



## THE ZEBRA ROUTE

DOD — Degree of Difficulty with 1 being the easiest (tar road) and 5 being the most challenging.

Should you want to visit Moremi Game Reserve or do a driver training course, allow an additional 2-3 nights in Maun or do a fly in safari before starting the Zebra Route.

Day 1: Arrive in Maun, Vehicle briefing, Maun to Gweta / Planet Baobab approx. 205kms / 3 hrs. DOD 1

**Lodge: Planet Baobab / [www.uncharteredafrica.com](http://www.uncharteredafrica.com)**

NB - Allowing time for a basic vehicle handover (1 hr.), shopping for snacks then depart for Gweta Village.



Gweta is approximately 205km from Maun on a good tar road. The first 60km is within Ngamiland and expect a number of donkeys, goats, horses and cattle on the road. After 60km you arrive at a veterinary cordon and police check point. Ensure you come to a complete stop at the stop sign and wait to be called forward by the policeman on duty and show your driver's licence. No red meat and dairy products may proceed past this point.

The officers on duty will require all passengers to dip their shoes in a solution of lime (it turns white after a while but can be easily washed off). This procedure is part of the foot and mouth control program.

From here it is approximately 140km to Gweta passing through the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. En-route you will pass the turnoff to Motopi and Khumaga villages (80km from Maun) on the right hand side shortly after the check point. Continue on the same road passing Phuduhudu village (126km from Maun) on your left and then further on the left the entrance to

Nxai Pan and Baines Baobabs (144km from Maun).

Continue through Gweta Village and look out on the left side of the road for a huge concrete AARDVARK marking the turnoff to Planet Baobab. Follow the sign on the right side of the road down a stony gravel road to reach Planet Baobab in about 5 minutes.



Day 2: Planet Baobab Lodge / DOD 1-5 depending on day trip option

**Lodge: Planet Baobab / [www.uncharteredafrica.com](http://www.uncharteredafrica.com)**

Day trip Options: You can be as adventurous as your driving experience will allow or choose guided activities from the lodge.

*Meerkat Mania* / DOD 1 easy (Guided activity from Planet Baobab)



*Chapman's Baobabs and the Makgadikgadi Pans* (approx. 150km round trip) / DOD 2 (easy drive but stony and dusty road)

*Makgadikgadi Pans National Park / Khumaga area* (approx. 100km roundtrip) / DOD 3-4. In the dry season experience thousands of zebra, elephants, lion and good general game along the banks of the Boteti River. Mostly tar road from Gweta with approx. 40km of reasonable sandy track to the Boteti River. Spend the day here for excellent game viewing. Ensure you leave the Boteti by 4-5pm to get back to Gweta before its dark. Some sandy patches. If it has rained the sand becomes harder and is easier to drive on.

*Nxai Pan and Baines Baobabs* (approx. 250km round trip) / DOD 5 (thick sand and very sandy patches in the dry season, salt pans and extreme black mud in the wet green season) 65m on tar road to Nxai pan turnoff. Pay park fees at the entrance gate in BWP (Pula) and continue on the track to Nxai Pan. Look out for steenbok, oryx (gemsbok), elephant and zebra in the green season. After 18km on the sand road towards Nxai Pan there are 2 roads that turn to the right that both lead to Baines Baobabs. In the dry season take the first (closest to the tar road) and in the green season take the second -they both go the same place. The road takes you through beautiful open Makgadikgadi grasslands and you will see Baines far in the distance. If you have taken the first road beware of crossing the pans — ensure you cross where other vehicle tracks have crossed and do not under any circumstances make a new road . . .the vehicle will sink into the pan even in the dry season and the vehicle tracks damage the sensitive environment. To reach Nxai Pan continue straight from the Baines turn off for a further 18km until you reach another gate (the old gate). Your entrance permit will most probably be checked by the rangers on duty. . . .ask the rangers where the lions are! Once onto the pan look out for cheetah, lion, elephants, *springbok*, oryx, and zebra etc. etc. . . . The IMAX movie “Roar Lions of the Kalahari “ was filmed at the waterhole in Nxai Pan.

Ensure you leave back to Gweta by 4-5 pm to arrive in Planet Baobab before dark.

Day 3: Gweta / Planet Baobab to Kasane approx. 400kms / 5-6 hrs. DOD 1

**Lodge: Chobe Safari Lodge / [www.underonebotswanasky.com](http://www.underonebotswanasky.com)**

Gweta to Kasane is a total of 400km on a good tar road. From Planet Baobab turn right onto the main Maun / Nata road and continue passed Zoroga Village to Nata for a distance of about 100km.

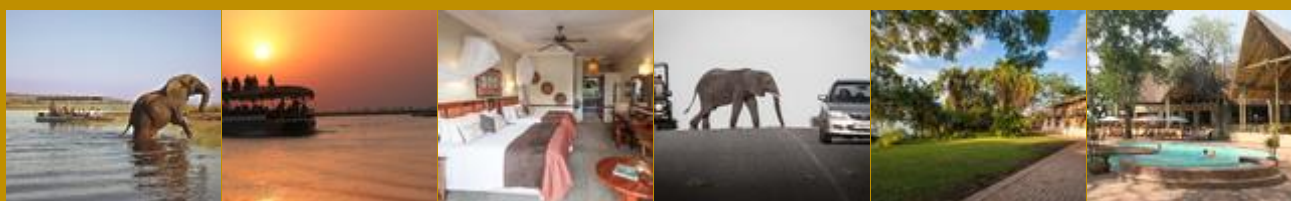
Nata has 2 or 3 different filling stations and a take away food shop. (Credit cards are generally accepted and there is a Barclays Bank ATM).

From Nata continue north to Kasane on a good tar road. After approx. 40km look for the sign on the left to Elephant Sands. Continue along this good gravel road for about 3-4 km to Elephant Sands. Mid to late afternoon many elephant concentrate around the waterhole very close to the restaurant campsite and chalets.

Continue north and approx. 60km from Nata you reach a veterinary and Police checkpoint at Ngwasha Gate.

Remember to stop at the stop sign until the officer calls you forward. Pass through and continue to Kasane 240km north. Look out for elephant, sable, eland, roan antelope on this road especially the last 80km from Pandamatenga (agricultural area) to Kazangula. Elephants can generally be spotted along the entire route.

As you arrive in Kazangula the road ahead goes straight to the Zambian and Zimbabwe Border (to get to Victoria Falls). Turn left to Kasane after the fuel station and its approx. 15km drive to Kasane past Chobe Farms on the left. Just before the road goes up the hill turn to the right to Kasane (there is a fire station on the corner). Continue passed Thebe River Safaris, Mowana Lodge, and Kasane Town centre to arrive at the end of the road at Chobe Safari Lodge. A Chobe boat cruise would be a great way to end the day and the boats leave from the lodge jetty.



Day 4: Kasane / DOD 1-3 depending on day trip option

**Lodge: Chobe Safari Lodge / [www.underonebotswanasky.com](http://www.underonebotswanasky.com)**

Day trip options from Chobe Safari Lodge or alternative options:

Morning and afternoon game drives in Chobe National Park either self -drive or

Morning and afternoon game drives in Chobe National Park with Chobe Safari Lodge (guided) and/or

Afternoon Chobe Boat cruise with Chobe Safari Lodge or alternative

Day 5: Kasane to Victoria Falls approx. 100kms / 1-2 hrs. (Depending on time at border) DOD 1

Victoria Falls ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**Lodge: Ilala Lodge / [www.ilalalodge.com](http://www.ilalalodge.com)**

NB. You may leave your vehicle in Botswana and take a transfer to either Vic Falls or Livingstone. It's a fairly easy drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. We do not recommend crossing to Zambia with the vehicle for a short period of time as it involves lengthy delays and heavy duties/ fees into Zambia.

Follow the road to Kazangula (the same way you arrived). At the T-Junction (fuel station on your right) turn left to the Zambian border and then immediately right to the Zimbabwe border. Clear customs and immigration in Botswana (request from customs a Temporary Export Permit for the vehicle). Continue to Zimbabwe border control. Complete customs and immigration in Zimbabwe and at the boom gate pay for the road usage tax (US\$10). At the Zimbabwean Customs desk you will be required to produce a CVG (Commercial Vehicle Guarantee) which is provided to you FOC by Travel Adventures. In addition to the CVG you will be required to pay for various taxes (carbon tax and third party) the value depending on the vehicle you are driving (the cost varies between US\$45-60) and obtain a Temporary Import Permit "TIP". Once through the border you are driving through the Matetsi safari concession and its approx. 80km to Vic Falls on a good tar road. Expect roadblocks on this road and the Zimbabwean Police will request the TIP.



From the border to Victoria Falls is a distance of 72km. Arrive at a T-junction (pass a school on the left) and turn left to Vic Falls. Drive straight down the road to Ilala Lodge (beware of the train crossing). The turn off to the lodge is directly to the left as you cross the railway line and then directly right passed the banks. Continue passed the banks and you will drive directly into Ilala Lodge gate (the fuel station is on your right). Depending on the season you should be able to see the spray from the Falls as you drive into this wonderful little town.

#### Day 6: Victoria Falls ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**Lodge: Ilala Lodge [www.ilalalodge.com](http://www.ilalalodge.com)**

Day 7: Victoria Falls to Nambwa area in the Caprivi Namibia (also called Zambezi) approx. 350kms / 6-7 hrs. (depending on time at border) DOD 1 if you leave your car at entrance gate at Nambwa OR DOD 5 if you drive to lodge as last 15 kms is thick sand

**Lodge: Nambwa Tented Lodge [www.nambwalodge.com](http://www.nambwalodge.com)**

NB. Namibia has daylight saving

Leave Vic Falls by 7am and drive back to Kasane along the same road you arrived on. Pass through the Zimbabwe border into Botswana and then through Kazangula and continue towards Kasane. As you pass Chobe Farms on the left, continue straight up the hill towards Ngoma (do not turn right to Kasane) unless you need to stop in Kasane for fuel / snacks / picnic.

Pass the turn off to the airport on the left and Sedudu Gate (Chobe National Park—CNP) which you would have visited when in Kasane. Stay on the tar road and pass through the boom gate and travel the 65km through CNP on the tar road and out through the boom gate at Ngoma. No payment required for transit simply fill in the register. As you leave the Ngoma Park exit/entrance continue straight ahead (ignore the turn to the left to Kachikau / Mabele / Savuti) to the Botswana Ngoma border. Clear customs and cross the bridge to Namibia and clear customs into Namibia. You will be required to pay a road usage tax of about N\$220-00. This can be paid at the border or as you enter Katima Mulilo. Drive from the border to Katima Mulilo approx. 70km. Most large supermarkets and fuel stations in Katima will accept credit cards.

From Katima take the road to Kongola / Rundu on the Trans Caprivi Highway (tar road) and drive towards Kongola. At the bridge crossing the Kwando River there will be a police roadblock. Cross the Kwando Bridge and at the end of the bridge turn left to the park entry gate (Bwabwata) and follow the signs to Nambwa Lodge.

Park fees are payable at the entrance gate. If no officer on duty the park fees can be paid at the lodge. For guests staying on an all-inclusive basis park fees will be inclusive.

From the tar road its approx. 13.9 km to Nambwa. This stretch of road has heavy sand and should you not want to drive this leave the vehicle at the police check point. If you have requested a transfer Nambwa will collect you from this point.

Day 8: Kwando River / Nambwa Tented Lodge

**Lodge: Nambwa Tented Lodge / [www.nambwalodge.com](http://www.nambwalodge.com)**

Guided or Self-drive Game drives / Guided Bush Walks / Boat cruises / Mekoro Trips — subject to water levels / Cultural Village Tour / Night Drives after sundowners.



Day 9: Nambwa to Nxamaseri Island Lodge, Botswana approx. 276kms / 4-5 hrs. DOD 1

**Lodge: Nxamaseri Island Lodge / [www.nxamaseri.com](http://www.nxamaseri.com)**

Leave Nambwa early and drive back towards the bridge and tar road. Turn left towards Rundu and drive through the Caprivi towards Divundu 200km. Cross the bridge over the Kavango River and turn left towards Bagani and Popa Falls.

Allow time to visit Popa Falls and Mahango Game Reserve -the short game drive through Mahango Game Reserve is highly recommended. No park fee is payable if you are transiting the park.

Cross through the Namibia and Botswana borders and continue on the tar road to the T-junction at Mohembo. Turn right to Shakawe. The left turn takes one to the car ferry crossing the Okavango River. Shakawe has a supermarket and a fuel station but only BWP is accepted at the fuel station but credit cards should work in the supermarkets. There is an ATM in Shakawe.

Turn right towards Maun and Nxamaseri. Nxamaseri turn-off is approx. 60km south of Shakawe and is sign posted.

Please call the lodge when you arrive in Shakawe (+267 7336 1026) to collect you from the tar road as you cannot drive directly to camp. ***Latest lodge transfer is 4.30pm***

## Day 10: Nxamaseri Island Lodge

**Lodge: Nxamaseri Island Lodge / [www.nxamaseri.com](http://www.nxamaseri.com)**



Nxamaseri is the only prime property in Botswana which is in one world heritage site and next to another - The Okavango Delta and Tsodilo Hills. Choose a day out in the delta on a mekoro, take a boat cruise or an island walk. Try your hand at Tiger fishing or take a guided trip or self-drive to Tsodilo Hills.

Self-drive to Tsodilo Hills takes approx. 1 -1.5 hrs. each way. The road from Nxamaseri car park to Tsodilo Hills is mainly good gravel road. DOD 2

## Day 11: Nxamaseri to Maun approx. 347kms / 4-5 hrs. DOD 1

Nxamaseri to Maun is an easy drive on tar roads although heavily potholed in places. There are a number of veterinary / police checkpoints along this road. Beware of domestic animals on the road. Arrive in Maun by 12pm (lunchtime).

### NOTES ON THE ZEBRA ROUTE

The route is designed for clients who do not want to camp and or have no or little 4x4 driving experience . The entire base route is 99% tar road.

The route has been designed to allow you to be as adventurous as you would like with options of either adventurous self -drive or guided activities along the route.

The route is costed with mid-range lodges and an unequipped Toyota Hilux Double Cab but can be amended to other upgraded lodges and/or upgraded Toyota Land Cruiser.

For clients convenience vehicles are equipped with standard Travel Adventures safety equipment and off road equipment and includes a fridge as well as picnic sets chairs and tables. Please see TAB equipment list for details.

Routing is Maun to Maun

All destinations are pre -programmed into the NUVI GPS prior to arrival.

### THE NITTY GRITTY

Prices Quoted are approximate & Nett final will be requested at time of booking

All lodge and transfers booked on your behalf with a local DMC

Vehicle and this itinerary provided by Travel Adventures

Accommodation on a per person sharing basis with meals as specified

Distances are approximate and road conditions are subject to change

Vehicle costed is an Unequipped Toyota Hilux Double Cab including super insurance (1-4 pax per Hilux)

You will require US\$ for Zimbabwe / BWP for Botswana / N\$ for Namibia

Cross border fees into Zimbabwe are payable in US\$ and in N\$ into Namibia (available at ATM in Katima Mulilo)

There are no cross border fees crossing back into Botswana

Accommodation can be changed to client requirements in Gweta / Kasane / Vicfalls and Kwando Caprivi

11 DAY ZEBRA ROUTE 2018 RACK RATES: Standard Travel Adventures Booking Terms & Conditions apply.

**GREEN SEASON - Jan—Mar 2018**

Toyota Double Cab Hilux US\$ 1755 per vehicle including Super Insurance

Accommodation as listed US\$ 2285 per person sharing. Single Supplement + US\$ 486 per single

**LOW SEASON Apr—June & Nov 2018**

Toyota Double Cab Hilux US\$ 2005 per vehicle including Super Insurance

Accommodation as listed US\$ 2370 per person sharing. Single Supplement + US\$ 665 per single

**HIGH SEASON - July—Oct 2018**

Toyota Double Cab Hilux US\$ 2405 per vehicle including Super Insurance

Accommodation as listed US\$ 2770 per person sharing. Single Supplement + US\$ 1280 per single

**INCLUDED:**

- Planet Baobab Accommodation in a Baklanga or Baobab Hut B&B rate
- Chobe Safari Lodge Accommodation in a Safari or River Room B&B rate
- Ilala Lodge Accommodation in a Standard Room B&B rate
- Nambwa Tented Lodge DB&B rate
- Nxamaseri Island Lodge Accommodation in a Standard Room fully inclusive rate: meals, non-alcoholic beverages, private boat/Mokoro for standard activities, use of fishing tackle if requested, transfer from main road or Nxamaseri airstrip to Nxamaseri Island Lodge, Vat, tourism levy, Travel For Impact charity contribution.

**EXCLUDED:** Fuel, Park Fees, Optional extra day trips, Cross border fees, Meals & drinks not specified, Additional Insurance, Items of a personal nature, any other costs not specified.

## WHY USE TRAVEL ADVENTURES:

- Self- Drive Experts
- Excellent vehicles we only use Toyota's
- Great back up with 24 hr. emergency tel no
- Comprehensive briefing on arrival
- Optional 4x4 driving course
- Vehicles equipped with : satellite phone, Garmin sat nav with Tracks 4 Africa ; route preprogrammed; picnic sets, refrigerator, safety equipment, double spare wheels, double batteries, extra fuel capacity.

## The Zebra Route Map:

