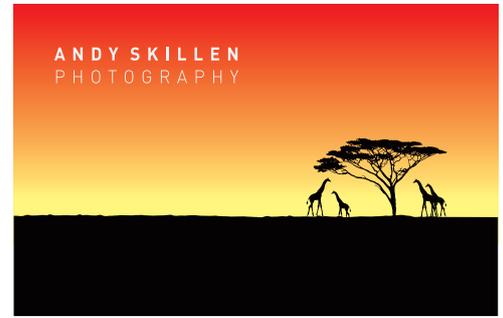


## Botswana: a triple-site photo adventure

An exclusive, **four person** photographic adventure to the world-famous **Chobe National Park** and brand new **Khwai Private Reserve**, taking in land-based and boat-based accommodation and photographic situations.

**1 – 10 July 2019; 10 days, 9 nights**

**GBP6,295; US\$8,950 (per person based on double occupancy)**



## Itinerary

### Day 1-3: Chobe tented camp (3 nights)

After landing in Kasane we will collect you from the airport and transfer directly to our tented camp in the western reaches of The Chobe National Park in our specially adapted game viewing vehicle.

This camp comprises large walk in tents each with their own private ensuite toilet and shower facilities. There are real beds with linen, blankets and pillows and plenty of room for luggage and camera gear. In front of the tent is a shaded "stoop" with a wash basin and a couple of chairs. This is not your average camping experience but rather a comfortable rustic tented lodge deep in the African bush.

The camp staff are on hand to prepare three meals a day, enough ice in your drinks and to ensure that you have hot water whenever you need it for the shower at your tent. Meals are taken around a long table set up under an awning which doubles as a media centre for mid afternoon photo editing. In the evenings you are invited to spend time around the camp fire with your favourite tippie and enjoy the sense of being immersed in nature.

During the day you will do game drives around the hills and floodplains leading to the river that surround our camp. For this trip, we have opted to set the maximum number of guests to just **FOUR**. No other group will offer this level of comfort and space, and of course how much more time you will have for tutoring if required. This is how the African bush should be experienced.

I have set the **maximum of 4 clients per photo safari on this trip**, to provide plenty of space. We will rotate positions over the course of our time in the Chobe. Each seat is equipped with custom swing arm on which to rest your camera. The area is fantastic for sightings of plains game like zebra and giraffe along with regular sightings of large herds of elephants, buffalo and prides of lions. The area is also excellent for leopard and wild dog. It should be noted that it is a requirement of game viewing vehicles within National Parks in Botswana to have a canopy fitted.

### Days 3 – 6: Chobe River "Voyager" houseboat (3 nights)

After three nights in the tented camp you will transported through to the Eastern side of The Chobe where you will be collected by the guides from our five cabin "Voyager" houseboat, which cruises along the magnificent Chobe River.

From the houseboat you will have a very different wildlife experience as you literally look back onto the land you have spent the last few days exploring. The game viewing on the houseboat is done on photo boats that we launch out into the river each day with custom built photo chairs. The chairs are equipped with camera mounts and are able to rotate 360 degrees.

From the river you can expect to see plenty of elephants coming to drink from the river as well as large populations of hippos, antelope and multiple species of birds including Fish eagles, Jacanas, Pygmy Geese and Kingfishers. Game viewing and photography on the river is spectacular but should you wish you can also try your hand at some Tiger fishing or even go and visit a local village to meet the inhabitants and learn about their way of life. We can also offer walks on a local baobab covered island but you are just as welcome to enjoy the sun deck with a good book.

The Voyager changes mooring points every night (when the river conditions allow) as we move along the river so you will always sleep in a different location onboard our "floating lodge". Our superb chefs will keep you well fed throughout your stay with snacks and meals produced in the galley. There are plenty of drinks onboard and these are included in the package as they are at the tented camp too. **Again, with just four guests, we will have exclusive use of this houseboat and camera boat for the duration. A very special experience indeed.**

### **Days 7-9: Khwai Private Reserve (3 nights)**

Just when you thought things couldn't get any better...they do! We leave our water-based environment in the morning, and transfer to Kasane from where we take a 90 minute scenic flight to the Banoka Airstrip in the Khwai Private Reserve. Here we will stay at an exclusive lodge (it houses a maximum of 12 guests), and have a fully camera-equipped vehicle for our exclusive use. The lodge also has dedicated areas for workshops and photo processing after each safari. The **Khwai Private Reserve is a 200,000 hectare concession** located in the Okavango Delta ecosystem. Our camp consists of just five Meru-style tents with full facilities, making this a truly exclusive, private part of Botswana.

The camp is in one of the most pristine environments of all of Botswana, with the Savute region to the North, the community reserve to the East and the Khwai river to the south. By siting ourselves in this region, we ensure we are able to **off-road at special sightings** as well as **conduct night drives**. We also have a Mokoro station, and this is included for those who wish to take part. The areas we will cover are fantastic predator country, and we will do our utmost to get you into the right place to secure some truly memorable opportunities for sighting and photographing the lions, leopards and wild dogs that can be found in this region. Added to that, plenty of plains game and herds of elephant and buffalo will complete the experience, in addition to all the smaller denizens we will be seeking out.

Having just **four guests in our vehicle** means there is plenty of space to work, and your shots will be far more special simply because they will be less photographed by others! The Private Reserve also has the massive advantage of the neighbouring Community Reserve which has become increasingly over-run with lodges and vehicles, and can result in upwards of 30 people all crowding a sighting. For me, it's all about a special experience and a dedicated photo-trip, and that is why we have opted for this location instead.

### **Day 10: Khwai Private Reserve – Maun**

If time permits, we will squeeze in one last game-viewing activity/walk or Mokoro trip, before departing for Maun on our chartered flight from Banoka airstrip and your ongoing adventures.

**Nowhere else in Botswana will you be able to secure such fantastic wildlife, across three very different locations and all in an uncrowded, exclusive atmosphere. This is EXACTLY how I would be shooting if on assignment, so why not join me and experience this incredible set of locations.**

**For more information, and some views of the camp and houseboat, then visit:**

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