

**JU'HOASI
BUSHMEN
EXPERIENCE
ITINERARY**

4 DAY ITINERARY





SAFARI OVERVIEW

BOTSWANA

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PM - Meet the Bushmen - Welcome Ceremony

Day 2

AM - Morning Walk with the Bushmen

PM - Bushmen Village - Stories

Day 3

AM - Hunting with the Bushmen

PM - Cooking and Stories

Day 4

AM - Trapping with the Bushmen

PM -Trance Dance

Day 5

AM - Farewells to the Bushmen

DEPART



ABOUT YOUR GUIDE

JOHN BARCLAY

John Barclay, raised in Botswana from a toddler, heralds from a long line of African pioneers and adventurers; his first safari to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans at the age of five ended up with him digging up Africa Rock Python babies out of the ground with his caretaker for the day, a member of the last of the great Sua/kwe! salt bushman, Cobra. John's family has guided African safaris for five generations, the first guide in the family being his maternal great great grandfather, Major Richard Granville Nicholson, who escorted Princess Eugenie to see her son's grave and the site where he was killed in the Zulu war on the 1st June 1879.

John's passion for the stunning dunes and deltas of the Kalahari Desert, their inhabitants great and small and the Ju/'hoansi Bushmen began as a youngster after an exhilarating night spent out in the open with a broken down safari car, a mumbling lion researcher and a pride of 7 lions. On John's father's side, the family arrived in South Africa in the 1840s. John's Dad was the safari equipment tinkerer and his Mum was the story teller and care-giver and would often make nursing miracles bringing all sorts of wild animals back from near-death to full health. John grew up in the safari industry. John's uncle; Ralph Bousfield, owner of Jack's Camp in the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans and rated as Africa's top guide is his mentor. Ralph's respect for and knowledge of the Bushmen and the Kalahari environment rubbed off on John from very early on in his career and John had the great fortune to spend many exciting safaris learning from Ralph.

After graduating from Rhodes University John flirted with a desk job in London but decided to trade his desk in for an exciting career with his Uncle Ralph at Uncharted Africa leading the Uncharted Africa Mobile Safaris Expeditions into the most adventurous corners of the incredible country of Botswana including the wonderful Okavango Delta, the stark Makgadikgadi Salt pans and the wide expanses of the Central Kalahari. Under the guidance of Ralph he carved a name for himself as a guide and achieved substantial recognition within the safari industry leading his mobile safari team to win the coveted Good Safari Guide Award - Best Mobile Operator in Africa twice! He was himself featured in *Conde Naste Traveller*, *Elite Traveller* and the *Robb Report*, and was quoted and defined as "a young Robert Redford" by *Gala Magazine*, June 2012. His favourite thing to do whilst in the bush is to find a hidden spot by a likely waterhole, and wait and observe the interesting behavior of whomever comes down to drink and learn something new.

DAY 1

Arrive at the camp

PM - Meet the Bushmen

Arrive into camp - welcomed by a cool drink and lunch by the pool. Settle into your luxurious tents, overlooking the famous Kalahari Desert.

Walk over to the bushmen village, meet the bushmen elders of the community. Illness and evil comes from the outside and so you must be cleansed before joining the bushmen band. You will also be expected to contribute to the foraging so digging sticks must be cut for the newcomers...



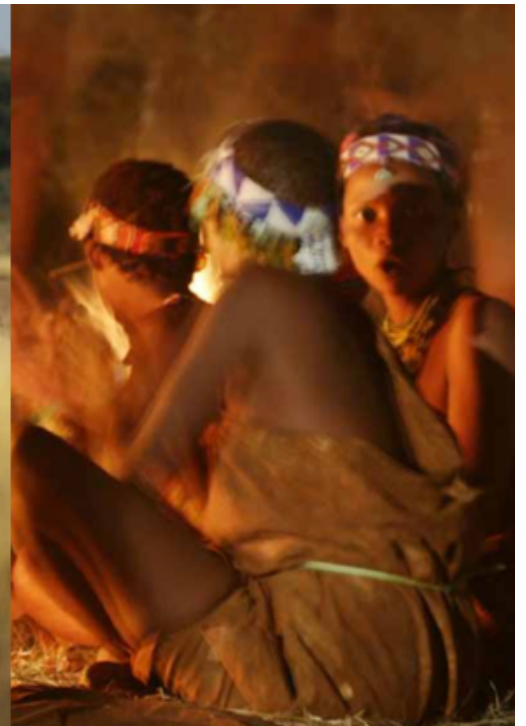
DAY 2, 3, 4

AM - Morning Walk with the Bushmen

PM - Bushmen Village - Stories and cooking

AM - Up early, a steaming cup of coffee and continental breakfast before heading out on a walk with bushmen trackers. Accompany the women as they gather herbs and medicinal plants. It is a sensitive non patronizing safari, and we spend a few days immersing ourselves in the culture, the daily search for food, digging up plants and tubers, hunting porcupine and other meats if required. We simply join a bushmen family on their daily activities.

PM - Make your way down to the bushmen village to see the bush food preparation methods, from the bush food collected that very morning. Observe how beads are made from ostrich shells and made into jewelry.





**“An oasis in the desert, the beauty
of the camp and the best food in
Botswana!”**

LILY WHEELER - GUEST BOOK ENTRY

DAY 4

AM - Hunting with the Bushmen

PM - Cooking and Trance Dance

Having got to know the bushmen, head out today on a mission for meat. Walk with the bushmen trackers as the children learn hunting skills. This age old ritual of providing meat to the band of bushmen is also a rite of passage into manhood. Tracking, stalking and hopefully hunting down large game connects us straight to our inner core of man the hunter. Return to camp for lunch.

After a sumptuous tea be lead down the village to watch the successful hunters undergo a traditional ceremony, a traditional feast and then experience the magic of the healing trance dance.



DAY 5

AM - Depart.

Wake up from your night dancing beneath the African night skies to the smell of freshly brewed coffee, you will depart for your onwards travels.



EXTENDED ITINERARY OPTIONS

AM - Game drive to Gcwhihaba Caves - Lunch at Caves

PM - Brown Hyena Den or Sleep out on the Pans

Gcwhihaba Caves are incredible dolomite formations disappearing 2kms into the depths of the earth, formed at a time when the western Kalahari was a running river, over a period of 1000 million years this large system of caves was dissolved out of solid rock by high volumes of flowing water in a place where today no water flows at all! Some of the caverns could house a jumbo jet and interesting species are found that can be found nowhere else on earth. The Dante's Inferno challenge awaits you if you dare!

Depart early with a picnic lunch and enjoy the game drive through the red sand dunes of the Kalahari. After your spelunking session lunch under the shady figs before heading onto a game drive into the dunes looking for desert specialists such as gemsbok, eland, elephant and the famous kalahari lions and arrive at your beautiful fly camp overlooking the Kalahari Desert.

