

About 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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African Explorer Horse Safari - South Africa, Southern Africa

Tour Code: IT-BORT05E 8 days / 7 nights ~\$3,575.00 Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating : ●●●● Difficulty : ⑤ ⑤ ⑤ ⑤ ⑤ Lodging: Å ⑥

Tack: South African McIlelans Horses: Boerperd, Warmblood thoroughbred, Appal... Pace: A fast challenging ride with gallops, ... Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop, Jumps

Airport: O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)





Introduction

Waterberg/Mashatu, South Africa

The African Explorer is one of the most varied African safaris, as it goes to two countries (Botswana and South Africa) in one trip and covers a lot of different topography and terrain, combined with excellent and wide ranging game viewing.

This safari gives international horse lovers a chance to explore the rugged central highlands of the Waterberg mountain range of South Africa and the vast Mashatu Game Reserve of Botswana's Tuli Block, known as the "Land of the Giants," due to the large presence of the "giant" wildlife: The African Elephant, the Lion, the Giraffe, the Eland, the Ostrich, the Kori Bustard, and the iconic Mashatu aka Baobab Tree! Spend four nights at a safari camp that has been built high up in the bushveld above the Matlapeng Valley before transferring over the Pont Drift border and the mighty Limpopo River into Botswana for a turn at camping in lion and elephant country!

In the late 19th century Ted Davidson, one of the first members of the pioneering Baber family to settle in the Waterberg, was a young man trading by ox wagon to remote cattle outposts of a young ranching area. Living in the Waterberg meant a life by the campfire! Triple B Ranch has captured this early camp atmosphere in their recreation of Camp Davidson, and this is where your African horseback adventure begins. The wilderness here soon becomes a great stepping stone to your next adventure; the second half of your safari takes you north, into the Limpopo Valley in the Tuli Block in Botswana. The riding trails here cover both the riverine terrain and the mopane bushveld, including the stunning sandstone formations of the Tuli. The area is famous for its elephant herds, but you should also see many sprightly species of antelope both small and large, skittish zebra herds, roaming wildebeest (gnus), skulking hyena, lounging lions, mischievous baboons, vervet monkeys, lurking croccodiles and water monitors, and it is possible (but a sometimes a bit harder) to find the leopard, cheetah, and wild dogs here as well!

Both camps provide high quality tent accommodations with comfy cots complete with pillows and linens and raised securely off the ground on wooden platforms. Each tent has a private en-suite bathroom (with plumbing). The food is plentiful and delicious, the drinks are merry, and the hospitality is superb! The guides are knowledgeable locals who love to share their passion for horses and their countryside with you!

Accomodation

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This is a wilderness ride, so nights will be spent in different locations

Description

You will be staying at different deluxe bush camps and a luxury lodge.

All camps offer 5 spacious and comfortable A-frame tents all built on raised decks equipped with beds, sheets, and duvets, making for very comfortable camping. Each tent has an ensuite bathroom area with hot water showers (water heated on the fire and placed in a 15 lt camp shower when you are ready) and jug and basin hand wash facilities. There are flushing toilets at Camp Davidson in South Africa, whereas in Botswana toilets are long drop eco toilets.

Solar lights and lanterns are used at both locations as there is no electricity

A laundry service is offered once in the week in South Africa but not in Botswana. Clients will need to have enough clothing to last 3 days.

There is a limited WiFi and cell service in South Africa and Botswana. If you want to buy a local sim on arrival the one to buy would be MTN.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 - 3: Camp Davidson (South Africa)

Night 4: Savannah Lodge (South Africa) Night 5: Tree Camp (Botswana)

Night 6 - 7: Two Mashatu Camp (Botswana)

Accommodation Itinerary for Special Program - subject to changes based on availability Night 1 - 3: Camp Davidson (South Africa)

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Night 7: Two Mashatu Camp (Botswana)







A re-creation of the original Camp Davidson has been built high in the bushveld above the Matlapeng valley. It offers the opportunity to explore on horseback from a secure base camp nestled in the heart of the wooded mountains and commands a wonderful panoramic view of the central highlands of the Waterberg range, while overlooking the picturesque Sunset Lake at the eastern boundary of the ranch property. Stay in decked canvas tents nestled amongst the sandstone ridges overlooking grassy valleys. Each luxury tent has an en-suite bathroom.

The camp is completely run on solar energy and has a small swimming pool.



This luxury lodge is within a morning's ride from Camp Davidson and offers excellent riding and plenty of game. It is located on the south western side of the conservancy and is tastefully decorated lodge with 5 en-suite rooms. The lodge had a large comfortable living space and dining areas inside and outside.

There is a small pool and deck which overlooks a plain and watering hole close by, where wildlife can frequently

be seen.

There are no Wi-Fi facilities at the lodge



Tree Camp

This is a very unique camp. Nestled in the bough of a giant Mashatu tree and two ancient Leadwood trees, this Seligna deck, 4 meters off the ground, will be your retreat for the night. Two guests each share an airy and cool sleeping pod. Along a short walkway, shared showers and toilets are under the Leadwood trees. The spacious dining and lounge area flow from the sleeping pods and overlook the Majale River.



Nestled in the shade of two large Mashatu trees, the heart of the camp has two traditionally built Lala Palm





rondavels for dining and lounge areas

Guest accommodation is in large A-frame walk-in tents set on teak platforms each with en-suite enviro drop toilet and hot water shower. Each tent is private and positioned in the shade of a tree in the bush, not far from the main area. Each tent has a small deck area in front where guests can relax privately during the afternoons. Two Mashatus Camp also has a small swimming pool under a Mashatu tree for guests to enjoy.

Room Occupancy

Triple occupancy is possible.

If you are willing to share, the single supplement fee does not apply.



Meals

All meals are included from lunch on Day 1 to brunch on your last day.

Two highly trained experienced bush chefs will look after your every need.

Breakfast is buffet of cereals, toast, muffins, or porridge. Lunch is a buffet usually quiches, salads, fruits, and dessert. Dinner is a 3 course meal served to you at the table, often under the canopy of stars!

All water in the camp is filtered to the highest standards and is guaranteed perfectly safe for drinking. All drinks are included with your tour.

Please also advise us if any guests will be celebrating a birthday or special occasion, that you may want us to be aware of to help plan something special!

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions if given prior notice.



Riding



Riding Experience

Guests must be experienced riders. They must ride regularly (at least once or twice a week) and be comfortable

at posting trot, light seat canter and gallop as well as being able to do small jumps should they have to. They must be able to control a horse independently of the group at all pages.

On arrival in Botswana, you will be asked to do a simple independent riding test. The guides in South Africa will be able to assess your riding skills and will advise on your suitability to ride in Botswana. Should they deem you not able to ride in Botswana you will stay at the lodge for the three days and carry on with the safari riding.

Horses

We have a herd of 96 horses in South Africa and 53 horses in Botswana. The herd is comprised of Boerperds, Throroughbreds, Warmbloods and Arab crosses. They range in size from 14.3hh to 17 hh. Their schooling generally concentrates on English style, although the horses neck rein when in the bush. They respond easily and lightly to the aids.

All of the horses have been individually selected for their temperament and "ride-ability" on safari. They are from the various South African breeds, which are well known for being of a hardy nature and able to cope under extreme conditions. Our safari horses have been hand selected for their endurance, courage and responsiveness.

Our philosophy has entailed managing our horses as a free roaming herd within large tracts of natural pasture, rather than in stables or paddocks. Our horses are at ease with each other and within their environment, which generates calm and contented natures. As a result, we can offer our guests responsive, subtle and honest rides.

Tack

Saddles are South African McClellan's, a cavalry saddle designed for long hours of riding, they offer particular comfort and airflow for the horses back and padded seats and fenders for the rider's comfort.

Guides & Safety

Guides leading the safari have many years' experience and most have grown up in the area and know the bush like the back of their hand. Our guides have either professional or assistant guiding licenses with the Botswana Qualifications Authority. They are qualified to use firearms and qualified in first aid.

All rides are conducted by two experienced professional guides. The lead guide is armed with a rifle and a bull whip. All management staff and guides do regular first aid training with a specialized doctor for remote areas. The lead guide has a local phone and a radio for use in emergencies.

Hard Hat

Hard hats are compulsory and you will not be able to ride without one. We can provide helmets (limited quantities), but suggest that clients bring their own. We do not provide half chaps but might have the odd pair should clients need.

Non-Riders

Non-riders are welcome on this trip. One very good option is to relax by the pool with a good book taking in Africa. For the more active there are excursions available at additional fees. South African Excursions include, guided hike, ziplining, elephant riding, local town and township visit and big five game drives. Whilst in Botswana, non-riders can do a morning guided bush walk, or cycle (min 2 pax). Afternoons in Botswana will be a drive to camp on the first day, a guided walk with the group on the second day a full Mashatu game drive and on the last afternoon.





IMPORTANT NOTE:

Before we can confirm your booking, we will need all riders to send a video of themselves riding on the flat, including upwards and downwards transitions between walk, trot and canter and changes of direction.

On the first afternoon ride in South Africa, there will be a short, simple riding test out in the bush. Guests will be asked to take part in a single file group canter. Then they will ride their horse away from the group between three points, varying the pace between a collected and an extended canter. The first exercise is to demonstrate that the rider is able to control their horse at an even pace within a group canter, without overtaking or allowing large gaps to develop within the group. The second is to demonstrate their ability to control their horse independently from the group.

Those that fail will not be allowed to ride in the group. They will be brought down to the lodge once a day for a smaller, slower ride, either on their own or with other riders of similar ability staying in the lodge. They will not be allowed to ride to Savannah or Seringa Lodges.

There will still be a test in Botswana and someone who passes in South Africa may still fail the Botswana requirements. Those who fail the test in South Africa will not be able to ride in Botswana.

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Combining Camp Davidson, Waterberg, South Africa & Mashatu Game Reserve, Tuli Block, Botswana

No game drive is included in this package. However, it is possible to book a Game Drive in Mashatu for an extra fee (subject to availability).

NOTE: Please note that due to changes in weather and other unforeseen events, the itinerary and accommodation used may change at the last minute.

Day 1 (Friday): Arrival

Guests will be met at Johannesburg International Airport and transferred to Camp Davidson in time for a late lunch. That afternoon you will be introduced to your safari horse. We will ensure that you are matched with a horse to suit your ability and experience before heading off on your ride. This first introductory ride is a relaxed affair.

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A stunning lookout spot for sundowner drinks is a welcome moment to take in your first taste of Africa after a long journey. A three course supper is served at Camp Davidson that evening.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Camp Davidson

Day 2 (Saturday): South African Game Ride

Today's ride sets off from the high country overlooking a beautiful wilderness area to the east, and heads south, winding along the banks of Sunset Lake with its resident pod of hippos and the odd sly crocodile, before trekking upstream to an adjoining reserve. The lake itself is rich in birdlife, including the impressive Fish Eagles, dainty Dabchicks, elegant Jacanas and a variety of geese. Later, riding through the open savannah, wildebeest and zebra can be encountered. The riding is varied, from canters along sandy tracks to winding through rocky outcrops and densely wooded areas. The ride then crosses the reserve and returns to Camp Davidson in time for lunch. Guests can then relax by the pool, before a shorter afternoon ride.

In the evening there is the option of a night sky safari with a local astronomer, Dr Calcott, who will guide you through the amazing constellations (subject to weather conditions and availability - Additional cost R300 pp, Min. 4 pax). The absence of light pollution enables us an incredible chance to view some of the amazing wonders of the universe.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Camp Davidson

Day 3 (Sunday): Game Ride, Jumping & Swimming with the Horses

Setting off in a westerly direction, this ride tracks past a brown hyena den, skirts past the upper reaches of the Horizon dam before crossing a wide grassy valley. At one point, the ride enters into dense woodland, home to shy species such as kudu, bushbuck and Vervet monkeys. Emerging from the woods, the horses have a chance to stretch their legs along open sandy tracks. Finally the ride swings back to the

north, through mixed bushveld and fascinating rock formations.

Two highlights of this ride are the jumping lanes and the chance for riders to swim their horses bareback in the Horizon dam next to the main lodge. For many guests, this is an exhilarating and unforgettable experience. Once dried off and back in the saddle, the ride climb back up to Camp Davidson is particularly intriguing, as it follows a mountain pass cut through boulders and outcrops.

After lunch, enjoy a sundowner ride across the plains on the reserve. We are very fortunate to have a large herd zebra. Over the years, the herd has become quite habituated to the horses and it is now possible to ride really close and experience being part of the zebra herd. A wonderful way to watch the foals frollick.

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Overnight at Camp Davidson

Day 4 (Monday): Camp Davidson to Savannah Lodge

We will pack up and leave Camp Davidson after breakfast, and go to Savannah Lodge. The bags will go ahead whilst we make our way to the Lodge.

Having left Camp Davidson for the final time, this ride heads south to the Game Conservancy. The ride traverses a wide wetland, home to reedbuck and grass owls, before entering dense woodland dotted with wild fig trees and large fruited bush willows. Here it crosses the watershed and descends through open grasslands with sweeping views to the upper reaches of the

Conservancy's main water system. The route passes the favored habitat of waterbuck and Cape buffalo. The open plains that follow are aptly known as "Little Serengeti"; large herds of blesbuck, eland, wildebeest and kudu are all on view, as are groups of elegant sable, swift red hartebeest and impressive journeys of giraffe and Cape buffalo

After a lunch at the lodge and a rest by the pool, the afternoon ride continues to explore this game rich area, closing with sundowners overlooking the African plains.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Savannah Lodge

Day 5 (Tuesday): Transfer to Botswana

We depart the lodge early and enjoy an exhilarating ride back to the Horizon Lodge in time to change before departing for Botswana at 09:30 am.

We arrive in Botswana in time for a light lunch. Enjoy an introductory ride to check you are suited to your horse, before embarking on your first ride out to our Two Mashatus Camp. This will be your first opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mashatu Game Reserve and view the wildlife on horseback. Mashatu Game Reserve is home to the largest herd of wild free-roaming elephants on private land in Africa, and, although not a guarantee, it is almost assured that there will be great viewing of these incredible creatures.

This evening, you overnight at the Tree Camp. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Tree Camp

Day 6 (Wednesday): Game Ride & Optional Game Drive

After breakfast, it's time to mount and depart from the dense woodland that hugs the Limpopo River and head towards the rocky hills that delineate the edges of the great river valley. As the ride traverses the heartland of Mashatu, you will encounter plentiful game; plains game, many giraffe and herds of elephants

You will arrive back at Two Mashatus Camp in time for lunch and a cooling afternoon rest in the shady camp or lazing by the pool. That afternoon the group has the choice of an afternoon ride or a game drive to the south western side of the reserve. This is an area not reached on horseback during the African Explorer safari. It is rich in game with a resident pride of lion. The highlight of the drive is a sundowner in the ancient landscape of rock formations or the Mmamagwa hills, which vast vistas into the setting sun. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Two Mashatus Camp

Day 7 (Thursday): Morning Ride & Bush Walk

Ride out following the movements of wildlife in the area. The tempo of the rides is always varied and depending on the terrain, there are opportunities to enjoy the spirit and fitness of the horses.

The afternoon brings a chance to again choose between another ride or a bush walk in the northern area of Mashatu Game Reserve and enjoy the rich birdlife, spot crocodile in the pools and learn about the magnificent trees lining the banks

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Two Mashatus Camp

Day 8 (Friday): Departure

The last ride in the Limpopo Valley is a great opportunity to take one last picture of elephants and enjoy a long and winding canter through the scattered Mustard bush with your guides.

Arriving back at the stables and reception mid-morning, there is plenty of time for a quick shower, before saying farewell to safari companions and new found friends. Transfer back to Johannesburg International Airport. Meals included: Brunch



Sample Itinerary: Special Program for 2023 & 2024 - subject to changes

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Overnight at Savannah Lodge

Day 5 (Friday): Transfer to Botswana

This morning is an early start leaving the Lodge by 7 am for a brisk ride back to the stables where the minibus awaits for your onward journey to Botswana. We depart the stables at 9.30 am and travel to the Mashatu stables where we will enjoy a light lunch on the banks of the Limpopo River, receive a safety briefing and meet the horses. We take great care to match horse to rider based on a guest's riding experience and ability. However, before embarking on the safari, each guest will be given a simple riding test in order to ensure that they are suitably balanced in the saddle and are able to direct their horse in an independent manner. While the journey is not an endurance test, it does involve long hours in the saddle and, with the possibility of close encounters with elephant and the big cats, riders need to be able to gently and confidently control their mounts.

The route on this afternoon is from the Mashatu stables to Tree Camp (about 2 hours). The trail rises from the

Limpopo River floodplains, with good opportunities for those first exciting encounters with elephant, giraffe, zebra and wildebeest. The route, following ancient elephant paths, winds upwards towards the centre of the Reserve and the upper reaches of the Majali River where the extraordinary Tree Camp awaits. Wrapped around the trunks of a giant mashatu and two ancient leadwood trees, Tree Camp perches several meters up, out of "trunks reach" overlooking the banks of the Majale River and offers spectacular panoramic views of the adjacent cliffs and floodplain opposite where Mashatu's legendary herds roam. Sleeping quarters are five beautiful and spacious canvas roofed areas with four-poster beds, each facing into the spacious dining and resting area. The elevated platform offers a unique camp you will remember for years to come.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Tree Camp

Day 6 (Saturday): Upriver along the Majali

The day's riding explores an area of the Northern Tuli which is hardly visited by humans. The route follows a stream to its source before arcing to the west on high ground and then descending to the upper reaches of the Majali River. It then follows the river all the way back to Tree Camp. This is a relaxed ride during which guests become immersed in the wilderness. There are good opportunities to see elephant, giraffe, zebra, eland and kudu, but it is the sense of being completely away from manmade features that is so compelling on this ride. In the afternoon, there will either be a bush walk or, if it did not happen the previous day, a possible game drive with Mashatu Game Reserve (once again subject to availability).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Tree Camp

Day 7 (Sunday): Tree Camp to Two Mashatus

With an early departure from Tree Camp, this ride offers sweeping views to the east and south, bathed in early morning light, as it traverses along the edge of a ridge near the centre of the reserve. The path then descends to a game rich area along the Majali River. The deep river pools are the favourite haunt of baboon and impala. Sooner or later the great herds of elephant come past for their daily drink, to play in the water and enjoy a dust bath. The final part of the ride is across open plains with some fast canters, and then through cool riverine vegetation along the approach to Two Mashatus Camp. This is the original Tuli Trail camp and is beautifully situated nestled amongst giant mashatu and apple leaf trees close to the banks of the Limpopo River. This area typically boasts the highest density of elephants in the reserve, who sometimes roam through the camp in a gentle yet determined way. It is also excellent for lion and leopard as well as baboon, bushbuck and waterbuck. Guests sleep in A Frame spacious safari tents with en suite facilities. After four to five hours in the saddle, this is the perfect place to relax. On hot days the swimming pool at Two Mashatus is particularly welcoming. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Two Mashatus Camp

Day 8 (Monday): Departure

Meals included: Brunch

The final ride back to the Stables follows the Limpopo River upstream. The route passes game rich habitat, including a hyena den and a large wetland which can be home to large flocks of waterfowl. Other notable sightings include Kori Bustard, the largest flying birds in Africa, bat eared foxes and ostrich. Once at the Stables it is time for a shower and meal on the banks of the great river, and then a short journey to the Limpopo Valley Airfield for the flight to Johannesburg in South Africa.

Non-Riders

In South African an accompanying non rider can enjoy onsite bush walks and a variety of excursions such as, guided hike pp \$30pp, elephant riding \$100, local town and township visit \$20pp, big five game drives \$40pp.

Other Info

Meeting: Camp Davidson

Airport: O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

Transfer: O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

Distance: 272 km / 169 miles

On Day 1, in order to meet the transfer, we ask that you do not land after 9:30 am in

Johannesburg International Airport (JHB).

Please book flights that depart from Johannesburg International airport no earlier than 8:00pm on Day 8!

Tack: South African Mcllelans

Horses: Boerperd, Warmblood thoroughbred, Appaloosas and Shire Cross

Pace: A fast challenging ride with gallops, jumping trees. In Botswana, you are riding in areas o

dangerous game. This ride is therefore only suitable for experienced riders with a spirit o

adventure. 4-6 hrs a day (20-30 km daily)

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop | Jumps |

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

Age: Min 16 **Weight:** 190 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders Max Capacity 8

(per riding group)

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BORT05E

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with drinks, Activities as described in the itinerary & 7 riding days. Helmets can be provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US\$
A 2024	8 day trip (High)	£2860	\$3575
	Single supplement	£1430	\$1790
B 2024	8 day trip (Mid)	£2425	\$3030
	Single supplement	£1210	\$1510
C 2024	8 day trip (Low)	£2120	\$2650
	Single supplement	£1060	\$1325
D 2024	8 day Safari - Special (High)	£2860	\$3575
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Transfer Option

Description

2024	Tourism Levy of US\$30 to be paid on arrival in Botswana	\$30	
2024	Return airport transfers by road and air, pp	£550 \$690	

Four Dates Season	Tour Dates			
2024	01/15/2024 - 01/22/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Safari - Special (Low)	
2024	02/02/2024 - 02/09/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)	
2024	02/09/2024 - 02/16/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)	
2024	02/16/2024 - 02/23/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)	
2024	02/23/2024 - 03/01/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)	
2024	02/26/2024 - 03/04/2024	8d / 7n		
3 2024	03/01/2024 - 03/04/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Safari - Special (Mid)	
			8 day trip (Mid)	
	03/08/2024 - 03/15/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
	03/15/2024 - 03/22/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
2024 3 2024	03/18/2024 - 03/25/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Safari - Special (Mid)	
	03/22/2024 - 03/29/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
3 2024	03/29/2024 - 04/05/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
2024	04/01/2024 - 04/08/2024	8d/7n	8 day Safari - Special (Mid)	
3 2024	04/05/2024 - 04/12/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
3 2024	04/12/2024 - 04/19/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
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3 2024	04/26/2024 - 05/03/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Mid)	
2024	05/03/2024 - 05/10/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)	
2024	05/10/2024 - 05/17/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)	
2024	05/13/2024 - 05/20/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Safari - Special (High)	
2024	05/17/2024 - 05/24/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)	
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			8 day trip (High)	
	11/01/2024 - 11/08/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)	
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2024	11/15/2024 - 11/22/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)	
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Min/Max: 2/8

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Rates and Dates 2025 - IT-BORT05E

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with drinks, Activities as described in the itinerary & 7 riding days. Helmets can be provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US\$
A 2025	8 day trip (High)	£3205	\$4100
	Single supplement	£1430	\$1830
B 2025	8 day trip (Low)	£2515	\$3220
	Single supplement	£1430	\$1790
C 2025	8 day Safari - Special (High)	£3205	\$4100
D 2025	8 day Safari - Special (Low)	£2515	\$3220
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Rates Note:Only road transfer available from December to February

Transfer Option

Description

2025	Tourism Levy of US\$30 to be paid on arrival in Botswana	\$30	
2025	Return airport transfers by road and air, pp	£595	\$765

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2025	01/27/2025 - 02/03/2025	8d / 7n	8 day Safari - Special (Low)		
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Reservation Form

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