

## Botswana: a journey through Eden

18 – 29 June 2024

US\$11,595 per person  
Fully inclusive



An incredible 11-night adventure through the heart of Botswana's richest wildlife areas, exploring internationally important wilderness areas teeming with game and including three separate Okavango Delta photographic experiences as well as a trip into the untamed southern Chobe National Park and time in the company of giants at Savute. This trip is escorted and guided throughout and brought to you by the combined experience of:

Andy Skillen and Danny Crous.

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## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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- **EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4 GUESTS**
- **FULLY PHOTO-GUIDED** THROUGHOUT
- A TOTAL OF **11 NIGHTS** ON LOCATION
- **FOUR NIGHTS** MOBILE CAMPING IN THE REMOTE XINI AREA OF SOUTH-WEST MOREMI (DELTA)
- **TWO NIGHTS** IN A BUSH CAMP USING DAILY BOAT RIDES FOR WATER-BASED PHOTOGRAPHY (DELTA)
- **ONE NIGHT** IN HYENA PAN BUSH CAMP IN THE KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE
- **FOUR NIGHTS** IN THE SAVUTE REGION OF CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

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## COSTS AND LOGISTICS

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- **Group size:** 4 guests only
- **US\$11,595 per person**, based on twin-share accommodation  
*(single tents may be available on the mobile portion of this trip)*
- **Start point:** Maun International Airport
- **End point:** Maun International Airport

**Note:** All trips are priced in **US\$**

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED...

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- One day pre-trip “refresher” photographic day with Andy Skillen (UK guests only)
- Pre-departure Zoom call and discussion on approach and what to expect on location
- Pre-departure photographic notes with challenges and ways to maximise your time on the adventure
- Meet and Greet at Maun International
- 4 nights mobile camp within the Xini area of SW Moremi
- 2 nights at a comfortable mid-range bush camp in Moremi for boat-based photography
- 1 nights bush camp in Khwai Private Reserve
- 4 nights mobile camping Savute (Chobe National Park)
- Bush flight from Savute to Maun at the end of the trip
- Photographic leader throughout (on this trip, Danny)

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## WHAT'S NOT...

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- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate (if required, you pay these in cash on arrival at immigration)
- Gratuities for camp staff (mobile and bush camp)

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## YOUR ITINERARY....

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### Days 1 – 4 inclusive: Arrive in Maun, head to Moremi (4 nights)

You will be met by from your inbound flight in Maun (or collected from your accommodation if you arrived a day earlier) and the adventure begins! Today we strike out for the Xini area of the South West part of Moremi Game Reserve. Within the larger UNESCO listed Okavango Delta Game Reserve, Moremi covers about 40% of the Okavango and are one of the few interior delta systems that do not directly flow into the ocean or sea. The annual flood makes for a spectacular interaction between water and wildlife, as animals synchronize their cycles with this seasonal flood. Here we will camp for the next 4 nights and explore the rich floodplains that dominate this part of the Delta, with the ever-present Xini lagoon as part of our immediate environment. Large herds of zebra, impala and other plains game are to be seen here, and as a result it is becoming one of the best areas of the Moremi for predator photography with lions and, less commonly elsewhere in the Delta, cheetah encounters top of the list. Elephants also frequent this region and for four nights we are certain to have some spectacular photographic opportunities.

### Days 5 – 6 inclusive; Northern Moremi (2 nights)

After filling our cards on the plains, today we will today take you to very different part of this magical wildlife area by accessing a remote fly-camp (bush camp) located on an island in the northern part of the Moremi. This very comfortable location, accessed only by boat, gives us a very different view of the Delta and we will have access to the water that surrounds us to explore by boat. Our time here will see us have some unique opportunities to capture some of the Delta’s most beautiful water-scapes, as well the daily activities at a large

busy heronry. Of course all water birds will be a major source of our inspiration here too, as well as the elephants, hippos and other game that we could encounter whilst making our way quietly around the waterways. To shoot these animals from the water is an absolute privilege and will give you a very different set of images to include with your portfolio.

### **Day 7; Khwai Private Reserve (1 night)**

Our last full day and night in the Delta will see us relocate to the Khwai Private Reserve that borders Moremi. This excellent, wildlife-rich area is serviced by a handful of camps and is a great place for our final few sojourns into the Delta environment. Not to be confused with the over-populated (lodge/camp-wise) and therefore vehicle-heavy Khwai Community Reserve located next door, KPR is far more restricted in terms of access meaning that sightings can often be enjoyed in solitude. Leopard, wild dog, cheetah and lion are all present and all possible but the camp we have chosen is located in elephant-heavy woodland and possesses a custom-built hide to give some great close-up opportunities with these gentle giants. Truly a spectacular end to our Delta incursion.

### **Days 8 - 11 inclusive; Savute (4 nights)**

Leaving the Delta behind, we cross some beautiful wilderness until we find ourselves in Savute, the southern end of the Chobe National Park. This is a place of legends: of wild dog packs and elephant-hunting lion prides and some of the largest and most interactive bull elephants anywhere on the continent. Predator and prey encounters here are regulars, and specialities such as Sable antelope can be encountered in large numbers. The wildlife that does not move north to the Chobe river is ever-present at Savute, and the mosaic of grasslands and mopane forest, dotted with ever-present, life-giving waterholes, means that this region is one of the most spectacular photographic locations that Botswana has to offer. Here we will mobile camp again for four nights.

### **Day 14 Return to Maun**

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. However, although this is our last day, we will still do our best to give you some photo ops as we depart Savute and make our way to the airstrip for a short flight back to Maun to end the trip.

### **Accommodation and vehicles**

- Throughout the trip you will use a state-of-the-art game viewer on location. The vehicle is equipped with lots of charging facilities, plenty of armrests and photo supports and good all-round vision. With just four guests, you will have plenty of room to work in.
- Sometimes we will make use of comfortable bush camps with walk-in tents, permanent beds, bathrooms etc. Meals are served centrally within these camps.
- Mobile camp: large walk-in Meru tents with ensuite bathrooms and standing beds. Bathrooms have bucket showers, long drop loo and a basin. Excellent three-course meals served in a dining tent at dinner, with breakfasts and lunches too. A team of three staff dedicated to maintaining and moving the camp between locations.

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## WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

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To reserve your space on this very special adventure, send an email to

[Andy@faunavista.com](mailto:Andy@faunavista.com)

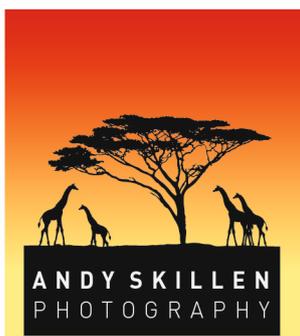
to register your interest and receive a booking form.

### ABOUT YOUR HOSTS:

Andy Skillen and Danny Crous have a long history in Southern Africa, and are now combining their knowledge and experience to craft a set of group-focused photographic adventures throughout Southern Africa give everyone else the chance to experience life in the field with photography and wildlife observation as the central principle.

The difference on these trips compared to others, comes from the content. Both Andy and Danny have had long careers in wildlife photography, photojournalism and film and these remain their prime drivers, with most of the world's major media outlets on their respective CVs. However, it is this experience that they bring to bear in the design and execution of these photographic adventures...a phrase they both prefer above "safari". At all times it is the images you could get that are the motivating force, and although you will be as comfortable as is practicably possible throughout the journey, the focus is on the experience and getting those targets into the viewfinder.

Of course, we can but load the dice...nature will always ultimately roll them...but by drawing on decades of commercially-driven field experience, Andy and Danny will at least give you more than a fighting chance of securing the type of images that you will want to look at again and again...and one of them will always be there to help take your photography onto the next level.



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OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...**

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