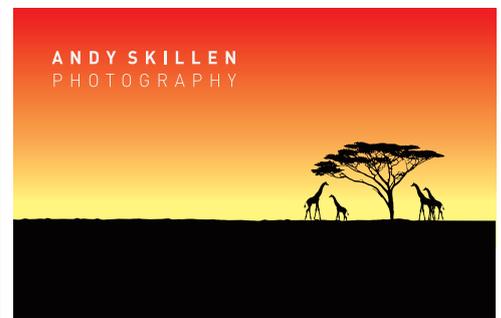


Botswana: a triple-site adventure

Trip dates: 4-14 July 2021*

Location: Chobe National Park, Chobe River & Okavango Delta

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 6,895 per person**



A **10 NIGHT, 11 DAY** PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY INTO TWO OF **BOTSWANA'S** MOST **ICONIC WILDERNESSES**: THE **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK** (LAND AND RIVER-BASED) AND **BUSHMAN PLAINS** IN THE HEART OF THE **OKAVANGO DELTA**.

THIS TRIP IS **SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED** TO EXPOSE **PHOTOGRAPHERS** TO SOME OF THE MOST **INTENSIVE WILDLIFE** ACTION IN THE COUNTRY, AND IN **UNCLUTTERED SHOOTING** CONDITIONS. WITH PREDATORS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE REGIONS WE OPERATE IN, AND SOME OF THE MOST **DRAMATIC ELEPHANT ENCOUNTERS** THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYWHERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THIS 10 NIGHT PHOTO SAFARI WILL PRESENT A **HUGE NUMBER OF DIFFERING SITUATIONS** TO STRETCH THAT **PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILL** AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME OF THE MOST **MEMORABLE WILDLIFE IMAGERY** THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE ANYWHERE IN THIS INCREDIBLE COUNTRY.

THIS IS **BOTSWANA IMMERSION** AT ITS VERY BEST!

***A SECOND OVERFLOW DEPARTURE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED**

****note – a single supplement will apply for those requesting private accommodation**

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE** OF JUST 6 GUESTS
- **1 NIGHT** IN A COMFORTABLE LODGE IN KASANE ON ARRIVAL
- **3 NIGHTS** IN OUR REMOTE TENTED CAMP DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE CHOBE NATIONAL PARK
- **3 NIGHTS** ON
- **3 NIGHTS** IN OUR REMOTE LODGE WITHIN THE **OKAVANGO DELTA** AT BUSHMAN PLAINS
- **3 NIGHTS** AT OUR EXCLUSIVE USE HOUSEBOAT ON THE **CHOBE RIVER** WITH PHOTO-BOAT LAUNCHES TWICE DAILY
- **PRIVATE VEHICLE** THROUGHOUT
- **ESCORTED THROUGHOUT** BY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER
- AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, **PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION** AS NEEDED!

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **GBP 6,895** per person, based on twin-share accommodation
- **Start point:** Kasane International Airport
- **End point:** Maun International airport

Note: The price quoted includes bush-flights from Kasane International to the Delta; and the latter onto Maun. All accommodation is twin-share as we are limited in the number of tents we have at the campsite. It is possible to travel singly if that is vitally important, but carries an extra cost as we are still bound to pay the full rate for the “empty” space.

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- 1 night accommodation in the Kasane
- 3 nights accommodation in our camp in the Okavango Delta
- 3 nights accommodation on the houseboat
- 3 nights accommodation in our tented camp in Chobe National Park
- All meals and drinks* throughout the itinerary (*except premium alcoholic drinks)
- Private vehicle throughout the trip
- All guiding fees and photographic tuition
- Meet & Greet at Kasane International
- Bush flight transfers as outlined

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Premium alcoholic drinks
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1 Arrive Kasane and overnight

On your arrival in Kasane, we will collect you from the airport and transfer you to the lodge for your first night. However, as soon as you're in and unpacked, we will set out on our first photo activity – making use of our access to the Chobe river's inside channel and taking a photo boat out to capture the wildlife coming to the edge of the river for an afternoon drink. This is a great time of day to be out, and we won't waste a minute! We'll then head back to the lodge at sundown, and after dinner, get a well-earned night's rest.

Day 2-4 Chobe National Park tented camp (3 nights)

An early start as you are collected from the hotel and driven through the park 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. I have a rule of a maximum of 6 clients per photo safari to provide plenty of space. 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. We also ensure the canopy is removed from our vehicle so that those leopards up trees and birds flying overhead are not obscured! It's all in the detail!

At this point I should point out that the camp is a true wilderness experience and there are no fences around the camp. I believe that if you are going to the bush you should be "IN" the bush. The animals are not usually that interested in coming into the camp and if they do you will be made aware by the staff as to what to do allowing you to thoroughly enjoy this natural encounter.

At night, given the lack of any light pollution in this remote part of Africa, you will benefit from the chance to practice your astro-photography, and on nights with low or no moonlight, the milky way is a spectacular addition to an incredible night sky.

Day 5-7 Chobe river houseboat (3 nights)

After three nights in the tented camp you will be 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 (and crossing it!) 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, and we seek out elephants crossing, hippo interaction, eye-level bird activity and, well, anything that we perceive will stretch our photo skills and present a great opportunity for you to expand your portfolio!

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.

Day 8-10 Bushman Plains, Okavango Delta (3 nights)

This is how you would imagine wildlife viewing in Botswana should be. In the northern tip of the Delta, we will be operating from an unique property, in pristine wilderness, and from where we can lead photographic safaris of the very highest quality.

The rustic camp is on the edge of a seasonal island (depending on the floods) and is situated in the southern section of a vast concession occupied by a handful of other lodges. The area directly around the camp is one of the best game viewing areas in the whole of Botswana and the safari experience is hugely enhanced when you add the tracking skills of the local Bushman driver guides and trackers.

The camp might be straightforward, but what really is five star though is the time spent on the game viewers looking for photo opportunities. The innate tracking abilities of the guides really comes into its own on these drives and the passion and enthusiasm shown by the guides for their ancestral home really shines through. Not only are the guides excellent at locating the key species but they know them and their behaviour to a point of almost being telepathic. Often what seems like a strange decision to move the vehicle at a sighting results in the most amazing piece of behavioural understanding as a great photo opportunity gets even better. The communal areas of the camp comprise a dining tent, a lovely fire under a Jackalberry tree and a separate

tent set up as an editing suite. Being on a thickly wooded island there is plenty of shade throughout the year keeping the camp nice and cool even in the height of summer. The food is good and wholesome and sometimes enjoyed around the fire in traditional manner ... without cutlery! There is a well-stocked bar and a tea and coffee station throughout the day. This is a fantastic part of the Delta and you will be well-rewarded for the time spent out on your game viewing.

Day 11: Transfer to Maun, and onward...

As ever, adventures must draw to a close, and after squeezing out one last morning activity (you can never get enough of those early mornings I can assure you! After all, you can sleep when you get home!), we will transfer to the airstrip for our flight back to Maun. We will aim to have you back in time to connect with the onward flights to Johannesburg that day, which depart around 14.00.

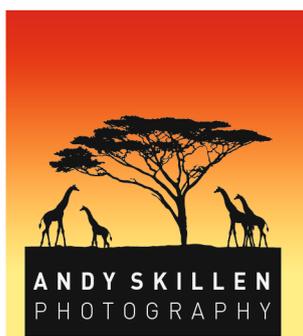
WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, either:

- a. send an email to Andy@faunavista.com or Carrie@faunavista.com to register your interest and receive a booking form
- b. download the **generic booking form** using the link on the page from where you obtained your itinerary, fill it out, and send it to either email address as above.

Charity...a permanent winner

Andy's photography is all about giving some thing back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. These include the **David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF)**, **Animals Asia** and the **Bushlife Foundation** – for which Andy and Carrie are the UK ambassadors.



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