EXPLORE! Tour Notes

Okavango Adventure (FOA 2014 TEEN)

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TOUR **DURATION** 12



Tour Comfort: Standard

Okavango Delta Panhandle - Two nights on a houseboat exploring the Okavango Delta.

Tour Pace: Moderate

- Victoria Falls Feel the spray of the mighty falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.
- Chobe National Park Look for the huge herds of elephants in the park.
- Moremi Game Reserve The big wildlife of Africa in a huge unspoilt wildernerness.

Tour Essentials

Accommodation: 1 night Standard Hotel

3 nights Basic Camping 2 nights Standard Boat 3 nights Comfortable

Lodge

2 nights Standard

Lodge

Included Meals: 11 breakfasts, 6

lunches, 5 dinners

Start Point: Join tour: Maun

End Point: Tour ends: Livingstone

Transport: 4WD, Boat

Countries: Botswana, Zambia Minimum Age: From 11 years

Okavango Adventure

Join us on a journey through the untouched wilderness of Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. We explore the game parks and reserves of Moremi and Chobe in search of Africa's best wildlife. Along the way we marvel at the impressive Victoria Falls and stay on board a private houseboat in the tranquil oasis of the Okavango Delta.

Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

Tour Comfort: Standard

Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Tour Style: Classic

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

Tour Pace: Moderate

These moderately paced tours provide some busy days with plenty of experiences to enjoy, as well as time to relax along the way.

Your tour itinerary

Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced tour leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

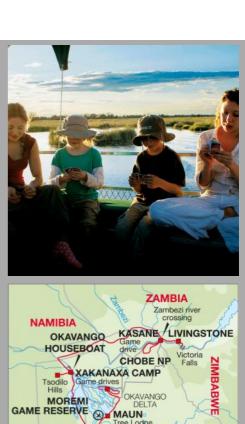
Join tour Maun

Arrive Maun and check-in to hotel. Maun is a dusty frontier town on the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and the gateway to what is sometimes called, the Pearl of Africa and from where we start our adventures.

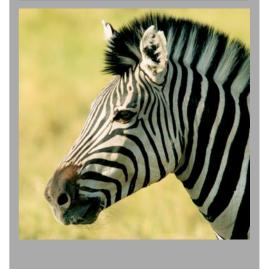
Overnight: Standard Hotel

Drive into the Okavango Delta

The mighty Okavango is the third largest river in Africa and its delta area covers 16,000 square kilometres of crystal clear channels, a myriad of ephemeral lakes and ever changing islands, surviving in the Kalahari Desert. The river flows south east from the Angolan highlands over 1,000 km away, taking up to 6 months to reach the delta area which floods on an annual cycle. We drive into the Delta to our camp at Xaxanaka in Moremi Game Reserve. Exceptional though the geography of











the Delta may be, it is the amazing wildlife of the waterways that draws us and we plan to do a late game drive this afternoon before our first night's camping experience.

Overnight: Basic Camping



At Moremi; in Okavango Delta

Returning to the park, we'll experience one of Africa's most natural and unspoiled wonderlands. Hippo, crocodile, red lechwe and a great variety of birds have made their home in the Delta. As well as the elusive sitatunga that has elongated hooves allow it to walk on the marshy ground without sinking. Bird lovers may spot fish eagle, jacana, kingfisher, heron, stork, egret, weaver and bee-eater. It is an ornithologist's paradise. Tucked into the north-eastern sector of the Okavango Delta, Moremi is thought to be the country's most beautiful game land and is rated as one of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuaries. It covers an enormous wilderness area composed of permanent swamps, islands, forest and dry land. More bird life and larger mammals may be spotted on the flood plains, like elephant, giraffe and zebra, as well as predators like lion, leopard and wild dog. We will spend our time here with game drives to see the wildlife of the region

Overnight: Basic Camping



At Moremi National Park

We will continue our exploration of this area with early morning and late afternoon game drives, and relaxing around the camp area.

Overnight: Basic Camping



Drive to our houseboat on the Delta's Panhandle

Today we travel to the Delta's Panhandle via Maun. Taking advantage of an early start this morning we head south and north west to reach the edge of the Kalahari and our houseboat on the waters of the Okavango River. During our time on the river, on the houseboat's launches, there may be a good possibility of seeing game and we may cruise past submerging pods of hippos, while crocodiles bask in the shallows and on the riverbanks. Birdlife in the area is also prolific and you may care to try your hand at fishing! Local fishermen are often seen aboard their traditional dugout canoes, known locally as mokoros. We include one boat trip to experience the splendours of the Delta and you have the option of taking a further boat trip. The golden light of late afternoon will also be enjoyed with a traditional 'sundowner'. This is a home away from home where you are encouraged to enjoy the surrounds of this part of Africa.

Overnight: Standard Boat



Optional Tsodilo Hills Visit

From our base on the houseboat there's the opportunity for an optional land excursion to the intriguing and profound Tsodilo Hills. The San Bushmen believe that this was the site of the first Creation and as a result it is considered a holy and sacred place. They painted an astonishing 3500 rock paintings here to celebrate this over 350 different sites. There are four rocks that jut out of the expanse of the surrounding land and the San Bushmen believe that the bigger rock, the male, has a wife and child, but that he left his wife for a younger wife who now lingers in the background. Those who leave do so with a profound sense of place and power of this place! Alternatively you may choose to stay on the houseboat or take an optional boat trip.

Overnight: Standard Boat



Drive to Kasane; Chobe N. Park

Leaving our houseboat this morning we make our way into the Serondela area of Chobe National Park and base ourselves just outside the park in the riverside town of Kasane. Flooded grassland, thicket, saltpan and the banks of the Chobe River, one of the Zambezi's main tributaries, are home to an abundance of wildlife in a variety of inhabitants.

Overnight: Comfortable Lodge



呙 At Kasane; Chobe N. Park

The northern Chobe area of Serondela is the heart of elephant country. Up to 35,000 elephants live within the park, the largest number in any African park. We'll take the opportunity to spend many hours hopefully watching huge herds in and around the river. In the river are hippo and crocodile and the waters teem with bream, barbel and tiger fish (freshwater barracuda). During our stay in Kasane there will be time, for those interested, to enjoy a late afternoon boat safari on the Chobe River (optional). The area is also famed for its beautiful scenery and magnificent red and gold sunsets.

Overnight: Comfortable Lodge



Chobe National Park

We will continue with early morning and late afternoon game drives in Chobe NP.

Overnight: Comfortable Lodge

Drive to Livingstone

This morning we take a local boat across the Zambezi River to Kazungula, in Zambia and from here drive on to Livingstone. Often referred to as the adventure capital of Zambia, Livingstone dates from just after the turn of the previous century and is a pleasant town with a variety of land, air and water-based activities on offer in the surrounding area. Close to our lodge is one of the natural wonders of the world, The Smoke that Thunders or Victoria Falls.

Overnight: Standard Lodge

In Livingstone

This morning we plan to view the falls from the Zambian side of the river. The Zambezi River plummets over a sheer cliff wall spanning more than 1676m and drops approximately 100m into the abyss below. Like David Livingstone before us, we become aware of the awesome cataract long before seeing it. Plumes of water vapour rise like smoke into the sky accompanied by a deafening roar. This inspired the natives to call the waterfall, Mosi-oa-Tunya or The Smoke that Thunders. This afternoon you could take an optional halfday game drive into Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to search for white rhino. You may choose to take advantage of some of the many optional activities on offer such as whitewater rafting on the Zambezi, a scenic helicopter flight or perhaps an elephant-back safari. Your leader will be on hand to advise you and to assist with any bookings. Alternatively you may want to take advantage of the more sedate attractions that Livingstone offers, such as the National Museum or the Railway Museum (or to give it its full title, The Zambezi Sawmills Locomotive Sheds National Monument).

Overnight: Standard Lodge

Tour ends Livingstone

Your trip ends today in Livingstone after breakfast. Depending on the schedule of your flights, you may wish to spend some additional time relaxing near the mighty falls before heading back home.

Ability to swim required

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of this tour that includes time on a boat

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation Rating

All the lodges we stay in on this trip have the facility of a small swimming pool. We also camp at a simple private wilderness site in Moremi Game Reserve to maximise our experience of getting closer to nature. Family tents with camp beds, mattresses, sheet/ sleeping bags and pillows are provided. Camp assistants take care of camp chores whilst camping so no participation is required. We stay in a comfortable, mid-range hotel in Maun before moving on to camp in the Okavango Delta. Our campsite gives a perfect camping experience; simple enough to give the feeling of really camping out in the African bush, yet with the modern comforts we all hate to do without such as proper toilets, bucket showers and even beds for our two man tents. From here we move to our houseboat on the Okavango Panhandle - the boat has a lower deck with en-suite cabins and upper deck with a bar/dining area and an open seating area at the rear. At Chobe we stay in a very comfortable lodge with swimming pool situated on the banks of the Chobe River. We finish in Livingstone at a small, relaxed lodge with cottages dotted about lush gardens.

Food & Drink

Included meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches,5 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

Budgeting for your Tour

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Optional Excursions

Kasane - Boat safari on Chobe River US\$ 40.

Livingstone - Whitewater rafting half day US\$ 140, full day \$160 minimum age 15 years; Elephant back trails (must be booked in advance so speak to your tour leader at the beginning of your tour) afternoon trip with transfer \$170 minimum age 10 years; Upper Zambezi canoeing half day US\$ 105, full day US\$ 135; Zambezi river cruises sunset US\$ 60, sunset & dinner US\$ 75 minimum age 7 vears:

Helicopter for 30 mins flight US\$ 300pp; Abseiling half day US\$ 105, full day US\$ 135; Game drives US\$ 55pp for 2.5 hours; Livingstone tour US\$ 45; Cultural village tour US\$ 45pp (including transfers).

Tsodilo Hills and San Bushmen Village - Visit US\$ 52 adult, US\$ 22 children.

Okavanga Panhandle - Boat trip US\$ 15.

Rafting note: River conditions are determined by seasonally predictable fluctuations in water levels. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. High water is from about February to July and there can be a closed season between March and June depending on the season's rains.

Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly, you should allow approx. US\$ 30 for gratuities for local staff.

In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Foreign Exchange

Botswana

ATM Availability: Cash can be drawn out on credit cards from ATM's in Livingstone

Credit Card Acceptance: Limited. Travellers Cheques: Not recommended

Local Currency: Botswana Pula

Recommended Currency for Exchange: We suggest that you take your spending money is cash as US Dollars. Please note that the banks and Forex Bureaus do not accept US Dollars pre-2002. NB: you may find it useful to bring smaller denominations of US Dollars for tips.

Zambia

ATM Availability: In the cities and larger towns, the larger banks have ATMs.

Credit Card Acceptance: Credit cards have limited use in Zambia, and incur a 5% bank charge.

Travellers Cheques: Can be difficult to exchange.

Local Currency: Zambian Kwacha

Recommended Currency for Exchange: We recommend taking your money in US\$ cash (only accept post 2001 US\$ notes) Avoid the lower and higher (US\$1, 5 & 100) denomination notes, as they are difficult to change. Please note that it is difficult to convert local currency back to US\$'s so please ask your Tour Leader for guidelines on how much to exchange

Where to Exchange: Your Tour leader will advise you.

Joining your Tour

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a land only package with Explore

For passengers making their own travel arrangements, please ensure you join the group as described on day one of the tour itinerary. If you are considering purchasing your own airline tickets, you can book these through any travel agent, directly with an airline or through an online flight consolidator. In all cases, we would be happy to arrange transfers to and from the joining point of your tour if required.



Joining Tour Abroad

Clients booked on 'Land Only' arrangements should make their own way to the joining point. Please refer to separate 'Joining Instructions' for time and place of rendezvous with tour leader

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Important Information

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must have valid travel insurance. It must indicate that you have cover for (at least) medical expenses and emergency repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling in England and Scotland. We also strongly recommend your policy includes curtailment, personal effects and cancellation protection as all deposits paid are non-refundable.

If you require travel insurance for your tour, Explore Worldwide is an appointed representative of Campbell Irvine Limited, who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services authority. Our travel insurance policy is specially tailored to the needs of the adventure traveller and will cover you for any included activity on any Explore trip. You can either purchase this at the time of booking or call us on 0844 499 0903 after you have booked.

Visa Information

Botswana and Namibia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian passport holders. All other nationalities, please consult your nearest Embassy for up to date advice on necessary visa requirements.

Zambia: Visas are required by UK, Canadian, US, Australian and New Zealand passport holders.

Please note it is possible for UK passport holders to obtain their visa on arrival at all ports of entry.

All other nationalities, please consult your nearest Embassy for up to date advice on necessary visa requirements.

All passports must have a minimum of 6 months validity from date of return to your home country.

If you reside in the UK, then you can obtain a visa prior to departure through Explores recommended Visa service provider, Visaswift, at http://www.visaswift.com/explore.aspx

Please be aware that visa information is subject to change.

Lone Parents

Botswana

Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that some countries require documentation confirming that the individual has authority to travel with the minor. It is crucial that you contact the Botswana embassy for further information on exactly what may be required.

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Vaccinations & Protection

Botswana

Nothing compulsory, but we do recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may wish to immunise themselves against meningitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

Zambia

We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, and polio. Malaria is present in the region so consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Yellow Fever: Please note you will need a Yellow Fever Certificate for border crossings.



Preparing for your Tour

Climate

Rotswana

Botswana's regional characteristics, from fertile areas in the east to waterless desert in the centre and south, and a vast delta in the north-west, make for extremes of temperatures and highly variable rainfall. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Zambia

The main rainy season is from January to March. Rain is widespread and generally falls in the form of a thunderstorm in the late afternoon; grass tends to be long and there is more water about so game is more dispersed. Otherwise it is dry, with low humidity for most of the year. Temperatures reach around 29°C during the day with quite cold nights throughout the year. Early dry season is the most pleasant time for temperatures and the best for bird watching. For game viewing though the late dry season is better Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Clothing

Clothing should be lightweight. However, a wind/waterproof jacket, a warm fleece or sweater and thermal underwear for night time are strongly advised, as night time temperatures and early morning game drives can be very cold, especially in winter (April to August). Brightly coloured and white clothing is not suitable for game viewing.

Equipment

Bring a head torch, a water bottle, a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent. Binoculars are essential for game viewing and a 300mm lens is recommended for photography. Biodegradable soap is useful. Don't forget your swimming costume and a towel.

Footwear

Lightweight trail boots or robust trainers with good grip and sandals for relaxing in.

Luggage: On Tour

The limit is one barrel bag/soft holdall (suitcases are not permitted due to transport restrictions) per person and a reasonable amount of photographic equipment. A daypack is essential for everyday use.

Luggage allowance on tour: 15Kg

General Information

Food

The prices for meals and drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive. The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Botswana

Lunch £: 10.00 Dinner £: 15.00

Zambia

Lunch £: 10.00 Dinner £: 20.00

Drink

Botswana

Bottle of Beer £: 1.50

Water £: 0.75

Zambia

Bottle of Beer £: 1.50

Water £: 1.00



Country details

Botswana

Population: 2,029,307

Size of Country: 581,730 sq km Major Language: English, Setswana Religion: Christians. Anglicans, Methodists

Time Difference to GMT: +2

Zambia

Population: 10,000,000

Size of Country: 752,600 sq km Major Language: English, Bemba. Religion: Christian & Indigenous Time Difference to GMT: +2

Electric Supply & Plugs

Botswana

3 Pin Round

Zambia

3 Pin Flat

Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures & tailormade holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, elephant, or any number of unusual forms of transport. Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to - and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures and traditional, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: The Sunshine Orphanage (which cares for abandoned children in Luxor, Egypt), Education for All (sponsoring children through their secondary education in Morocco), The Hope Foundation (helping an Indian Village to recover from the 2004 Tsunami) and the Mufindi Orphanage, which support AIDS orphans in Tanzania.

We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation, Travel Operators for Tigers (helping save the Bengal Tiger from extinction) and Friends for Conservation. We have also adopted a beautiful Sri Lankan Elephant called 'Serendip'.

We are delighted to have received a Five Star sustainable tourism status from the Association of Independent Tour Operators in recognition of our on-going commitment to sustainable tourism.

Cool Earth

Explore are delighted to support Cool Earth to reduce carbon emissions through preventing the illegal deforestation of the South America rainforest. One of the top sources of global carbon emissions, rainforest deforestation equivalent to the USA's annual emissions, it also destroys flora and fauna, sometimes to the point of extinction. It also degrades the lives and communities of the 350 million residents of the rainforest.

Cool Earth prevents the deforestation through its support of local communities as forest guardians and by focussing on areas in immediate danger of deforestation. It has so far protected over 350,000 acres of rainforest, with each acre saving an emission of 260 tons of CO2, as well as protecting rare animals and plants. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth



that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year. In addition to mitigating emissions, when you travel with Explore, you are helping to protect the source of 20% of the world's fresh water and oxygen, as well as the livelihoods of the 1.6 billion people who are reliant on the rainforest. www.coolearth.org

Earth Matters

The Travel Foundation

Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk

Tourism Concern

Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group www.tourismconcern.org.uk

For further information on responsible travel go to http://www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/

Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at http://www.explore.co.uk/essential-travel-information/travel-resources/travel-safety

Booking Your Holiday

Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is 'Available' or 'Guaranteed' we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% nonrefundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2014.

Tour Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2014 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2014. 2015/16 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2015.

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