

## Delta & Victoria

Visiting: Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe  
Code: GABB

Tour price from **GBP 473.00** for **10 days** - Land Only  
Plus a local payment of **USD 300pp** payable locally



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## Delta & Victoria Trip Notes

At Imaginative Traveller we always aim to provide accurate information for our travellers. Unfortunately information such as the price of optional activities is occasionally subject to change, and this means that we are constantly revising our trip notes. In order to ensure that you have the most up to date information for your trip we suggest that you check the trip notes for your tour around one month before departure.

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**Trip code:** GABB

**Trip valid from:** 01/01/2013

**Trip valid until:** 30/06/2014

**Trip length:** 10

**Trip starts in:** Johannesburg

**Trip ends in:** Victoria Falls

**Maximum group size:** maximum 22

### Highlights

Chobe National Park's River

Hungry Hippos

Honey Badgers Are Hardcore

Black And White Brawl

Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Okavango Delta By 'mokoro'

Board A Boat And Drift Down The Chobe River. How's The Serenity?

'The Smoke That Thunders' - Victoria Falls

Tent etiquette 101· Keep it neat – nothing worse than tripping over a backpack in the pitch dark and landing awkwardly on your sleeping friend· Zip it up every single time, even if you're busting to pee during the night and will only be gone for 2 seconds – that's exactly how long it takes a honey badger to get in· Share and share alike – if your tent-mate forgot to bring toothpaste, lend them yours or bear the brunt of their morning breath.(Was Backroads of Botswana)

## Itinerary

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### Day

Pretoria/Johannesburg

Head out to the Burma flea market for any last minute safari must-haves (t-shirts, hats, books) and grab a bite to eat while you're there. You'll find everything from Indian and Chinese to Turkish and South African food. (D)

### Day

Khama Rhino Sanctuary

About 30 rhinos roam around this 400ha community-based reserve. Don't forget your binoculars, or you'll be getting them confused with big rocks. (B, L, D)

### Day

Khama Rhino Sanctuary - Maun

Up early for another game drive, looking for leopards and other cats as well as the rhinos. It's a really long drive to Maun so pee before you get in the truck. We also offer a free massage service (it's really bumpy). (B, L, D)

### Day

Okavango Delta Excursion - Maun

There's nothing more relaxing than feeling the African sun on your face as you lie back in a mokoro, eyes closed while your expert poler propels you through the calm waters...until a hippo grunts. (3B, 3L, 3D)

### Day

## Chobe National Park

Traffic on the road to Kasane can be pretty intense. Giraffe, ostrich, zebra, and elephant, however, are all pretty courteous road users. Zip around Chobe in 4WDs, spotting heaps of wildlife and brushing up on your photography skills. (2B, L, 2D)

### **Day** Victoria Falls

Make the most of white-water rafting, bungee jumping, elephant safaris and some more game drives. They'll try and make you wear a yellow poncho at Vic Falls. Don't. This place is far too pretty to have you looking like an idiot in all your photographs. (2B)

## Itinerary Variation

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While the information presented here details our planned itinerary, including routes taken, activities included, accommodation and meeting times, please accept that unforeseen changes may occur. We are constantly on the lookout to improve our program and further enhance your experience. Naturally, we will keep you up to date with any last minute amendments to your tour.

## About The Imaginative Traveller

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Our aim has always been to provide exceptional travel experiences. We believe that adventure travel should be stimulating, and that it should give you an authentic experience of a place. We want our travellers to relish the amazing diversity of countries and cultures the world has to offer. Our focus is on innovation, not imitation.

## Obsessed with quality

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One of our strengths has been our obsession with quality. We've always believed that our commitment to you doesn't end as soon as you've paid for your holiday. On the contrary, it is just beginning. Whilst most operators simply get a local company to handle the day to day operation of their tours, we do it all ourselves. We have managers for each of our **key destinations** around the world and all our small groups are escorted by our own leaders. Our local teams include guides, drivers, administration staff and contacts in the local community who help us ensure that our adventures are active and involving.

For comparability, all prices in this dossier are quoted in one currency. We use the US Dollar since that is familiar to most. However, once on tour you will need to pay for all goods and services in the local currency. See your Country Dossier for details of exchange rates.

## **Trip Grade**

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### **Wildlife**

Take your pick: hunt for tigers in northern India, listen to monkey chatter and birdsong in the jungles of Costa Rica and Peru or gawp at the Galapagos' diversity. And of course, there's the big one: Africa. The names alone evoke images of wildlife: the Serengeti, Masai Mara, Kruger. And the reality's even better. Africa's got the lot, so go beyond the Big Five by hiking to close encounters with gorillas in Uganda's forests, walking with lions at Zimbabwe's Antelope Park, or canoeing past crocs on the Okavango Delta. From the Cape's loveable penguins to Egypt's loping camels, Africa's animals await.

### **Fitness**

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You need to be in good health. You also need to be able to get in and out of the mokoros (canoes) and game vehicles without extra assistance.

### **Included**

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- Geckos experienced English-speaking local safari leader, professional driver, and camp cook who will prepare all included meals.- Geckos specialist English-speaking guide in Chobe National Park.- Transport in a custom-built safari vehicle with large opening windows for unrestricted game viewing (maximum of just 22 clients).- 5 nights camping in dome tents, with mosquito netting and a foam mattress provided. Camp sites include: inside Khama Rhino Sanctuary; in Maun and Kasane; and in Victoria Falls Township.- 3 nights in a bush camp in the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park.- 1 night in a basic lodge- 1 day in Khama Rhino Sanctuary, 1 day in Chobe National Park and 3 days in the Okavango Delta (including all park entrance fees, where applicable).- Game drives in open 4WD vehicle at Khama Rhino Sanctuary and Chobe National Park- 3 day excursion on the Okavango Delta by mokoro (dugout canoe) and on foot, guided by an expert poler from the Okavango Polers Trust.

### **Meals**

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9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners

### **Accommodation**

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Camping,Bush camp,basic lodge

## Single room supplement

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Most of our travellers like the thought of travelling with a few like-minded souls. There are NO compulsory single supplements on most tours as we simply arrange twin shared accommodation for you and another tour member of the same sex. But don't worry if that doesn't appeal. We do understand there are times when you just want a bit of privacy and 'me' time so we are more than happy to arrange a private room upon request when you book.

## Transport

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Custom-built safari vehicle, Mokoro, On foot, Open 4WD vehicles

## Local payment

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300The local payment is the final part of your overall tour cost. It MUST be paid in cash, in the currency indicated, to your tour leader at the start of your trip. Having a local payment helps us to pass cost savings on to you. Please note that the Local Payment is non-refundable

## Entrance fees

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Park entrance fees are included as part of your overall tour cost.

## Other information

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Experience the Okavango Delta Sunset in Chobe National Park The majestic Victoria Falls

**The itinerary and supplementary information has been compiled with care and provided in good faith. However it may be subject to change, and does not form part of a contract between the client and The Imaginative Traveller.**

## Responsible Travel - Travellers' Guidelines

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At Imaginative Traveller we love helping our clients experience the beauty and cultures of the destinations we visit. However, hand in hand with this we have always been aware that we have a responsibility to minimise any negative impacts that tourism can bring.

Responsible Travel is twofold. It's about taking people to the places they want to go in a safe and responsible manner but also about respecting and maintaining the natural and often delicate balance of the destination. Economic gain from tourism is often fundamental to a country, but should never be at the expense of its culture or the environment.

## Our Aims

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It is our aim to provide journeys that have minimal negative and maximum positive impact on the places we visit.

We do not believe that, as visitors, we should impose our own cultures on others; rather that we should experience foreign cultures and appreciate them for what they are.

Whilst it is our aim to show destinations and cultures in a positive light, we do not believe in papering over the cracks or shielding visitors from the realities of life. This does not mean, however, that we condone or endorse certain situations or regimes that may be in place.

Our guidelines are meant not as rigid instructions but rather as suggestions to make our holidays more enjoyable – for everybody. As cultural and environmental sensitivities vary from country to country more specific guidelines can be found in our individual country and trip dossiers.

## Travellers' Guidelines

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✓ Before you depart try to spend some time familiarising yourself with the destination you will be travelling to – their culture and customs. The country dossiers on our website offer detailed information about all the regions we visit. They also include some useful phrases in the local language for you to use on your trip! A few words of the local language can open up many more opportunities for you to interact with the people you will meet.

✓ Although it is tempting to give out pens, sweets and money to people begging, and particularly tempting to give to children, we feel that this encourages a begging mentality and has a long-term negative impact on communities. If someone begging earns more than someone in the same community who works this can discourage local employment. If children regularly bring home money it may discourage their parents from sending them to school. It is of course your own personal choice but you could consider giving to registered charities or contributing to our Responsible Travel fund instead. Money donated through our fund to our worldwide projects is matched pound for pound by Imaginative Traveller and used to help local grassroots projects.

✓ Always ask permission to photograph local people and respect their decision if they would prefer not to have their picture taken.

✓ Respect local dress codes, especially at religious sites. Our tour leaders are always on hand to give you advice about this.



In many of the countries we visit you might see examples of animal cruelty (for example dancing bears, performing monkeys and snake charmers). Please do not take photographs of this or offer money as it encourages the activity.

- ✓ Respect the environment you are in. It sounds obvious but do not throw litter, take it with you or use rubbish bins! You may see locals throwing rubbish on the street but do not follow their example!
- ✓ When shopping in countries where haggling is the norm – enjoy it and only pay what you feel is a fair price for the goods you are purchasing. However, remember that the shopkeeper does have to make a living so do stop once you have reached a price you are happy with. Bargaining should be fun but always remember that a small amount can mean much more to the vendor than to you.
- ✓ Endeavor to take home souvenirs made locally; the money you spend can be very important to the local communities. However, do use your common sense and don't buy anything that you think might be made out of endangered animals or plants.
- ✓ To help keep as much money as possible in the host country - try to eat in locally owned restaurants and order local drinks and produce rather than international brands.
- ✓ In hotels do be conscious of how much water you are using. Many of the areas we visit regularly have shortages; try not to have hour long showers! Don't leave lights, air conditioners or fans on when you leave the room – you wouldn't at home!
- ✓ Respect the environment you are in, especially when in national parks or reserves. Pay attention to rules about keeping on paths, keeping a distance from animals and not removing any of the natural habitat.
- ✓ Relax and immerse yourself in the differences of the culture you are in – you'll be back home in the familiar soon enough (and wishing you were still on holiday!). These cultural differences are part of what makes your experience special.

If you would like to offset the carbon dioxide that will be produced on your flights you can do this on our website ([on our Responsible travel page](#)). We work with climatecare, who will reduce the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide that you produce in another part of the World through their emission reduction projects. These projects are low carbon efficient technologies in developing countries and not only serve to reduce emissions but also help to spread the adoption of low carbon technologies and improve the quality of life for local communities. Details of climatecare's projects can be [found on their website](#).



If you would like to contribute to our Worldwide projects, helping communities all over the World, you can also do this on our website or with a sales consultant. Please refer to our [responsible travel page](#) on the website for details of our current projects. Any donation you make will be matched £ for £ by Imaginative Traveller (up to a maximum of £1000).

Have a great trip!

Please do let us know if you have any comments about responsible travel at [rto@imtrav.net](mailto:rto@imtrav.net)

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