

# *Semunyaeni Botswana Mobile Safaris*

## SAMPLE ITINERARY: DESERT



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## 6 Night / 7 Day

Desert – Central Kalahari National Park and Makgadigadi National Park

Safari commences in and ends in Maun, Botswana



Semunyaeni Safaris recommends Airlink or Air Botswana flights arriving in Maun around 13:30 where you will catch a connecting flight to the camp. Arrangements must be made with your travel agent should you wish to visit Maun for a few days before your safari where we will fetch you from your lodge and transport you to the airport for your flight to camp.

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### WHAT TO BRING & HOW TO PLAN

- Soft suitcases – NO HARD CASES
- NO CASES WITH FRAMES OR WHEELS
- Warm jackets
- Hats and caps
- Sunglasses
- Malaria treatment as per your doctor's recommended precautions
- Sun screen
- Lip balm
- Books – Both reading and nature reference books
- Binoculars
- Cameras
- Spare camera batteries
- Electrical adapters
- Torch

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All meals
- All drinks ( soft drinks , beer , wine and local spirits )
- Water will be replenished throughout the day
- Mokoro excursion ( 1 per journey ) subject to water levels
- Park fees
- Okavango Air Rescue – 24 hour medical emergency evacuation

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Airport taxes where applicable
- Visas
- Curio purchases
- Medical / travel insurance
- Gratuities

**Day 1:**  
**Drive in**

Upon arrival at Maun International Airport, our staff will be there to welcome you. Once luggage has been loaded, we will head off for to camp in Central Kalahari National Park.

This journey through the bush and local villages takes about four hours. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and a light snack drinks will be served along the way. You will arrive at the camp in the late afternoon where you will be welcomed by our camp staff.

Once you have settled in, we meet around the fire or main camp area for a safety briefing, camp procedures and safari etiquette. There is an opportunity to shower, relax and unwind while dinner is being prepared. After dinner, the evening under the African stars awaits .

**Day 2 and Day 3: Central Kalahari National Park**

Although the routine for these days follow the same pattern, every day brings new perspectives and an a multitude of new sightings. We discover new areas new memories are made.

An early wake up calls invites you to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and rusks at the main camp area overlooking pure wilderness.

We depart on our early morning game drive and should return to camp at about 10h30 to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast

After breakfast take time out to read a book , siesta or simply take in the majestic vistas and connect to nature.

High Tea will be served at 15h00, after which we depart on yet another game drive into the Kalahari. Sundowners will be served at a scenic spot affording unforgettable memories of this African tradition. Enjoy a short ride through the early evening back to camp, where a roaring fire and a delicious meal await. Share your adventures around the fire, gaze into the unbelievable star studded sky above and under the stars and settle in for the night in the African Bush.

**Day 4: Transfer Day (Central Kalahari to Makgadigadi)**

Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee, hot muffins and scones

and fresh fruit as the team gets you ready for the last drive in the Kalahari. After your last morning drive (for the area) a brunch will be served among the desert trees and passing elephants. After breakfast, you continue your 4 hour journey to your new camp, passing villages and small towns along the way. The camp staff will pack up the camp during this time and move to our new location in the Makgadigadi National Park. We enter Makgadigadi and reach camp at approximately 15h00. A late afternoon game drive is available for those that want to set off on another adventure but you are also most welcome to relax and enjoy the serenity and peace of the camp after a long day. Sundowners around the fire followed by a tasty dinner that awaits. Spend the evening sitting around the fire listening to the calls of nature as the night sets in.

### **Day 5 and Day 6: Makgadigadi National Park**

An early wake up calls invites you to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and rusks at the main camp area overlooking pure wilderness. We depart on our early morning game drive and should return to camp at about 10h30 to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast. After breakfast take time out to read a book , siesta or simply take in the majestic vistas and connect to nature.

High Tea will be served at 15h00, after which we depart on our game drive into Makgadigadi National Park. Sundowners will be served at a scenic spot affording unforgettable memories. A roaring fire and a delicious meal await upon your return. Share your adventures around the fire, gaze into the unbelievable star studded sky above and settle in for the night in the African Bush.

### **Day 7:**

Day of Departure

#### **Drive Out Option**

We will awaken you with a traditional “KOKO” to start the day. Enjoy an early morning tea/coffee and rusks and set of on your last game drive on-route to Maun. A packed light breakfast will be served at a scenic spot in the reserve.

As we leave the National Park and head back to Maun, a stop will be made to break up the trip and to allow a snack break. We ensure to have you back at Maun International Airport by 11h30 giving you plenty of time to check in and enjoy your last few hours.



## WHEN TO GO

### **April to August**

The game viewing is a totally different experience. Yes the nights may be cold but the day brings new sightings that no other place offers.

### **Early September**

The lands wait for the rain and you experience the true Desert. Watch how the smaller carnivores, badgers, foxes and cats explore the sandy landscape.

### **February to March**

Watch the rain pour into the dry landscape, with just a little water comes new life. The second largest migration of zebra and wildebeests take place during this time.



## WILDLIFE

Although the Desert may seem dull in colour, it makes up for in its exquisite wildlife!

Different landscapes offer different wildlife when compared to the Delta. Explore the Baines Salt Pans where you see the memorable Black-manned Lions, spot the rare Aardwolf, admire the Honey Badgers digging for insects in the mounds and lastly see antelope of different patterns over the landscape.