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A TRUE EXPLORER'S BIRDING SAFARI...

Day 1: Lake Ngami (Botswana) **FB/TC**

We whisk you away from the airport in the frontier town of Maun to our private camp at Lake Ngami. This spectacular venue produces birds in astounding quantities and will get our birding experience off to a flying start. (Black-tailed Godwit, Greater & Lesser Flamingo, Great White & Pink-backed Pelican, White-backed Duck, Lesser Jacana, Pirit Batis)

Day 2 & 3: Okavango Panhandle (Botswana) **FB/HL**

Our next destination is close to the northern border of Botswana and Namibia. From our camp we will explore the panhandle on boat and foot. This is our number one spot for Pel's Fishing Owl and Narina Trogon and a fair amount of our time is devoted to finding these impressive birds. (White-backed Night-Heron, Southern Brown-throated Weaver, Black-faced Babbler, Pel's Fishing Owl, Narina Trogon, Western Banded Snake-Eagle, African Skimmer)

Day 4: The Caprivi Strip (Namibia) **FB/HL**

We cross the border into Namibia and drive through the Mahango Game Reserve which is renowned for its population of Roan Antelope as well as its diverse and abundant birdlife. Moving into the Caprivi proper we head east through the teak woodlands birding on the way to our camp on the Kwando River. (Rufous-bellied Tit, Racket-tailed Roller, Sharp-tailed Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird, Copper Sunbird, Wood Owl)

Day 5 & 6: Katima Mulilo (Eastern Caprivi) **FB/HL**

Meaning 'dim the fire' Katima Mulilo is home to one of the more spectacular birds on our list, the Schalow's Turaco. From our hotel here we explore

Highlights

Lake Ngami's birding wonderland, panhandle of the Okavango Delta, Caprivi Strip specials, Zambia and the Victoria Falls, Miombo woodlands of Nkanga River Conservancy, the dramatic Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, Moremi Game Reserve wildlife and birding on the fringes of the Okavango Delta. Boat cruises on the Okavango and Chobe rivers.



Slaty Egret – Moremi Game Reserve

the surrounding area looking for the Turaco and other specials in the area. (Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin, Schalow's Turaco, Giant Kingfisher, Racket-tailed Roller, Rock Pratincole, Shelley's Sunbird, African Finfoot)

Day 7 & 8: Livingstone (Zambia) **FB/HL**

From the Caprivi we head east into Zambia towards the mighty Mosi-oa-Tunya (*Smoke that Thunders*) which is the local name for the Victoria Falls. The riparian forest along the Zambezi provides some good birding in this area. (Trumpeter Hornbill, Crowned Hornbill, Verreaux's Eagle, Taita Falcon, Narina Trogon, Olive Woodpecker)

Day 9: Choma (Zambia) **FB/HL**

We leave Livingstone at dawn for the drive to Choma and the Nkanga River Conservancy, stronghold of Zambia's only true endemic, the

Chaplin's Barbet. Miombo birding here is also excellent. (Chaplin's Barbet, Souza's Shrike, White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike, Red-throated Twinspot, Spotted Creeper, Miombo Pied Barbet)

Day 10 & 11: Chobe (Botswana) **FB/HL**

Leaving Zambia we re-enter Botswana and head Kasane which borders the renowned Chobe National Park where 60,000 elephants and countless birds make their home. Birding in and around the Chobe is diverse and rewarding throughout the year. (Collared Palm-Thrush, Bronze Mannikin, Orange-winged Pytilia, Racket-tailed Roller, African Finfoot, African Skimmer, Pel's Fishing Owl, Brown Firefinch)

Day 12: Nata & Makgadikgadi Pans **FB/HL**

Our next leg takes us south into typical semi-arid Kalahari habitat. The highlight is the vast Sowa Pan adjoining the Nata Bird Sanctuary. (Greater & Lesser Flamingo, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Montagu's Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Abdim's Stork, Marsh Owl).

Day 13: Thamalakane River Maun **FB/HL**

We leave the Pans in the morning and head west to Maun where we get to our lodge around lunch time. Afternoon at leisure whilst your guide changes over vehicles for the Moremi Game Reserve expedition. There is some good riverine and woodland birding from the lodge grounds. (White-backed Duck, Lesser Jacana, Bat Hawk, Kalahari Scrub-robin, Purple Roller)

Total possible species for safari: 530+
Likely to record (Summer): 320 – 380
Likely to record (Winter): 250 – 300

Price per person: USD4975.00
Single supplement: USD490.00

Day 14, 15 & 16: Moremi Game Reserve **FB/TC**

Our final destination is the Moremi Game Reserve on the eastern edge of the Okavango Delta. The diverse habitat in this reserve provides excellent birding and great wildlife experiences all in pristine wilderness areas. (Rufous-bellied Heron, Wattled Crane, Slaty Egret, Black Coucal, Swamp Nightjar, Luapula Cisticola)

Day 17: We drive back to Maun where our adventure ends. Fly back to Johannesburg for onward connections.



Green-winged Pytilia – Lake Ngami

KEY TO ITINERARY CODES

FB/TC – Full Board Tented Camp

This includes all meals, drinks, excursions and accommodation in our Letaka Camps

FB/HL – Full Board Hotel or Lodge

This includes accommodation, dinner and breakfast, includes mineral water but excludes all other drinks. Lunches on excursion/travel days not included.

The quoted price includes all accommodation, park entry fees (except Vic Falls), excursions, transfers and border fees.

The quoted price excludes your international return flights. Excludes gratuities for guides and staff, any applicable visa fees & optional excursions.

Full medical & travel insurance is mandatory.

2011 Departure Dates Ex Maun

06 Jan 2011, 06 Feb 2011, 08 Mar 2011, 03 Apr 2011, 05 Dec 2011