



Khwai & Savuti • Botswana

Mobile Photographic Safari

27 September - 3 October 2019

Join Wildlife Photographer **Hannes Lochner** for an unforgettable **7 days** Photographic Safari Experience to the **Okavango Delta**.

Khwai Concession • This mopane dominated 1800 sq km wildlife concession is located on the eastern edge of the Okavango Delta, on the edge of the Moremi Game Reserve. The Acacia and Leadwood lined Khwai River itself is the sole source of water for miles around, and is frequented by a spectacular array of game. Khwai is made up of sweeping grasslands, riparian forests and floodplains that are flooded most of the year. This is the raptor capital of Botswana: fish eagles, bateleur, tawny, martial and brown snake eagles line the river bank alongside lanner falcons. Resident packs of Wilddog offer some of the best opportunities with this species. Lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena are commonly sighted at Khwai.

Savuti, Chobe National Park • Located in the south-west of the Chobe National Park, comprising a lush, expansive marsh, riverine habitat and mopane woodland. Its characteristic granite hills provide a visual relief with a three-dimensional perspective for those accustomed to the flat topography of the rest of Botswana!

With food scarce during the past Savute Channel drought, the lions became specialized hunters of elephants and continue today, despite the abundance of alternative food sources.

The annual zebra migration is followed by high numbers of predators, mainly lion, which can make for action packed sightings in Savute. Good sightings of cheetah and leopard are also probable, along with that of the endangered wild dog.



General Information



About the Mobile Photographic Safari:

- A maximum of 6 photographers per safari.
- Practical workshops for all skill levels.
- Next to morning and late afternoon drives we also will concentrate on **night photography**.
- Open 4x4 game drive vehicle.
- We will be staying 3 nights in the Savuti and 3 nights in Khwai Concession.
- Accommodation will be Mini Meru Luxury Tents with en-suite shower and toilet bathrooms.

Basic course content:

- Knowing your subject
- Knowing your equipment
- Focussing on the eyes
- Knowing what you want the image to say. Telling a story. Does the photo have 'Feeling'?
- Composition: Rule of thirds
- Using flash: during the day and night!
- Watching the light. What time is good for photography?
- *The little things!* - There's more to wildlife photography than lions
- Patience and perseverance
- Getting the perfect shot in the field (without Photoshop)!
- Mastering birds in flight
- Shooting in manual mode
- Night Photography, Star-Timelapse
- Post production tutorials
- And many more tips and tricks!

What is included:

- **2 Flights, Maun to Khwai and Savuti to Maun** • All road transfers • Accommodation: Mini Meru Luxury Safari Tents with en-suite shower and toilet bathrooms • 2 game viewing activities per day, with Hannes Lochner and a professional guide • Practical workshops for all skill levels
- Open safari vehicle with support brackets for each person • Photographic Tutoring and one-on-one personal assistance by Hannes Lochner • All meals as well as beverages (local brands)
- Park fees

What is not included:

- Your international flight • Drinks • Gratuities • Travel insurance



Itinerary



Day 1 - Khwai

Flights from Johannesburg or Cape Town will arrive in Maun approx. around 1.15 pm. Hannes will welcome you at the airport and take you to the Mack Air pilot who will fly you to Khwai River, flight is about 35 minutes. There you will be met by your guide in an open game drive vehicle who takes us for the first game drive slowly to camp. A warm welcoming **Capture Africa** team will be waiting for you at your private tented camp situated in the Khwai which will be your home for the next 3 nights.

After Hannes has given a short introduction regarding the course you will be accompanied to your tented accommodations and get an orientation of the facilities & familiarisation of the 'lay of the camp'. Your insect-proof Mini Meru tent with en-suite bathroom will be your room during this Photographic Safari.

Safety Brief given by your guide - the bush safety rules & regulations & the *do's & the don'ts* whilst in camp. This brief introduction makes Guests aware that wildlife is prevalent in the area and stress that there are no safety fences enclosing the camp.

Enjoy a superb 3-course dinner and relax afterwards around the campfire.

Day 2 and Day 3 - Khwai

The day starts with an early bush-wake-up call and basins filled with hot water. After a light breakfast we leave for the early morning game drive during which there will be a coffee & snack break. Later on, depending on the wildlife sightings on that game drive, we return to camp to refreshing showers and a delicious lunch buffet.

In the afternoons there will be time for tutoring, one-on-one tutoring and time off for yourself. High Tea is served before leaving for the late afternoon game-drive.

Night drive on our way back to camp.

A superb 3-course dinner is served after returning from the game drive.

Night photography around camp.

Day 4 - From Khwai to Savuti

Today we move our camp to Savuti. We do an all day game drive with picnic lunch en route. We drive over the sand ridge and enter the Mababe depression en route to Savuti. We arrive late afternoon in our newly setup camp, in time for sundowners and a well-deserved bucket shower, home for the next 3 nights.

Enjoy a superb 3-course dinner and relax afterwards around the campfire.



Day 5 - Savuti

The usual early bush-wake-up call and basins filled with hot water. After a light breakfast we leave for the early morning game drive during which there will be a coffee & snack break. Later on, depending on the wildlife sightings on that game drive, we return to camp to refreshing showers and a delicious lunch buffet.

In the afternoons there will be time for tutoring, one-on-one tutoring and time off for yourself. High Tea is served before leaving for the late afternoon game-drive.

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Day 6 - Savuti

The usual early bush-wake-up call and basins filled with hot water. After a light breakfast we leave for the early morning game drive during which there will be a coffee & snack break. Later on, depending on the wildlife sightings on that game drive, we return to camp to refreshing showers and a delicious lunch buffet.

In the afternoons there will be time for tutoring, one-on-one tutoring and time off for yourself. High Tea is served before leaving for the late afternoon game-drive.

'The Last Supper' • Savor a traditional barbeque with an explosion of taste sensations to satisfy the well-earned appetites. The staff will celebrate this final evening with dance & song!!

After dinner the following day's departure schedules and morning activities are discussed.

To round off the course we hold a general presentation on a laptop where each person can show a small selection of their favourite photographs.

Day 7 - Savuti

The usual early bush-wake-up call and basins filled with hot water. After a light breakfast we go on our last morning game drive which afterwards will lead us to the Savuti airstrip. Here a Mack Air pilot will fly you back to Maun, flight is about 50 minutes. You will be on time for your connecting flights to Johannesburg or Cape Town which leave approx. around 2 pm.



About the Camp



'Your Home Away From Home'

A warm and homely atmosphere permeates the camp whilst offering all the luxuries and essential comforts one would never imagine could be provided in a wilderness this remote.

Safari Style

A mobile-tented camp is a self-sufficient luxury unit transported in a custom designed camp truck. Real beds await you in your luxurious mini Meru-tents with en-suite bathrooms, after a long day of adventure. Sleep on proper beds between pure cotton sheets. Each private bathroom is a canvas enclosure housing bucket showers, mirror and table and a traditional 'long-drop' toilet (these toilets are managed daily by the staff to ensure they are clean and un-offensive).

No detail is forgotten from the wake-up calls with hot water, tea and coffee, to the scrumptious high teas served before your afternoon game drive. If you prefer to lounge in camp in the afternoons, a library stocked with African books, day beds and hammocks will be waiting to relax you.

Your Meals

Our meals are beautifully prepared and presented by our skilled chef with emphasis on fresh tastes and original interpretations of classic dishes. Three course meals include such offerings as rare roast Botswana beef, delectable fresh herb salads and light, but rich desserts.

Light continental breakfasts and wholesome brunches are served every day. With safety, security and serenity being our priority, lively campfires, hurricane lanterns and hand torches serve as lighting throughout the evening meals in camp.

Packed lunches, coffee and tea, snacks, as well as sundowners are provided on your day trips and game-drives. And of course what would an unforgettable game drive be without a fully stocked fridge full of refreshing drinks of your choice.

The Camp Staff & Hostess

'The fires that ignite your safari' provide the excellent service allowing Guests to enjoy the comforts of an organized camp resulting a seamless safari experience.



Practical Information



A short list of necessities:

Any DSLR & any wideangle lens • Telephoto lens of at least 300mm • Tripod • Flash • Laptop • Memory cards • Extra batteries for camera • Head torch • Binoculars

Charging Facilities:

The safari vehicle is fully equipped to support all your charging requirements offering the convenience of charging batteries and other equipment whilst on game drive activities. It would be advised to ensure that you bring any additional batteries, cords and or plugs necessary to support your equipment.

Baggage Restrictions:

Maximum of 20kg of luggage per person is allowed for light aircraft flights, including hand luggage and camera equipment. Please ensure that all luggage is soft-sided (only bags without wheels are permitted).

Travel Insurance:

Please ensure that your travel insurance covers personal effects, personal accident, medical travel expenses, baggage, cancellation and curtailment prior to arrival.

Wildlife Safety:

The animals you will be seeing in the wild are not tame! Do not be fooled by their relaxed attitude as it can change in an instant. The camps are unfenced, and have potentially dangerous game wandering through. Do not go wandering off on your own without a guide, even to your tent unless you have been advised otherwise. Do not leave your tent after you have retired for the night. Most importantly, listen to the camp staff and guides as the safety precautions are there for your safety and need to be strictly adhered to. Never approach or attempt to feed any wild animal, especially on foot. This is very important near campsites where animals have become accustomed to humans.

