



# Your Private Safari Adventure in Botswana

*Africa's Most Trusted Adventure Specialists*

A fully private, luxury Botswana safari — tailored exclusively for you by **Touristlads**. From the shimmering channels of the Okavango Delta to the elephant-rich plains of Chobe, your once-in-a-lifetime journey begins here.

PRIVATE & EXCLUSIVE

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EXPERT GUIDED

Welcome

# Introduction to Your Journey

We are absolutely thrilled that you have chosen **Touristlads** for what promises to be a genuinely transformative adventure. This guide is your companion – covering every practical detail, every cultural nuance, and every tip to ensure your private Botswana safari exceeds every expectation.

Botswana stands apart from any other destination on the continent. It is a land of extraordinary wilderness, protected at a level few nations can match. Home to the world's largest inland delta, vast national parks, and some of Africa's most celebrated wildlife concentrations, it rewards the discerning traveller with moments of quiet, profound wonder.

- ☐ Your safari is **100% private** – no shared vehicles, no group departures. Just you, your dedicated guide, and the untamed beauty of Botswana.



# What's Included in Your Safari

Every element of your Touristlads experience has been curated to offer complete peace of mind and uncompromising comfort in the bush.

## Accommodation

Luxury lodges and tented camps with twin-share en-suite rooms. Private room available with a single supplement.

## All Meals

Full board – breakfast, lunch, and dinner as detailed in your personalised itinerary. Fresh, wholesome, and tailored to your dietary needs.

## Private Vehicle & Guide

Your dedicated 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof, accompanied by the same expert guide-driver throughout your entire journey.

## Park Fees & Activities

All national park entry fees, game drives, guided excursions, and activities are fully covered – no hidden extras.

## Bottled Water

Chilled bottled water provided throughout all game drives and safari activities to keep you refreshed in the African heat.

## 24/7 Support

Round-the-clock assistance from the Touristlads team, plus our price-match guarantee, free cancellation within 48 hours, and zero booking fees.

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## Not Included in the Price

→ Domestic or international flights and entry visas

→ Gratuities for guides and lodge staff

→ Comprehensive travel and health insurance (mandatory)

→ Personal items – laundry, phone calls, and sundries

→ Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

→ Snacks, meals, or excursions outside your itinerary

Before You Depart

# Practical Travel Information

## Visa & Arrival

Many nationalities enjoy visa-free entry to Botswana. Check your status well in advance via the official **Botswana Immigration E-Visa portal**. Visa on arrival is available for some nationalities; fees vary.

Your private airport transfer from **Sir Seretse Khama International Airport (GBE)** is fully included. Your dedicated guide will greet you personally with a Touristlads sign. Excess luggage can be safely stored at your lodge.

## Passport & Insurance

Your passport must be valid for a minimum of **six months** beyond your return date. Comprehensive travel insurance with emergency medical evacuation cover is **mandatory** – not optional – for participation in this safari.

## Health Precautions

Recommended vaccinations include Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, Tetanus, and Yellow Fever (for travellers arriving from at-risk countries). **Malaria prophylaxis is strongly advised** for northern and delta regions. Please consult your GP or travel health clinic before departure.

## Luggage Allowance

Maximum **20 kg per person** in soft, flexible bags for easy 4×4 loading. One small daypack and camera equipment may be kept in the vehicle. Excess luggage can be stored securely at your lodge.

# Safari Guide & Preparations

## What to Wear

Lightweight, breathable clothing in **neutral tones** – khaki, beige, and olive work best in the bush

**Long-sleeved shirts and trousers** for sun protection and insect deterrence throughout the day

**Warm layers** for cool early mornings and evenings – temperatures drop considerably before dawn

**Rain jacket** recommended during the wet season (November to April)

## Tour Timings

Game drives begin at **first light (~6:00 AM)** and run through to late afternoon. Your same expert guide-driver will accompany you for the entirety of your safari – consistency that builds trust and deepens the experience.

## Packing Essentials

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### Clothing & Footwear

Neutral shirts, long trousers, sturdy hiking boots, wide-brimmed hat, polarised sunglasses, and swimwear

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### Toiletries & Health

High-factor sunscreen, insect repellent, personal medication, and basic first aid supplies

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### Electronics

Camera with spare batteries, binoculars, phone and charger, and a plug adaptor for Botswana's 3-pin sockets

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### Documents

Passport, flight tickets, travel insurance certificate, and your personalised itinerary

We offer guiding in **English, French, German, Spanish**, and further languages upon request – simply let us know.

# Environmental Responsibility

Botswana's wilderness is extraordinary precisely because it has been so carefully protected. As a guest, you play a vital role in preserving it for future generations. Please observe these guidelines throughout your journey.



## No Single-Use Plastics

Plastic bags are **banned in all Botswana national parks**. Bring a reusable bag and minimise single-use plastic wherever possible.



## Conserve Water & Energy

Water is precious in the bush. Take only what you need, turn off taps and lights when not in use, and support the lodge's conservation efforts.



## No Unauthorised Drones

Drones are strictly **prohibited without an official permit**. Please leave yours at home unless you have the appropriate documentation.



## Support Local Businesses

Choose locally owned shops, markets, and artisans wherever possible. Your spending directly supports the communities surrounding Botswana's wild spaces.



## Respect All Wildlife

Never feed, approach, or disturb animals. Always follow your guide's instructions. **Disable GPS and location data** when photographing endangered species.

On the Ground

# Money & Tipping Guidelines

The official currency is the **Botswana Pula (BWP)**. US Dollars are widely accepted at lodges and established tourist operations, though carrying a supply of local Pula is advisable for smaller purchases in villages and at roadside stalls.

ATMs are available in major towns such as Maun and Kasane – but not in remote areas. We recommend carrying **sufficient cash** before departing for the bush.

## Gratuities

Tipping is a meaningful way to express your appreciation to the dedicated people who make your safari exceptional. The following are respectful guidelines – not obligations – but warmly received.

### Groups

**\$35–50 USD per day**, shared amongst your guides and lodge staff as appropriate

### Solo Travellers

**\$10–20 USD per day** for your dedicated guide-driver and supporting lodge team



## Ethical Souvenir Shopping

Before making a purchase, ask yourself three simple questions: **What is it made of? Is it legal to export? Do I require a permit?**

The following items are **strictly forbidden** for export and must never be purchased:

Ivory and elephant products in any form

Animal skins, stuffed animals, or trophies

Coral, protected plants, or endangered species products

Instead, seek out **hand-woven baskets, beadwork, wood carvings, and locally produced textiles** – beautiful, authentic, and fully legal keepsakes of your journey.



# What Our Guests Say

Nothing speaks more eloquently than the words of those who have travelled with us. Here is what some of our guests have shared about their Touristlads experience.

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"Touristlads made our Botswana safari a dream come true – private 4x4, a truly fantastic guide, and memories we will never, ever forget. Every detail had been thought of. We felt completely looked after from the moment we landed."

– Anna & Mark D., United Kingdom ★★★★★

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## 100%

### Private Departures

Every safari is exclusively yours – no shared vehicles, ever

## 24/7

### Guest Support

Our team is always on hand, wherever you are in the bush

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### Guest Rating

Consistently rated five stars by our travellers across the globe

Before You Go

# Frequently Asked Questions

 What are the accommodations like?

You will stay in handpicked **luxury lodges and tented camps**, all with private en-suite bathrooms, electricity (Botswana 3-pin plugs), and USB charging facilities. Sole-occupancy rooms are available with a single supplement.

 What if wildlife enters the camp?


This is part of the magic — and entirely safe when handled correctly. **Always follow your guide's instructions** calmly and immediately. Never approach or attempt to feed any animal.

 Can dietary requirements be accommodated?

Absolutely. Our kitchens are fully equipped to cater to **vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and allergy-specific** diets. Please inform us in advance so your menus can be prepared accordingly.

 Are walking safaris available?

Yes — walking safaris are available in **selected reserves with licensed walking guides**. These offer an intimate, ground-level perspective of the bush that a vehicle simply cannot replicate.

 What happens if I fall ill or am injured?

Your safety is our absolute priority. **Immediate assistance will be arranged**, and your dedicated guide will coordinate with our team and your insurer. This is why comprehensive travel insurance with emergency evacuation is mandatory.

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## Our Partners & Accreditations

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# Your Adventure Awaits

The Okavango Delta. Chobe National Park. Moremi Game Reserve. Makgadikgadi Pans. These are not simply destinations — they are experiences that will stay with you long after you return home. Let us take you there.



## Iconic Destinations

Okavango Delta, Chobe, Moremi, and the ancient salt pans of Makgadikgadi — all in one private journey



## Stargazing

Beneath some of the darkest, clearest skies on earth — Botswana's night sky is a spectacle in its own right



## Useful Resources

[Botswana Tourism](#) · [National Parks](#) · [XE Currency Converter](#)



## WhatsApp Us

Reach us directly for fast, personal assistance at any stage of your journey



## Website

[www.touristlads.com](http://www.touristlads.com) — browse itineraries, read stories, and plan your next adventure



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