

In The Footsteps of Dr Livingstone/Chizarira

Incorporating:

- Khubu Island,
- Sua Pan,
- Ntwetwe Pan,
- Nxai Pan,
- Baines's Baobabs and Makgadikgadi Pan National Park.
- Victoria Falls,
- Chizarira NP

This is a truly unforgettable and potentially life altering experience;

A unique opportunity to retrace the footsteps of the one of greatest explorer the world has known: visit the mysterious Khubu Island, Cross the vast salt pans of Makgadikgadi on foot at night the way Livingstone did.

We also visit Nxai Pan and Baines's Baobabs and go in search of the zebra migration of the Makgadikgadi Grass Plains.

See the second largest waterfall in the world, which Livingstone discovered!

Transport: Open 4 WD, walking.

Accommodation: lodging and camping.

DAY 1 - 2:	KHUBU ISLAND
DAY 3:	NTWETWE PAN
DAY 4	GREEN'S BAOBABS
DAY 5 - 6:	NXAI PAN NATIONAL PARK
DAY 7:	MAKGADIKGADI NATIONAL PARK
DAY 8 - 9:	MAUN to Victoria Falls
DAY 10 - 14:	Chizarira NP

This trip will be lead by Steve Krenzen. He is a modern day explorer and has completed four different Livingstone retraces including this one. Steve and his team of Professional will show you the Real Africa. These areas are rarely seen by the average tourist coming to Africa. You will be a Traveler, an Explorer, and become interactive with all of the people we meet along our journey. Experience Freedom From...Freedom To..

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DAY 1 - 2: KHUBU ISLAND – CAMPING – F/I

Fly to Maun and transfer by charter plane to Nata. This flight affords a spectacular view of the vast Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, once a massive inland lake, but long since dried up. From Nata we drive to Khubu Island on Sua Pan where our camp has been pre-erected (approximately 5 hour's drive). Our supply vehicle will travel ahead of us to set up camp.

TERRAIN: The rocky outcrop with stunted baobabs and contorted star chestnuts situated on the edge of a large saltpan, gives Khubu Island a surreal atmosphere.

WILDLIFE: Small desert game like jackals and mongooses; Owls and other adaptable birds.

ACTIVITIES: Pan walks; explore the ancient ruins.

DAY 3: NTWETWE PAN - CAMPING – F/I

We depart Khubu Island and drive alongside the Ntwetwe Pan to the point where Livingstone and other early explorers crossed the mighty pan at night to avoid the intense heat and reflection of the white pans during the day. Here we leave the vehicle and walk 25 kilometers by the light of the moon and stars, exactly as Livingstone did! Camp awaits us on the other side of the pan near Green's Baobabs where we can catch up on some well-earned sleep.

TERRAIN: Ntwetwe Pan is the largest of the salt pans and just being there will provide you with memories to last a lifetime. The massive Chapman's Baobab towers over the northern rim of the pan and offers a beacon in the moonlight to walk towards.

WILDLIFE: Springbok, zebra, black-backed jackal, steenbok, kudu, springhare, scrub hare, African wild and black footed cats, yellow mongoose, suricate and ground squirrels may be encountered.

ACTIVITIES: Game drives; birding; night walk.

DAY 4: GREEN'S BAOBABS - CAMPING – F/I

When we wake up we will have a leisurely meal and explore the historical baobabs of Green and Chapman as well as the famous pans where they rested after their trek across the pans.

TERRAIN: Open, flat grassland with scattered islands of acacias and rain trees. One of the most difficult terrains in which to find your way around as there are no landmarks on the flat horizon, other than the massive baobabs.

WILDLIFE: Springbok, zebra and smaller game.

ACTIVITIES: Explore historical baobabs and waterholes; walking; game drives; birding.

DAY 5 - 6: NXAI PAN NATIONAL PARK - CAMPING – F/I

We leave Green's Baobabs and drive to Nxai Pan National Park, following Livingstone's route further north. Along the way we will visit Thomas Baines' Baobab on the edge of Kudiakam Pan – named after the painter/explorer who accompanied Livingstone on some of his adventures. We will pitch camp for two nights on the edge of this grassy pan teeming with wildlife. We will also visit the Kama-kama pans where Livingstone drew water before embarking on his trip through the mopane scrubland on the journey further north to Linyanti.

TERRAIN: Nxai Pan is a large grassy plain with scattered acacia islands. Kudiakam saltpan and Baines' Baobabs offer a totally different environment.

WILDLIFE: Springbok, impala, zebra, wildebeest, steenbok, kudu and gemsbok are common. One can also hope to see elephant, giraffe, lion, wild dog, black-backed jackal, duiker, red hartebeest, tsessebe, springhare, scrub hare, African wild and black footed cats, yellow mongoose, suricate and ground squirrels. The desert birdlife is excellent.

ACTIVITIES: Explore historical baobabs and waterholes; game drives; birding.

DAY 7: MAKGADIKGADI GAME RESERVE – LODGING – MENO-A-KWENA CAMP F/I

We depart Nxai Pan and head south-west for the village of Khumaga. We stay at Meno-a-Kwena Tented Camp on the banks of the Boteti River where we can watch the huge numbers of zebra as well as kudu, wildebeest, elephants and other game come down to drink from the lodge's own waterhole. Livingstone passed this spot on his first trip when he discovered Lake Ngami.

TERRAIN: Makgadikgadi is a large open grassy plain dotted with acacia and palm islands. The whole pan is surrounded by mopane scrubland. The dry Boteti River forms the western boundary of the park and it is where the Zebra head in search of the few permanent waterholes once the rain-filled pans dry up.

WILDLIFE: Springbok, impala, zebra, wildebeest, steenbok, kudu and gemsbok are common. One can also hope to see elephant, giraffe, lion, wild dog, black-backed jackal, duiker, red hartebeest, tsessebe, springhare, scrub hare, African wild and black footed cats, yellow mongoose, suricate and ground squirrels. The desert birdlife is excellent.

ACTIVITIES: Game Walk along the Boteti riverbed; game drives; birding.

DAY 8: MAUN -

We drive back to Maun in time for our private flight to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving in the Falls we will transfer for a wonderful nights rest in a comfortable bed. Lorries B&B

Day 9: Victoria Falls

Spend the entire day at your leisure, there are many activities to take part in at The Falls, or simply relax by the pool! Lorries B&B

Day 10-14: Chizarira NP

We depart early this morning for a drive into the Real African Bush. It is about a six hour drive through beautiful communal/farmlands as we make our way to Chizarira NP our home for the next four nights. We will be staying at a permanent tented camp in a lovely remote setting. These four days will be very relaxing as we are far away from any crowds. Here we will track game by foot. Yes that's right we will be doing a lot of walking looking for game and enjoying the magnificent scenery in this tranquil area. There is a village close by where we can get to know the locals and go have a drink with them at their local bush bar. Four nights at tented camp

Day 14: transfer back to Victoria Falls for your flight home.

Extensions are available to all surrounding areas

INCLUDED:

All transfers between destinations, accommodation and activities as mentioned; all camping equipment (walk-in tents with hot bush shower and toilet; camp beds with mattresses and full bedding); mess tent with tables & chairs; staff members to take care of camp chores; all park fees and permits; the services of a licensed professional guide while in Botswana. All accommodations at Chizarira are at the permanent tented camp.

EXCLUDED:

International flights; tips and gratuities for guides, camp staff & drivers; medical, travel & baggage insurance; items of a personal nature; laundry; alcoholic beverages and visas and items of a personal nature. Activities while in Victoria Falls.

Trip cost: \$5363 ground only

Prices are based on double occupancy, single supplement is \$340 in Botswana and \$280 at Chizarira and are ground only!

We can arrange your international flights if you wish!

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