

Hidden Trails

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*Equestrian Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails*



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Tour Code: IT-BORT02
8 days / 7 nights ~\$8,225.00
Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating: ●●●●●
Difficulty: ●●●●●
Lodging: ▲▲▲ Exceptional

Tack: English and Western style trail saddle...

Horses: Thoroughbreds, Namibian Hanoverians, A...

Pace: We spend 4 to 6-hours a day in the sad...

Airport: Maun



Okavango Delta Macatoo Safari



Introduction

Okavango Delta, Botswana

The Okavango Delta, created by the flood waters of the Okavango, is so large it can be spotted from deep space like a giant sprawling hand, bringing relief to the otherwise hot and dry region of Botswana. Little-known to the outside world until a few decades ago, this secluded 17,000 square km labyrinth of lagoons, channels, floodplains and palm fringed islands forms one of the most beautiful and pristine wildlife reserves on the Earth. Home to a kaleidoscope of almost every creature in Africa, the impressive Okavango Delta transcends the rules of mother nature by lying in the heart of the scorched drylands of the Kalahari. Trapped in the parched sands of the desert, it is a magnet for the wildlife who depend on the delta's life giving waters. More than 400 species of resident and migrant birds, lions, elephant, hyenas, wild dog, buffalo, hippo and crocodiles congregate with a variety of antelope and smaller mammals, like warthog, mongoose, genets, monkeys and bush babies.

The horseback riding safaris are based on the western side of the Delta and the luxury safari camp stands proudly on a palm fringed island, surrounded by infinite grassy plains, punctuated with water meadows and seasonal lagoons. Intimate and cozy, the camp's attention to detail and comfort allows you to relax and enjoy yourself within the wilds of Botswana. With a great love for the wilderness, your host orchestrates this exciting adventure by drawing on his years of experience and implementing an interactive approach to each of their horseback safaris. Each day, while the brilliant sun rises over the floodplains, you will watch the wildlife shed its misty morning shroud and become bursting with life. The bush will continuously shift and transform as you ride from island to island. The aim is for rider, horse and game to become one as we ride with a herd of giraffe or zebra across the plains, track elephant or buffalo from island to island. Be part of this unique herd, cantering and splashing through lagoons of the Okavango Delta with lechwe or simply watch the setting sun whilst listening to the calls of lion and hyena.

Accommodation



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This is a stationary ride, with all nights spent at our main camp.

Description

At Macatoo camp, our guests are accommodated in 8 large and airy tents that blend seamlessly into their natural surroundings while still providing a luxurious, but authentic bush haven in which to relax. Each tent is set on its own large, raised platform, offering panoramic views of a flood plain that can be enjoyed from the bed or deck. A variety of sleeping configurations offer flexible accommodation to suit every need. Each tent has its own toilets and shower.

The newly-built honeymoon tent for couples celebrating any special occasion, has an additional deck for private dining as well as a raised double tub bath offering a view of the floodplain.

The 'family and friends suite' comprises two tents, directly linked by a raised walkway and viewing deck above ground, which provides direct, easy access for parents, children and single travellers who are anxious about sleeping alone.





Between rides and activities, our swimming pool deck has a number of sun beds on which guests can read, relax and soak up the sun. As it also commands a wonderful view of the vast flood plain in front of camp, it is the perfect spot to view birds and game (don't forget your binoculars). Elephants and giraffe often come very close to the deck and the pool doubles as a popular watering hole for passing families of baboons.

Well-lit pathways link all our communal tent and dining deck, pool and guest accommodation. A fire burns in front of the communal tent, whatever the time of year, around which we gather to eat under the sun and stars, drink fresh coffee and fine wines and swap stories of the day.

A short drive away, and at the top of a long, sturdy ladder is our magical tree platform where we enjoy lunches, drinks and even the occasional sleepover under the African night sky.

There is a daily laundry service.

The electricity in camp is supplied by a generator that runs for approximately 5 hours a day. There are no power points in the tents and the lights run off solar powered batteries. There are power points (electrical outlets) available in the communal tent for charging batteries etc.

Note that there is no cell phone connectivity at Macatoo and that we have a limited internet connection for operational use only. We also have a satellite phone available for emergencies.



Meals

All meals are included in your package from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

The menu is varied and excellent, accompanied by attentive staff and a good selection of South African wines.

Prior to your early morning ride you will be woken just before dawn by a tent lady bearing gifts of tea or coffee, and there will be time for a slice of home made toast or a bowl of fruit before you set off.

On your return, late in the morning, you may wish to have a quick shower before indulging in our mouth-watering array of lunchtime fare.

Tea is served prior to your evening ride or drive, and on your return there is time for a sun downer and shower before dinner is announced.



Riding

Horses

Our horses are as well looked after as our guests. Each horse – they are all boys – is recognised and appreciated for his unique ability and personality and every effort is made to match him with the most suitable rider. Our guests rotate between two or three horses during their time with us to ensure that each animal is given time to recover between rides. We have Thoroughbreds, Namibian Hanoverians, Percherons and Kalahari-Arab crossbreeds ranging between 14hh and 18hh (140-180cm).

With nearly 50 horses in the barn, all schooled and well-mannered, we are able to ensure every one is fully fit and rested with downtime out in the paddocks to give our guests the best possible ride.

One of the most popular spectacles is the sight of the resting horses galloping home from their mobile paddocks each afternoon.

Riding Gear

There is a choice of English and Western style trail saddles, each with their own water bottle.

Riding Pace & Experience



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The pace of riding is varied; in between fast and thrilling gallops alongside giraffe, zebra and buck, in water and on land, we quietly stalk bigger game such as buffalo and elephant and take time to indulge in some of the best bird watching in the world.

In order to ensure the safest and most enjoyable horseback adventure for everyone, riders must be riding fit and confident at all paces. Days in the saddle can be long, and daytime temperatures can vary, so it is worth the effort to arrive prepared. We usually spend 4 to 6 hours a day in the saddle.

You will need to feel confident about keeping up with the group at all times, capable of riding competently at all paces, able to rise to the trot and control your horse at the canter in open lands. You may be required to gallop out of potential troubled situations, so we CANNOT take beginners!! Riders should be aged 12 years and over and anyone over 60 needs to be riding fit and strong.

If you are not riding regularly we strongly recommend that you get in practice before joining us on safari. It will be at the discretion of the company whether less experienced riders will be permitted to ride, taking into consideration their safety and enjoyment and that of the group as a whole. We reserve the right to prevent any client from riding if we feel they do not fulfil the minimum competence level detailed above.

Riding Group

We take a maximum of 8 people in each riding group to ensure the best possible standards of safety and enjoyment.

Weight Limit

There is a maximum weight limit of 210lbs or 95kgs. If you are over this (95 - 100 kg), you may still be considered, but only if you are an advanced rider with height proportionate to your weight.

Anyone 100 kg and over will not be permitted to ride - only non-riding activities will be available.

Insurance

Many insurance companies will not insure your holiday unless you are wearing a hard hat or safety helmet whilst in the saddle. It is your responsibility to provide your own properly fitted hard hat or safety helmet. We cannot accept any liability whatsoever for head injuries sustained as a result of ignoring this advice!

For this ride you will have to provide proof of medical and emergency evacuation insurance. Please ensure your policy covers you for horse riding.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

The main attraction of the safari is the joy of riding good horses over superb country, with just about every landscape dotted with game. The riding is varied, sometimes quietly walking, stalking big game and admiring the bird life, sometimes cantering through the water-meadows alongside galloping giraffe and lechwe. The 4x4s are used for night drives, spotting the nocturnal species and for close up photography of kills and predators. When the water levels permit, we also go out in boats to put another perspective on the game. Our safari team is inspired each day by the beautiful surroundings to provide the best safari experience possible for our guests. We are enormously privileged to have a huge unspoilt wilderness in which to run our safaris. The Okavango Delta is an intriguing phenomena, with ever changing landscapes due to the seasonal flood waters coming through from Angola. The movement of the game, the dramatic seasonal changes in the flora and the varying interests of our guests ensures that no two safaris are the same, each one is unique. The safari is exciting but not strenuous, aimed to be a relaxing, intriguing and fun vacation.

NOTE: This is only a sample itinerary and is subject to change! This itinerary only serves as a guide; all scenarios are dependent on the season and levels of the Okavango flood. At times it may not be possible to go on fly camps and during cooler months one longer ride may replace the normal morning and evening rides. We reserve the right to alter the itinerary in any way and leaves this to the discretion of the guides. Local weather conditions may also affect game movements. During cooler months one longer ride may replace the normal morning and evening rides

Day 1: Arrival

On arrival in Maun you will be met at the airport by a member of our team and then transferred from Maun to Macatoo camp. The transfer will be a short game-viewing air adventure in a Cessna 206 or 208 from Maun (or from Kasane), giving you a bird's eye view of the Okavango Delta. A safari vehicle will be waiting for you at the camp's airstrip for the 45-minute game drive – or an exciting boat ride (depending on the time of year) – into Macatoo Camp where staff will greet you with a welcome drink.

After settling into your tent, you will be offered afternoon tea and homemade cake during a briefing from your guide before heading to the barn for a ride. The pace of the evening rides are deliberately slower giving you the time to enjoy the sunsets and make the most of the photo opportunities offered by the birdlife and game. After a hot shower and change, drinks and snacks are served in the comfortable mess tent ahead of a candlelit dinner by the fire.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Macatoo Camp

Day 2: Safari Rides

Macatoo's cheerful "tent ladies" will provide a gentle wake-up call along with your choice of tea, coffee and rusks that are served to you in bed. A light breakfast is set up around the campfire ahead of the first long ride of the holiday. Depending on the season, the morning ride may involve some galloping across dried flood plains, swimming through flood waters or pushing-on through seas of tall grass to watch giraffe, zebra, antelope, elephant, buffalo - whatever is out there.

A hearty lunch is served every day – you will need it after all those miles in the saddle – the chicken pie is a firm favourite and wine is always offered to encourage a little nap before tea and the evening ride. Sun downers are often enjoyed out in the bush before heading back to camp to freshen up.

Dinner is always a great occasion at Macatoo, but there is no guarantee that it is always eaten in the same place...

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Macatoo Camp

Day 3: Safari Rides

After listening to the dawn chorus over tea, coffee and rusks in bed, you will have shaken off any first day riding nerves and be eager to get back on a horse. Heading off in a new direction, the landscape will be quite different to yesterday, offering fresh game viewing possibilities. You will be feeling more confident with the 'going' and we can speed up the pace a bit – keeping up with some of the large moving animals, such as giraffe or zebra.

After lunch, the camp pool is an ideal place to cool down, or stretch the muscles that are feeling the effects of the time in the saddle. The deck is a great place to soak up some sun, read and doze, but keep your binoculars and cameras handy as zebra, buck and elephant frequently pass in front of camp.

After some lovely homemade cakes or scones, evening rides can be swapped for some sunset fishing from boats, or from the banks of pools where hippos wallow. A game drive, accompanied walk or boat rides – depending on the time of year – are also available for those wanting time away from the horses or for non-riding partners and guests.



*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Macatoo Camp*

Day 4: Safari Rides

We ride through different country, making our way through clouds of bushman hair grass to plains dotted with fig trees. We might encounter giraffe or shy antelope while passing through mopane woodlands. Our pace increases as we break out onto the flood plains, often disturbing troops of baboons. Return to the camp for an afternoon

spent at leisure, or the possibility of hiring a helicopter for an hour to gain access to remote and otherwise totally inaccessible parts of the delta with spectacular photographic results.

Finish off the day with a night drive by spotlight, where the resident clan of hyena are often spotted. Bushbabies leap from branch to branch through the terminalia and acacia trees – only seen by the brights of their eyes. If lucky, the spotlight will pick up the glint of a leopard's sultry stare. If we find lion on the drive or know where they are – perhaps we might have seen them earlier from horseback (and avoided them!) – we can spend quite some time watching them from the safety and comfort of the vehicle, over snacks and drinks, as they wake up from their long afternoon rest, groom each other, and prepare for a night of hunting. It is always such a highlight of the holiday to see a big cat – we will have lots to talk about around the dinner table that night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Macatoo Camp*

Day 5: Safari Rides

This morning we ride deeper into the heart of the delta, to corners of the wilderness where vehicles simply cannot reach. We cross high palm islands which offer great sweeping views of the Delta plains. Riders may have joined non-riding friends and family for a walk, drive or boat ride – but all guests will reunite for an unexpected champagne meal under a large baobab tree to swap 'survivor' stories from the morning.

By now, you will have settled into the wonderful rhythm of camp where great adventure, creature comforts and downtime are combined to provide a break. After tea and a gentle sunset ride, you may find yourself at our fabulous tree house where you will have the option to spend the night out, sleeping high up in the tree canopy under the African night sky.

From there, it is fascinating to watch and listen as the birds and animals prepare for night – by roosting, travelling or preparing to hunt. The barking of baboons and calling lions provide an unforgettable soundtrack to a night out under the stars. Your guides will stay too, providing great company and peace of mind – for many guests, this is a real highlight of a holiday to Macatoo.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Macatoo Camp or Tree House*

Day 6: Safari Rides

After waking up in the treetops, you are whizzed back to camp by vehicle to change before riding off into new terrain. By now, you will have seen most of Africa's Big Five and riding alongside moving giraffe, antelope and zebras will have become a thrilling, almost daily activity. Make the most of a bush breakfast, or lunch out in the bush and savour the sights and sounds around you.

An afternoon by the pool sees many guests desperately trying to even up their 'farmer's tans'! You may feel torn over how to spend one of your final sunset outings. After last night's treetop sleepover, a prompt bedtime will most likely be the most popular after dinner activity, as we save our energy for the last full day and night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Macatoo Camp*

Day 7: Safari Rides

Don't forget your pocket camera today, but store it carefully because things could get rather wet! We will explore the shallow and deeper flood plains; they look so pretty, scattered with flowering lilies. The reflection of the trees – and your horse – will provide great images to capture. Many of our horses love to eat the lilies as they wade – sometimes swim – through the water. Here, the Cape buffalo can gather in large numbers (anything between a dozen and 2000 at a time). We have to creep up on them using the islands as cover. You will be keen to review your pictures after lunch, but don't forget to re-charge your cameras in the mess tent!

The evening offers the choice of a game drive, fishing or a last quiet evening ride with the by-now familiar smell of wild sage and the warm African dust as the sun goes down, transforming the skyline into a cocktail of oranges and reds.

Dinner will be a memorable one perhaps with another surprise location in store...

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Macatoo Camp*

Day 8: Last Ride & Departure

The dawn call of the African Fish Eagle has, by now, become as familiar as the morning alarm at home. The delivery of tea or coffee in bed heralds the start of your last morning in camp and you will be anxious to make the most of your final ride. We stay quite close to home, splashing through water on the vast open plains, home to blue wildebeest and Burchell's zebra. The riding pace will be deliberately quite fast as we cram as much fun as possible into the final hours – be prepared to get wet as we approach deep reedy areas full of bird life including open-billed storks, squacco herons, slaty egrets and egyptian geese. You will return to Macatoo along the myriad of waterways lined with large trees, before arriving back at the barn where you say a sad farewell to your horse.

There will be just enough time to shower, change and pack before the game drive to the airstrip, carrying a picnic lunch to tide you over until your return to the real world. Don't worry, you can always come back – so many of our guests do!

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Non Riding Activities

An African safari adventure does not have to involve horses and we can easily cater for non-riding spouses



An African safari adventure does not have to involve horses and we can easily cater for non-riding spouses, partners, friends and children. Indeed, many of our riding guests like to have time away from the saddle and take advantage of the wide range of other activities on offer.

Game drives offer the opportunity to track and photograph birds and big game in stunning settings. Going out in our open top safari vehicles at dawn or dusk provide the best chances of seeing wildlife on the move, hunting, feeding, drinking or roosting.

The arrival of the floods, usually around May, brings with it the unique chance to explore the Delta by water, on a motorboat, and Macatoo has its own jetty. Many guests are lucky enough to arrive in camp from the airstrip by boat.

The mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe which is navigated through the waters by a skilled poler, offers the most romantic way to view the Delta at this special time of year. The tranquillity and silence of the journey enables guests to feel at one with nature and see at close quarters how the animals and birds adapt to their ever-changing environment.

Fishing, from boat or land, is a hugely popular pastime with both riding and non-riding guests. We have access to a wide range of beautiful fishing spots where guests cast between water lilies and wallowing hippos. The challenge is not only to get a fish to bite, but land it before it is snatched from the line by swooping fish eagles and kingfishers.

But perhaps it is only from the air that one can really appreciate the diversity and vastness of the Okavango Delta. Helicopter flights, which take off and land in front of camp, offer not only the chance to see vast herds of elephant and buffalo but a bird's-eye view of the entire eco-system and a better understanding of this unique miracle of nature.

Other Info

Meeting: Macatoo Camp

Airport: Maun

Transfer: Maun or Kasane airports

Transfers are available from Maun or Kasane Airports for an extra fee.

Single Supplement at 50% of charter cost for single travellers may apply on charter flights if no other riders are booked.

Tack: English and Western style trail saddles

Horses: Thoroughbreds, Namibian Hanoverians, Arabs and Kalahari-Arabs crosses

Pace: We spend 4 to 6-hours a day in the saddle. You will need to feel confident about keeping up with the group, capable of riding at all paces; rising to the trot and controlling your horse at the canter.

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 to 4 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

Age: Min 12

Weight: 210 lbs / 95 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders

Max 12 riders

Non Rider Itinerary

Okavango Delta - typical Non Rider itinerary !

Activities include: Walking, Boating, Fishing, Game/Night Drives & Mokoros

Day One: On arrival in Maun you will be met at the airport by a member of our team and then transferred from Maun to Macatoo camp by small plane (either a Cessna 206 or 208), giving you a birds eye view of the Okavango Delta. Macatoo camp, that overlooks a seasonal flood plain lagoon, is a short game drive or (depending on the time of year) an exciting boat ride from the airstrip. After a quick look around camp and lunch under the trees, there is usually time for a siesta before tea, and the evening game drive. You return to camp for a hot shower and candle-lit safari supper.

Day Two: Wake up with a cup of tea or coffee in bed, followed by a light breakfast with homemade toast and muesli, then set off to explore your surroundings. Depending on the season this may be either by boat or game drive vehicle. Travel through narrow channels flanked by tall grasses where the kingfishers and African Fish Eagles find perches to fish from. You might encounter giraffe or shyer antelope such as reedbuck while moving through these areas. The deep, lily-studded lagoons, offer excellent fishing so use the opportunity to cast your lines for bream and catfish. Back to camp for another brilliant open air lunch with the guides, if you're lucky it might be our famous chicken pie, and there's usually some wine to encourage a little nap before tea. Afternoon activities are leisurely and include mokoro trips (the dug out canoes used by the local fishermen of the Delta) that enables you to travel over the flooded seas of grass. This is the ideal opportunity to ask questions and take photographs. Crocodile sightings are not infrequent, the bird-life is some of the best in the world and towards sunset there is often hippo interaction to enjoy. A sundowner gin and tonic can be enjoyed out in the bush before heading back to camp to freshen up. There's no guarantee that dinner is always eaten in the same place...

Day Three: Wake up as normal with freshly-brewed coffee or tea before setting off on foot to investigate the island - perhaps to find lion on a kill or a pack of wild dog returning from a night's hunting. While using the seas of tall grass or cathedral-like termite mounds for cover follow giraffe, zebra, antelope, elephant, buffalo or whatever's out there. The riders and non-riders can meet up for a delicious champagne breakfast under one of the large baobab trees. After lunch take the opportunity to relax and either swim in the pool or sort out your digital photos. Homemade tea and cake is followed by an evening drive to our bridge and cast for bream and catfish while elephants often gather on the edges of the riverbanks. As dusk closes in we return to camp to have drinks around the fire and catch up on everyone's adventures of the day.

Day Four: Why not take the boat in a south-easterly direction taking you through different country, following the major channels which meander around palm and fig tree islands. Quietly moor the boat, with the hope of finding breeding herds of elephant with their intricate social structures between the boisterous youngsters who are always overlooked by the protective matriarch. If you're lucky you might find them taking a dust-bath, rolling and spraying the dust, until they become almost ghostly with their white sand dusting. In the shade of the Big Baobabs unpack your refreshments while troops of baboons entertain you with their antics as they gather seeds and play in the trees. Return to the camp



for an afternoon spent at leisure, or the possibility of hiring a helicopter for an hour to gain access to remote and otherwise totally inaccessible parts of the delta with spectacular photographic results. Finish off the day with a night drive by spotlight, where the resident clan of hyena are often spotted. Bushbabies leap from branch to branch through the terminalia and acacia trees – only seen by the brights of their eyes. If lucky, the spotlight will pick up the glint of a leopard's sultry stare...

Day Five: This morning we venture deeper into the heart of the delta, without returning to Macatoo. On reaching the Kwene river system we find our fly camp looking out over a waterhole favoured by elephant. Here we stay for the night. The afternoon may be spent swimming or walking. Fires are lit at night, creating a strong human presence to keep animals at bay. Night watches are fun and guests usually join in. To camp out so freely in the Okavango bush like this is a wonderful experience and one that few people experience. Fly camp is basic but very beautiful as you can see from the photos and, of course, we do our best to provide excellent food, a comfy bed and hot water for the bucket showers!

Day Six: Having kept watch under the stars the next morning we drive back to camp – stopping en-route to capture antelope, zebra, giraffe and elephant on film as we see them splash through the water crossings we will ford by vehicle. Moving along the tracks, which skirt the open floodplains, offers the opportunity to view the semi-aquatic red lechwe as they thunder through the water meadows. Then head back to Macatoo for a hearty lunch with the option of a night drive, mokoro or boating trip for all.

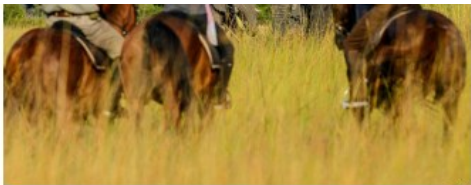
Day Seven: For our last full day we take the boat to one of the deeper pools to see what we can catch for our final dinner. The journey takes us to a favourite haunt of elephant, buffalo and hippo, which wallow and thrash in the mud on the periphery of the pool – a spectacular display as you enjoy your picnic lunch. The evening offers a last opportunity to take a drive with memorable smells of wild sage and the warm African dust as the sun goes down on your chilled Sauvignon Blanc. Your farewell dinner will be a memorable one with another surprise location in store.

Day Eight: For your final drive, we will go along some of the high palm islands which offer great sweeping views of the Delta plains dotted with the now familiar outlines of the wildlife. We return to camp for lunch and perhaps a few tears as you say goodbye and we send you off on your next adventure.

Please note all scenarios are dependent on the season and levels of the Okavango flood. We reserve the right to alter the itinerary in any way and leave this to the discretion of the guides who aim to ensure that you enjoy the best possible safari with us. Local weather conditions may also affect game movements.

-- Boating, fishing and Mokoros dependent on water levels









Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BORT02

Rates include: Accommodations, all meals and local beverages, riding and non-activities, and 14% Gov't VAT.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US\$
A 2024	8 day trip - Peak	£6580	\$8225
	Daily rate, dbl, pp	£940	\$1175
B 2024	8 day trip - Mid	£5355	\$6695
	Daily rate, dbl, pp	£765	\$955
C 2024	8 day trip - Low	£4095	\$5120
	Daily rate, dbl, pp	£585	\$730

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 1.25 and subject to currency fluctuation

Rates Note:Shorter stays possible with minimum stay of 3 nights.

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Charter flight Maun to Macatoo Camp, each way, per person	£280	\$350
2024	Charter flight Kasane to Macatoo Camp, each way, per person	£390	\$490
2024	Single supplement +50%		
2024	Non-riders get 10% off		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
C 2024	01/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip - Low
B 2024	04/01/2024 - 06/14/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip - Mid
A 2024	06/15/2024 - 10/14/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip - Peak
B 2024	10/15/2024 - 11/30/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip - Mid
C 2024	12/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip - Low

Min/Max: 2/12

We try to be flexible with departure dates so please ask for availability and we shall do our best to offer the most suitable dates for you. Arrival can be any time of the week.

Rates do not include:Visas, travel and medical insurance, charter flight from Maun or Kasane and return. Gratuities.



Reservation Form

Tour : _____ Code #: _____ from: _____ to : _____

The Travelers

(Last Name, First Name)

	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Diets: _____

Your fitness level: Excellent ☐ Moderate ☐ Poor ☐ How long have you been riding? _____

How often do you ride? _____ Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES ☐ NO ☐

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone (wk) _____ (hm) _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Date _____ Signature (mandatory) 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA ☐ or Mastercard ☐ (no debit cards)

Cardholder: _____

Card # _____ 3 digit Security # _____

Exp.Date: _____ Signature _____

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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