safari featuring white rhino
- A traditional meal around the camp fire.

The trip from the airport to Songwe Village takes around 40 minutes.

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General Info

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General Info: Please use our comprehensive website for your research as it contains many useful pages and links for you to use in preparation for your safari. www.kwando.co.za

Game Drives: Kwando Safaris operates off road and at night in purpose-built open vehicles with guides and trackers. 30% of all interesting mammals are only active at night including the big cats – without a night drive you miss much of the potential action. Contrary to industry norms we believe that the guide/tracker team is essential for the best safari experience. Besides the wonderful work the trackers do on the game drive – especially at night and off road, they enable the guides to look after their guests while the trackers look after their vehicles.

Guides: Kwando Safaris believes that the single biggest determinant of your experience is the quality of your guide. Therefore we spend a great deal of time and effort to ensure that our guides and trackers are the best you can get. We also offer a selection of specialised guides and private vehicle options to ensure that you get the best possible experience. The above services are subject to availability. We have more info on these choices and their benefits on our website including profiles of the guides on offer.

Refer to www.kwando.co.za for more information on private guides and fast facts.



Access: All Kwando Safaris Botswana camps are accessed by light aircraft. However, we do have the “Wounded Buffalo” border post – by boat between Lagoon Camp and Namibia, conditions apply. Air Botswana serves Maun from Johannesburg and Gaborone (daily) as well as from Cape Town and Windhoek (limited) and to Kasane (limited). Air Namibia serves Maun (3 times per week) and Katima Mulilo (daily) in Namibia from Windhoek. Livingstone is serviced from Johannesburg (daily) and to Lusaka (limited). Victoria Falls has three airlines from Johannesburg (daily) and from Bulawayo and Harare (limited).

Our camps all have local airstrips and therefore private charters are possible in appropriate planes. We also offer boat transfers between Kwara and some Okavango Delta camps. Game drive transfers between Lagoon and Lebala are standard. Please note that baggage is restricted to 12kg for all light aircraft transfers.

Health: All our camps are in malaria areas. Please take medical advice before visiting. Our tariffs include medical evacuation cover but guests are advised that this does not replace their medical insurance. This cover simply speeds up the time it takes for evacuation approval. Evacuation is to the nearest world class medical facility – normally in Johannesburg. Please note evacuations may not be possible 24 hours per day.

Currencies: Our camps accept VISA and MASTER cards only. Botswana’s currency is the Pula but US Dollars, British Pounds, SA Rands and Euros are accepted in most tourist facilities. Please note no foreign coins are accepted.

Website: We maintain a comprehensive website www.kwando.co.za.



co.za This website has a list of recommended Tour Operators who will put together the best possible safari for you. We are not Tour Operators – we concentrate on running the best possible safari destinations for you. We also have a Secret Season Special known as the 5 Rivers Safari where we co-operate with 4 other safari camp operators. Ask your Tour Operator for more info.

Weather Info: Seasons in Botswana vary in two main ways. The cold and hot seasons and then the green and dry seasons. We do not have the normal 4 seasons. The cooler months are chilly at night with warm sunny days (temperatures dropping to 0°C/32°F on occasions). However combined with the wind chill this can be VERY cold. The cooler times are from May to August – please bring a heavy jacket, gloves and head protection. Much of the year can be very hot with temperatures exceeding 40°C (110°F) on days. During the green season rainfall is low with less than 30 days per year when rain falls – normally as an afternoon thunder storm – late November to early April. Refer to www.kwando.co.za for more details.

Rates Include: (All Camps)

- Accommodation and 3 healthy wholesome meals per day.
- All wines, alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and other beverages.
- All game activities and park fees.
- Airstrip transfers to/from local strips.
- Guides and trackers for activities.
- Daily laundry service (please note washing by hand - ironing using coal irons).
- For other inclusions for Songwe see Songwe Village page.

Rates Exclude:

- Travel/Cancellation insurance.
- Medical insurance.
- Gift shop purchases.
- Staff Gratuities.

Family Safaris:

Kwando Safaris accepts children 8 years and older as part of a Family Safari. This safari provides the family with their own private vehicle and guide/tracker team to enhance their experience, while minimising the impact on other guests. Refer to www.kwando.co.za for more details.

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