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## *THE TRAIL BEGINS...*

### Day 1 & 2: Lake Ngami **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, Garganey, Greater & Lesser Flamingo, Great White & Pink-backed Pelican, Grey Tit-flycatcher, Lesser Jacana)

### Day 3 & 4: Panhandle of the Okavango **FB/TC**

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 5: The Caprivi Strip (Namibia) **FB/HL**

We cross the border into Namibia and drive through the Mahango Game Reserve which is famous for its populations 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, Shelley's Sunbird, Racket-tailed Roller, Sharp-tailed Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird, Copper Sunbird, Wood Owl)

### Day 6 & 7: 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, 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, Eastern Nicator, African Finfoot)

### Day 8 & 9: Livingstone (Zambia) **FB/HL**

From the Caprivi we head east into Zambia towards the mighty Mosi-oa-Tunya (The 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 10 & 11: Chobe (Botswana) **FB/HL**

Leaving Zambia we re-enter Botswana and head for 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, Copper Sunbird, 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 and head west to Maun and our lodge on the Thamalakane River. There will be time for some more Kalahari birding en-route and for some afternoon birding around the lodge. (White-backed Duck, Lesser Jacana, Bat Hawk, Kalahari Scrub-robin, Purple Roller)

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, Malachite Kingfisher)

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

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

Price per person: USD4350.00  
Single supplement: USD450.00



Malachite Kingfisher – Okavango Panhandle



Green-winged Pytilia – Moremi

#### 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, excursions, transfers and border fees.

The quoted price excludes your international return flights. Excludes gratuities for guides and staff, any applicable visa fees. **Full medical & travel insurance is mandatory for all travellers.**

Payment Options: Bank Transfer or Credit Card

2010/2011 Departure Dates Ex Maun

29 Nov 2010, 06 Jan 2011, 06 Feb 2011, 08 Mar 2011, 03 Apr 2011, 05 Dec 2011