



Livingstone Birding Trail

16 nights, 17 days Tented Camp, Lodges and Hotels

Maun to Maun

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Routing:

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Access:

Maun

Accommodation:

Various hotel/lodge/tented camps BLD

Highlights:

- Lake Ngami's birding wonderland
- Panhandle of the Okavango Delta
- Caprivi specials
- Zambia and the Victoria Falls
- Miombo woodlands of Nkanfa River Conservancy
- The dramatic Chobe National Park, Magkadigkadi Pans & Moremi Game Reserve
- Birding on the fringes of the Okavango Delta

Itinerary Outline:

1 night Lake Ngami – Letaka Tented Camp

Includes: Lunch, Dinner, drinks

2 nights Pan Handle – Letaka Tented Camp

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, drinks

2 nights Caprivi Strip - Caprivi River Cabins or similar

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

2 nights Livingstone, Zambia – Bushfront Lodge or similar

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

2 nights Choma, Zambia – Masuku Lodge

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

2 nights Chobe - Chobe Safari Lodge

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

1 night Nata & Magkadigkadi Pans – Nata Lodge

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

1 night Thamalakane River, Maun – Thamalakane River Lodge or similar

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

3 nights Moremi Game Reserve – Letaka Tented Camp

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, drinks

**Lunches may be packed lunches, particularly on moving days*

Payment Options:

20% Deposit to confirm booking. Balance due 6 weeks prior to departure. Payment by bank transfer or credit card (card payments carry 5% surcharge).

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, Pririt 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 & 5: Caprivi Strip & Zambezi (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 lodge on the Zambezi River. 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 the surrounding area looking for the Turaco and other specials in the area. (Rufous-bellied Tit, Racket-tailed Roller, Sharp-tailed Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird, Copper Sunbird, Wood Owl, Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin, Schalow's Turaco, Giant Kingfisher, Racket-tailed Roller, Rock Pratincole, Shelley's Sunbird, African Finfoot)

Day 6 & 7: 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 8 & 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 (Zambian) Barbet, Souza's Shrike, White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike, Red-faced Crimsonwing, 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)



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: Maun

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

NOTE: Itinerary may be subject to change without notice depending on local conditions. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for more details

Total possible species for safari: 650+
Likely to record (November): 380-420

Abbreviations and Exclusions

FB/TC Indicates full board in Letaka Safari Tented Camp with fully serviced en-suite tented accommodation. This includes all meals, snacks, local beverages.

FB/HL Indicates full board in a lodge or hotel. This includes dinner, bed and breakfast at the lodge or hotel with picnic lunch. Mineral water is included, all other drinks are excluded.

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.