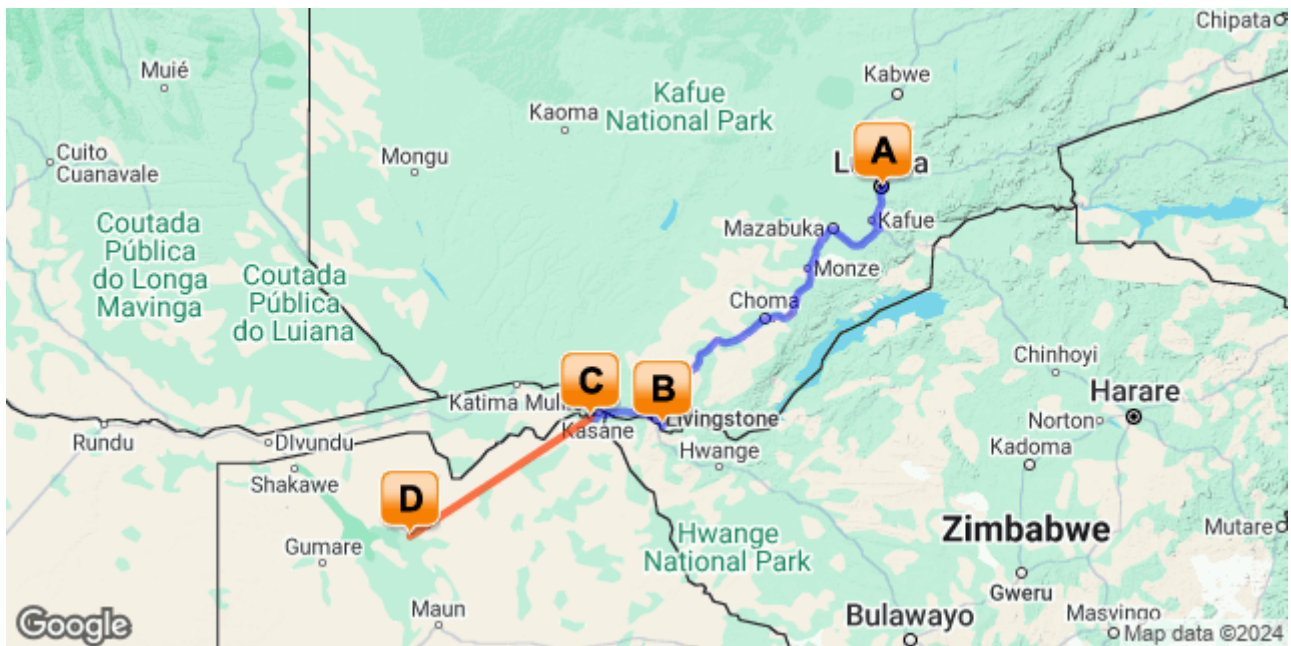


Lusaka- Livingstone - Chobe - Okavango

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9 Days / 8 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Taj Pamodzi Hotel	Lusaka	B&B	Double/Single room	1 Night
The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara	Victoria Falls (Zambia)	B&B	Double/ Single room	3 Nights
Chobe Game Lodge	Chobe River Front	FB+	Double/ Single Room	3 Nights
Xugana Island Lodge	Okavango Delta	B&B	Double/ Single Room	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 1: Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Lusaka

Lusaka

Lusaka, Zambia's cosmopolitan capital, is a typical modern African city. Set on open plains at the heart of the country, northeast of the capital, the city serves as Zambia's rapidly developing economic and transport hub with new buildings popping up everywhere and many chain stores and shopping malls springing up all over the sprawling suburbs. Lusaka's wide, tree-lined boulevards feature a range of tourist facilities including hotels, guest houses, coffee shops, fast food outlets, nightclubs, and pubs. Visitor attractions include the Henry Tayali Gallery, showcasing local artworks; The National Museum, covering Zambia's colonial history; the Lilayi Elephant Orphanage; and a number of colourful markets. Don't miss the popular Munda Wanga Environmental Park where you will find a Wildlife Park and Sanctuary, Botanical Gardens, Recreational Village, and an Environmental Education Centre.

Overnight: Taj Pamodzi Hotel

Set amidst tropical gardens in the heart of Lusaka's business and government district, this luxurious hotel provides spacious comfort and modern amenities. Conveniently located just 22 km from the airport and 5 km from the city centre, you won't find a more comprehensive range of services available in Zambia.



Day 2: The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara, Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Situated along the southern border of Zambia, Victoria Falls is a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River. It forms the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe and stretches across almost two kilometres into a gorge over one hundred metres below - making it one of the world's widest waterfalls. Dubbed 'The Smoke that Thunders' by locals, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a popular tourist destination for those visiting Zambia. It is world-renowned for its sheer beauty and offers visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in spectacular landscapes inhabited by abundant wildlife. Visitors can look forward to a wide range of adventure sports such as kayaking, white water rafting, ziplining, bungee jumping and bridge swinging; and those looking for more relaxation can enjoy a sunset boat cruise, game viewing, or browsing through the vibrant local Livingstone Market.

Overnight: The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara

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On the banks of the Zambezi River, The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara is named after the legendary explorer who named Zambia's iconic waterfall in honour of his queen. The hotel evokes Victorian elegance in impeccable style, and offers unforgettable adventures. A flight from Johannesburg to Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport, or Victoria Falls Airport in Zimbabwe is followed by a scenic drive through historic Livingstone or Victoria Falls town. The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara is set along the banks of the great Zambezi River, in full view of the spray of the Victoria Falls. One of the world's Seven Natural Wonders, this iconic waterfall is a mere 10-minute walk away, with guests enjoying direct access via the hotel's private entrance.



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Day 3: The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara, Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Day Itinerary

Adventure Mosi - Oa - Tunya

Expert Tips

The falls are at their highest capacity at this time of year, with the mist high and the sound thunderous. This, however, rules out the possibility of a swim in the Devil's Pool, as the water levels are too high, turning usually adventurous activity into a dangerous endeavor. There other activities available, including, but not limited to, bird watching or helicopter tours.

Entrance fees into the Falls are as follows:

International & SADC visitors: US\$ 20

Zambian visitors: US\$ 2

Lunar tour (all visitors): US\$ 30

The Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park is operational from 6AM - 6PM, which is the time window in which you may visit the site.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara, Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Chobe Game Lodge, Chobe River Front

Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park which is renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife, including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them - a visit to the Chobe River Front guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to a range of exciting activities such as 4WD along the banks; motorboat cruises; and rare birdlife spotting. For a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

Overnight: Chobe Game Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Counter-balancing the wilderness are restful, air conditioned, en-suite lodgings. Graceful high arches, quarry tiled floors and barrel vaulted ceilings create an atmosphere of cool tranquillity.

Other facilities include a large swimming pool with terrace, a riverside boma area, a stylish bar with an outside

terrace, an expansive deck offering magnificent views over the Chobe River as well as conference facilities for business travellers. All meals are catered for in various locations throughout the lodge including the terrace, boma and riverfront deck.

Each of Chobe Game Lodge's 4 luxury suites has an individual plunge pool set on a private terrace with breathtaking panoramic views of the endless landscape and open plains. Graceful high arches, quarry tiled floors and barrel vaulted ceilings create an atmosphere of cool tranquillity. All 46 rooms are tastefully furnished, each room with hand crafted Rhodesian teak furniture and walls decorated with original African carvings and paintings.



Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 6: Chobe Game Lodge, Chobe River Front

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 7: Chobe Game Lodge, Chobe River Front

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks Included

Day 8: Xugana Island Lodge, Okavango Delta

Okavango Delta

Situated in the northwestern corner of Botswana, the Okavango Delta is a World Heritage Site as it is the largest inland delta in the world. The magnificent Okavango River sprawls out over the dry sands of the Kalahari Desert forming this flourishing waterlogged oasis featuring countless meandering waterways and crystal clear lagoons studded with water lilies, as well as fertile floodplains and reeded islands inhabited with abundant wildlife. The Okavango Delta stretches over an impressive 15000 square kilometres. Visitors can enjoy a number of wonderful activities such as game viewing, fishing, bird watching or taking an authentic guided Mokoro excursion through this wetland paradise in a traditional dugout canoe. Commonly spotted animals include: lion, rhino, leopard, giraffe, hippos, elephants, crocodiles and countless species of bird.

Overnight: Xugana Island Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Xugana Lagoon is widely accepted as being the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta. Xugana Island Lodge, situated on a wooded island abutting the lagoon, takes full advantage of this magnificent site. The thatched common area, comprising cocktail bar, lounge and curio shop, is still the original building put up in 1974, when Xugana became only the second tourist lodge ever built in the Okavango Delta.

Mokoro trips in eco-friendly dugout canoes built to the traditional design, boat safaris to lagoons and islands and wilderness walks give guests the chance to see the Delta wildlife such as Sitatunga and Lechwe antelope, crocodile and hippo, as well as the other big game that frequents the islands and riverine fringes. Bird-watching opportunities are outstanding, and the bream and tiger fishing can be excellent at certain times of the year. The peaceful boat ride back across Xugana Lagoon during the spectacular African sunset provides a lifelong memory.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Travel Information



This unique, peanut-shaped country, once known as Northern Rhodesia, offers visitors an authentic African experience complete with adrenalin pumping adventure sports, a variety of fascinating cultural activities, and an abundance of indigenous wildlife, which finds refuge in Zambia's vast national parks. Spend your evenings enjoying the spectacular site of the world's largest waterfall, the Victoria Falls, while sipping on sundowners after an exhilarating day of whitewater rafting down the rapids of the mighty Zambezi River. If that sounds a little too adventurous for your taste, take a houseboat cruise along the exquisite Lake Kariba while watching wild elephants drink at the riverbank as you try your hand at catching the elusive tiger fish. However you choose to spend your time in this unique country, you are bound to leave with a heavy heart and a desire to return again soon to this exceptionally beautiful Southern African country.

*A travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.



Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host a significant pride of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

Banking and Currency**Currency:**

Local currency: Pula (BWP)

Symbol: P

ISO code: BWP

Central bank: Bank of Botswana

Subunit: Thebe

Banknotes: P100, P50, P20, P10

Coins: P5, P2, P1; T50, T25, T10, T5

Banking:

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Generally, no

Visa: Yes

American Express: Generally, no

Diner's club: Generally, no

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 08h00 or 09h00 – 16h15 or 17h15

Weekends: 08h00 or 09h00 – 10h45 or 12h00

Public Holidays: No

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around**Air:**

Airports in major cities

Main airlines: Mack Air and Kalahari Air

International Airports: In major cities

Road:

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Drivers License needed: Yes, if your national licence is not in English. If your national licence is in English, you may use it for up to 6 months.

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

Uber available: No, but similar services

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: No

Local city bus networks: No

Rail:

Railway system: Yes, overnight train from Francistown to Gaborone to Lobatse.

Subway System: No

Water:

Ferries: No

Water taxis: No

Leisure cruises: No

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: Yes within major cities

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes within major cities

Ice: Yes within major cities

Meat: Yes within major cities

Street food: Yes within major cities

Local cuisine: Food centres around meat such as goat, beef, chicken and fresh water fish, and a maize meal known locally as “pap”. Adventurous culinary enthusiasts may want to try the traditional speciality of Mopane Worms, while those with a sweet tooth should make sure to sample the local Kalahari Truffles (made as a dessert) and unusual fruit called Marula. It is believed that watermelon originated here.

Drinks: Bojalwaja Setswana (the beer of Botswana) - created using fermented sorghum seeds.

Tipping: 10%, usually added to the bill at restaurants. It is also customary to tip game drivers and guides.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: 475 mm

Average temperature: 27°C

Best time to visit: It's best to visit Botswana between April and September – the dry winter months. At this time, animals usually stay close to their water sources, increasing your chances of seeing them.
