



## *What to expect on an African Safari*

### **Lodges & accommodation**

Most lodges are small and exclusive, and some of them are located in private concession areas only accessed in private vehicles or aircraft. Most of the lodges accommodate a maximum of between 16 and 24 people.

Despite the remote locations of the lodges, all the rooms (and in some cases tents), have the comforts one would expect from a modern hotel - en suite bathrooms, walk in showers, flush toilets, and in some, air conditioned rooms and where air conditioning is not available, overhead fans. Our aim is to make your stay as comfortable as possible so such amenities as tea / coffee making facilities in the rooms and hair dryers are provided for. Each lodge is very different and we are able to offer a choice of tented or brick and thatch accommodation depending on your preference. Most of the lodges rely on generator power and 12-volt batteries for lighting at night.

### **Travel between our lodges**

Part of the excitement of visiting our lodges, is the getting around! We offer a fully integrated private air charter service, which operates single engine Cessna 206's, 207's, 210's and twin engine Britten Norman Islander aircraft. Some of our lodges have their own private airstrips.

"Unless a private charter is requested, your flight transfers have been booked on a "seat on plane" basis. Flight times are arranged according to each day's requirements and to fit in with activities, thus the plane may pick up and drop off other guest's en-route to your destination. Times therefore vary from day to day and will be communicated to you the afternoon before departure. Flights to Kasane and for Victoria Falls / Livingstone depart early to meet the scheduled road transfers; so early morning activities for guests departing on these flights are curtailed. Should you wish, private charters can be arranged, in which case you will be the only guests in the plane and you may specify your departure times. We are happy to quote separately for private charters."

Our vehicles at the lodges are either open Toyota Land cruisers carrying a maximum of 7 people or Landrover game viewing vehicles carrying a maximum of 9 people. All Land cruisers have individual bucket seats while the Landrover have bench seats. Each vehicle has a removable canvas roof enabling for shade and ample storage space for cameras, binoculars etc..



## What is included in your stay?

One of the great things about staying at our lodges is, that all our rates are fully inclusive, offering excellent value. Included in our accommodation rates are all game activities (whether they be by vehicle, on foot, in a mokoro or a power boat), meals (buffet breakfasts /lunches and al la carte dinners), and drinks with meals (soft drinks, local wines and beer), national park fees, laundry and medical evacuation insurance.

## Your Safari Experience

While staying at our lodges, everything is geared around the best game viewing times, specific to each lodge. Days start very early, sometimes at sunrise and often finish late in the evening. This is to utilize the best times to view game – so often the middle part of the day is free for relaxation which is why all our lodges have swimming or plunge pools with sun decks. All our lodges are also equipped with well-stocked libraries and comfortable lounges to relax in. Smoking is not permitted in any of our safari vehicles, but is allowed in sections of the lodge.

### *A typical day on safari*

05h30	Wake up call
05h45	Early morning tea / coffee and a light breakfast consisting of fruit, yoghurt, toast, and cereals
06h00	Depart for early morning game activity; game drives, walking, boat activities. Cool drinks, coffee and tea served half way through the activity.
10h00	Return to the lodge to relax and refresh, or shop as this is when our curio shops are open.
10h30	Buffet brunch is served. Afterwards, your time is free for rest and relaxation, game viewing / bird watching from the lodges, time to enjoy around the pool or in the case of some of our lodges, a cultural visit to one of the local villages.
16h00	Afternoon tea / coffee, cake & savory snacks.
16h30	Afternoon game activity with sundowners in a scenic location
19h30	Return to the lodge
20h30	Pre-dinner drinks with hot / cold snacks in the bar, followed by an a la carte dinner.
21h00	Drinks / coffee / liquors around the boma / campfire.

*Please note all times are approximate, depending on the game sightings and seasonality (summer times).*