

Central Kalahari & Deception Valley: 11 Days

DURATION	FROM	DESTINATION	MINIMUM
11 Days / 10 Nights	USD 27,475 per person	Botswana	2 travellers

11 Days / 10 Nights. Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta.

Itinerary

- Day 1: Arrival Maun**
1 day | Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta
 Arrival Maun. Charter south into the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, at 52,800 km² the second-largest protected area in the world. Afternoon drive in Deception Valley.
- Day 2: Central Kalahari, the black-maned Kalahari lions, cheetah**
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 Central Kalahari, the black-maned Kalahari lions, cheetah on the open pans, oryx, springbok and bat-eared fox. Morning and afternoon drives with a bush lunch.
- Day 3: Deception and Passarge valleys, a full day tracking**
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 Deception and Passarge valleys, a full day tracking cheetah, plus a walk with San guides on desert survival, medicinal plants and traditional trapping.
- Day 4: Charter north-east to the Makgadikgadi**
1 day | Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta
 Charter north-east to the Makgadikgadi. Afternoon quad biking on the salt pan and sundowners on the horizon.
- Day 5: Makgadikgadi, habituated meerkats in the morning, a**
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 Makgadikgadi, habituated meerkats in the morning, a Zu/'hoasi Bushman walk, and the Boteti River zebra concentration in the afternoon.
- Day 6: Charter west to an Okavango Delta water camp**
1 day | Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta
 Charter west to an Okavango Delta water camp. Afternoon mokoro through the papyrus.
- Day 7: Delta water, island walking safari and a motorboat cruise**
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 Delta water, island walking safari and a motorboat cruise for sitatunga and Pel's fishing owl.
- Day 8: Charter to a Delta land concession**
1 day | Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta
 Charter to a Delta land concession. Afternoon game drive for wild dog and lion.

9 Day 9: Delta land, dawn and afternoon game drives and a night drive

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Delta land, dawn and afternoon game drives and a night drive.

10 Day 10: Final Delta day, a long photographic drive and a bush

1 day | Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Deception Valley, Passarge Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta
Final Delta day, a long photographic drive and a bush breakfast; optional helicopter scenic flight.

11 Day 11: Morning drive, brunch, then flight to Maun for departure

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What's included

- Accommodation as per tier; all meals; house drinks at camp (except premium cellar); twice-daily activities with a licensed guide; all light-aircraft charter sectors on the circuit; park
- Concession and conservation fees; road/air transfers; laundry at camp; emergency medical evacuation cover

Not included

- International airfare; visas and border fees; travel and medical insurance; gratuities; premium cellar wines and champagne; balloon safaris and helicopter flips unless stated; spa treatments; excess-baggage charges above the 15 kg soft-bag light-aircraft limit; personal purchases

What to bring

- Best season: Dec-Apr is the Central Kalahari's paradoxical best season
- The summer rains green the valleys and draw huge herds of springbok and oryx with the predators behind them. May-Oct is drier and quieter but pairs better with the Delta. Pace and grading: Moderate. Extreme heat in the Kalahari Oct-Feb; long charter sectors. Ideal for: Desert and landscape enthusiasts
- Cheetah photographers
- Repeat Botswana clients
- Clients wanting extreme contrast in one trip. Accommodation tiers: COMFORT: quality tented camps on shared activities. LUXURY: premium concession camps
- All-inclusive
- Private vehicle. ULTRA: exclusive-use villas
- Private chef and guide
- Helicopter transfers on request

Ready to book, or want this tailored?

Prices are per person and depend on season, group size and availability. Tell us your dates and we will confirm a firm quote, adjust the route, or combine this with another trip.

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