

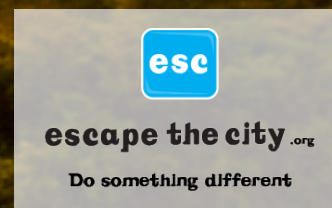
ESC ADVENTURES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH...

Okavango Walking Safaris

Spend a week walking through Botswana's Okavango Delta with 7 other Escape the City members.

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OKAVANGO ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 1 – Kujwana Camp

Having arrived in Maun in the morning, you will be met by our representative and escorted to your Land Rover Game Drive vehicle. Your journey will take you deep into the heart of the Okavango passing elephants and giraffes on route. As we get closer to camp we will ford rivers and malapos always on the lookout for hippos or the graceful Kudu. We arrive at Kujwana Camp in the late afternoon in time to take in the beautiful sunset and enjoy a hearty dinner before the next days walking.

DAY 2 – Kujwana Camp

Days on safari start with the rise of the sun. After breakfast walking starts. We walk for around four hours with a break in the cooling shade of a sausage tree. The walk offers time to prepare for the next day and to understand the main facets of the Okavango. You will return to Kujwana for lunch and an afternoon spent swimming and exploring the surrounding channels by power boat.

DAY 3 – Mokolawane Camp

Leaving the comforts of Kujwana Camp we set off on a full days walk to Mokolawane Camp. We walk through the morning before finding a cool and shady spot on the banks of the Xudum river to lunch and see out the heat of the day. Cold drinks and refreshing swims help while away the peaceful hours of a truly remote bush picnic. In the late afternoon we walk the final two hours into Mokolawane Camp arriving before dusk to settle into the fully en-suite houses perched over a beautiful lagoon.

DAY 4 – Mokolawane Camp

At your new remote camp we take the morning to explore the area by mekoro. Gliding silently through the narrow channels of the Okavango gives a new perspective of life in the Delta and the chance to get close to some of the big game we can find at the water's edge. Lunch in camp is followed by afternoon siestas before venturing out on foot into the large open spaces lined by palm trees that define this part of the Okavango.

DAY 5 – Sleep Out Under The Stars

Today we begin our journey to our final camp, Qwaapu Camp. This walk will take more than a single day and so after a full days walk, with a long lunch on the shady banks of the Qwaapu river, we arrive at a beautifully set up fly camp. Bedrolls with mosquito nets will be ready and set up in individual locations. The evening will be spent telling stories around the fire as a hearty dinner cooks away on hot coals. Then to nothing but the sound of reed frogs, nightjars and crickets, and a blanket of stars overhead, you steal off to bed with the soft glow of the fire lighting your way.

DAY 6 – Qwaapu Camp

After breakfast at sunrise you set off on the final leg of your intrepid journey. We'll reach the oasis of Qwaapu, in time for lunch and an afternoon spent relaxing with books and walking down to dip in the clear Okavango waters. In the evening we will head out for sunset drinks in the bush and an adventurous night drive.

DAY 7 – Departure

Your safari ends today – after a brief morning walk to stretch our legs we head off to Maun in our open topped Land Rover, arriving in time for guests to get themselves a light lunch before departing on the afternoon flights from Maun.

OHS ADVENTURE SAFARIS

For adventurous travellers looking for some of the world's last untouched and pristine wildernesses there is nothing better than OHS Adventure Safaris. Embodying the true spirit of safari and journeying between remote bush camps these walking safaris take you into an area where very few people have been. Welcome to the Okavango Delta.



OKAVANGO HORSE SAFARIS



Okavango Horse Safaris was started by PJ and Barney Bestelink in 1986. The first riding safari in Southern Africa its name became synonymous with high standards, quality guiding and adventurous experiences. Previously PJ has guided many charity walks across the Delta, taking select guests on truly unique journeys.

In 2011 Freddie Tucker joined Okavango Horse Safaris and OHS Adventure Safaris was born with the aim to provide genuine walking experiences to a wider audience. Having spent 30 years permanently living in the wilds of the Okavango, PJ and Barney have personally trained your guides to have a deep understanding and respect for this rare environment that they inhabit.

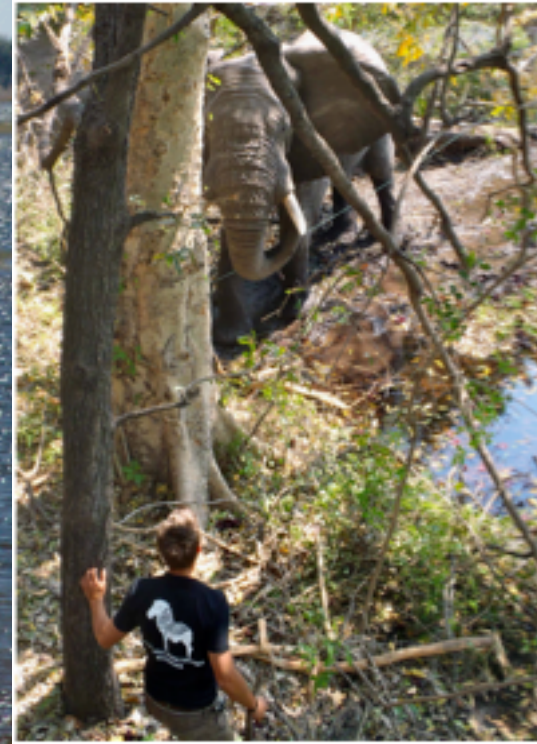
These safaris require a reasonable level of fitness and a strong sense of adventure. The varying and unpredictable water levels in the Okavango mean that each safari is a unique and personal experience.

THE WALKS

The Okavango Delta is where the Okavango River empties into a great depression of the Kalahari and floods its sands with life giving waters.

We walk through these sands, finding good hard ground to make the days easier. Always looking for tracks of the Elephant or the graceful Kudu. The waters offer you the chance to cool off and provide constant refreshment.

In the mornings we rise with the sun to beat the heat of the day. We'll walk for a few hours before resting in the shade of an evergreen sausage tree and then continuing for a further two hours to lunch. When walking in the afternoon we will rest and relax during the days heat and set off in the cool of the evening sun for a final hour or two before we reach our journey's destination.



KUJWANA CAMP

Luxurious Meru Tents situated on the remote Xudum River

Where your journey begins...





The Road to Mokolawane...

MOKOLAWANE CAMP



OKAVANGO HORSE SAFARIS



One of the remotest camps in the Okavango Delta. For parts of the year the camp is only accessible on foot. This really is one of the earth's last wildernesses. A place to take in all the noise of nature from your raised tree cabin. A simple but beautiful camp.

The great flood plains of the north



A Night Under The Stars

Nothing beats the simplicity of nature's beauty, this is a real night out in the wilds of Botswana. Bedrolls and mosquito nets keep you comfortable and the clear night sky with its multitude of stars is your roof for the night.



OKAVANGO HORSE SAFARIS



Our night watchman can either wake you to observe the night time habits of those that come to visit, or he can let you sleep peacefully, stoking the fire preparing the next mornings coffee.

With nothing between you and the outside world but a mosquito net this really is a true safari experience. As you drift off to sleep imagine Livingston, Stanley and Burton on their exploratory journeys into this luscious Eden.



Close encounters...



QWAAPU CAMP

The final camp and the completion of a journey that has taken you from the dry sand tongues of the south right through to the central flood plains on the edge of Chief's island. A true exploratory route of the Okavango Delta.



OKAVANGO HORSE SAFARIS



Set up in the fashion of a traditional mobile safari camp, Qwaapu offers rustic comfort from its collection of mini-meru tents. Private bucket showers and unique views over the lagoon allow you to reflect on your experiences of the Okavango and the life within it.



From Qwaapu camp we will return to Maun. Arriving at Maun International Airport by midday in time for the Air Botswana or SAA flights to Johannesburg.



The beginnings of a night drive



Transfers: Transfers in and out will be by road. A Land Rover Game Drive vehicle will be you at Maun airport from you flight.

This transfer will depart Maun at approximately 2pm on your first day, following the arrival of any guests on Air Botswana's BP212 or South African Airlin's SA8300 both from Johannesburg.

Transfers to Maun on the final day of the safari will be by road. We use a Land Rover game drive vehicle and will have guests in Maun by midday.

Alternative Transfer: It is also possible to travel to Kujwana by light aircraft and helicopter on Day 1 of the safari. This is at additional cost. Please contact us for details.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

OHS Okavango Adventure

- Day 1 Arrive at Kujwana Camp by Land Rover
Sundowners and orientation talk
- Day 2 Morning bush walk at Kujwana Camp
Afternoon boat trip and swimming
- Day 3 Full day walk to Mokolawane Camp
Picnic lunch in the bush
- Day 4 Morning mekoros at Mokolawane Camp
Afternoon short walk
- Day 5 Full day walk to sleep out
Picnic lunch in the bush
- Day 6 Morning walk to Qwaapu Camp
Afternoon swim and night drive
- Day 7 Short sunrise walk before departing by vehicle to
Maun

Extras: Should you wish to spend a night in Maun before or after your safari, we can arrange accommodation for you at Thamakalane River Lodge

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