



ADVENTURER'S COLLECTION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BOTSWANA & NAMIBIA TRAVEL

Do I need a visa to visit Botswana or Namibia?

It depends on your nationality. Many visitors from the UK, US, EU and most Commonwealth countries can enter Botswana and Namibia visa-free or get a visa on arrival for short tourist stays, but requirements do change. We advise you to check your Foreign Office website before travel.

When is the best time to visit Botswana or Namibia?

There's no single best time, it simply depends on what you're looking for. Botswana's dry season (May to October) concentrates wildlife around permanent water, so game viewing is at its most predictable, while the wet, 'green season' (November to April) brings dramatic skies, newborn animals and fewer crowds, though some areas are harder to reach. Namibia's dry season also runs from roughly May to October, with cooler, clearer days that suit exploring the desert, while its wetter months (November to April) are hotter but bring the landscape to life. Each season has its trade-offs, so tell us what you want to see and we'll help you pick your dates.

Is it safe to travel to Botswana and Namibia?

Yes. Both are well-established, politically stable safari destinations that welcome large numbers of international travellers every year. Every trip in our collection is professionally guided from start to finish, so you're in expert hands throughout.

Do I need vaccinations or malaria tablets for a safari in Botswana or Namibia?

No. Vaccinations are mandatory for most travellers, though a yellow fever certificate is required if you're arriving from a yellow-fever risk country. Parts of Botswana and Namibia (including the Okavango Delta and Chobe) carry a malaria risk, especially in the wetter months, so we recommend speaking to a travel health clinic about antimalarials before you go.



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What should I pack for a small group safari?

Light, neutral-coloured layers (mornings are cold, days can be hot), a warm jacket for early game drives, comfortable closed shoes, sun protection, and insect repellent. Soft-sided luggage is essential too; you may be travelling by light aircraft, which have strict weight and bag-shape limits.

What currency should I bring, and can I pay by card?

Most camps quote and settle rates in US Dollars, so very little local cash is needed for accommodation itself. Botswana Pula and Namibian Dollars are the local currencies for smaller purchases, and it's worth carrying some cash for tips and incidentals, as card facilities can be unreliable in remote places.

Is travel insurance required?

Yes. Comprehensive personal travel insurance, including medical evacuation cover, is required for every stay and safari in our collection and is excluded from all our rates. Please arrange this before you travel.

Do I fly or self-drive between camps?

Both are possible. Most of our camps can be reached by light aircraft for speed and ease, but self-driving is an option at every property in the collection for travellers who prefer more independence and have the extra time. Some of our guided lodge safaris use vehicles and road access throughout.

What is the Community, Conservation and Reserve (CCR) fee added to my rate?

It's a small, non-refundable per person, per night fee added to every stay, which goes directly towards uplifting local communities and protecting the wildlife and habitats we operate in. It applies to guests aged 6 and over, and to pilots and guides, but not to children aged 0–5.



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LODGE & CAMP STAYS

What's included when I stay at an Adventurer's Collection camp or lodge?

Accommodation, dinner and breakfast are almost always included. Some camps also bundle in game drives and guided activities as standard (Thamo Telele's fully-inclusive rate, Okavango Spirit, and Chobe Noka for example), whilst others, like Desert Hills Glamping Camp, price activities separately on top of a dinner, bed & breakfast rate. We recommend always checking what's included on the individual camp page before booking.

What's the difference between a camp, a lodge, and a houseboat in the collection?

Camps are typically tented and close to nature; lodges have more permanent thatched or built structures; and our houseboat, Okavango Spirit, puts you in the heart of the Okavango Panhandle – on the water! All are chosen for their unique character and outstanding location over frills

Are Adventurer's Collection camps suitable for families with children?

Yes. Most of our properties welcome children of all ages, and several (including Thamo Telele and Planet Baobab) have family-friendly room configurations and rate-inclusive activities.

Are Adventurer's Collection camps good value compared to typical safari lodges?

Yes! But good value doesn't mean compromising on the experience. We put your budget towards what actually makes a safari exceptional: incredible wildlife locations and expert guiding, not five-star extras you won't remember. You get the same calibre of guiding and access as far pricier camps, just without paying for the unnecessary trimmings.



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Do the camps have Wi-Fi and modern comforts?

Most properties offer Wi-Fi and comfortable ensuite rooms. A few of our more remote, back-to-basics stays keep things simpler by design. We recommend checking each property page for specifics.

Can I book a single camp, or do I need to book a full safari package?

You can book a stay at any individual camp in the collection, join a scheduled small group safari package, or have us design a tailor-made trip built around the camps you want to visit. Our Safari Packages and Tailor-Made Safaris pages show the different ways to put a trip together.

TAILOR MADE GROUP SAFARIS

What is a tailor-made small group safari?

A tailor-made safari is a privately designed trip built around your timing, interests and pace, using the same camps, guides and small-group approach (max 12 travellers) as our scheduled packages, just built from scratch around you.

How is a tailor-made safari different from a scheduled small group package?

Scheduled packages follow a fixed route and departure date that you join alongside other travellers (max 8 guests per trip) A tailor-made safari is planned privately for your group, with full flexibility on dates, pace, and which camps and areas you visit.



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TAILOR MADE GROUP SAFARIS CONTINUED...

What's the minimum group size for a tailor-made safari?

There's no strict minimum. We design tailor-made trips for couples, families and private groups of any size up to twelve, so it works whether you're travelling as two or a full group of friends.

Can I combine Botswana and Namibia in one tailor-made trip?

Yes. A tailor-made itinerary can move between both countries, combining, for example, the Okavango Delta's waterways with Namibia's deserts, depending on how much time you have.

Is a tailor-made safari more expensive than joining a scheduled departure?

Not necessarily. Pricing depends on the camps and route you choose rather than whether the trip is private or scheduled, and we'll always work within your budget to build the best possible trip.

Who guides a tailor-made safari?

The same expert guides who lead our scheduled departures – safari professionals with years of experience across Botswana and Namibia's wilderness areas.