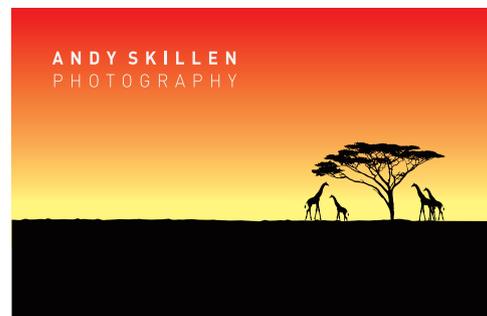


In-depth Botswana: a Delta and river experience

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.

10 – 19 July 2019; 10 days, 9 nights

GBP7,195; US\$9,995 (per person based on double occupancy)



Itinerary

Days 1-6: Khwai Private Reserve (6 nights)

This is how you would imagine wildlife viewing in Botswana should be. In the northern tip of the Delta, we have secured a unique property, in pristine wilderness, and from where we will be able to lead photographic safaris of the very highest quality. Your adventure will start after arriving in Maun (note: we do not book international flights), and where we will transfer you to our chartered 'plane to take you on 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. Having a total of 6 nights in this very, very special location enables us the opportunity to explore in depth, and never have a feeling of being "rushed". This is proper immersion into the environment, and one where you will be able to take your time to secure the type of photographs you have always wanted to get.

Days 7-9: Chobe River "Voyager" houseboat (3 nights)

After leaving KPR, we will take a 90 minute scenic flight to Kasane, from where we will be collected and 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 experienced indeed.**

Day 10: Chobe River – Kasane International

If time permits, we will squeeze in one last boat trip, before heading back down the river and onto Kasane, in time to connect with the afternoon flight to Johannesburg and your onward adventures!

Nowhere else in Botswana will you be able to secure such fantastic wildlife, across two 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 pair of locations.

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

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