Botswana

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OKAVANGO
DELTA plus
VICTORIA FALLS



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Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

We are excited to invite you on a once-in-a-lifetime safari in Botswana. A land of natural beauty and bountiful wildlife, it is one of Africa's most beautiful countries. This expertly planned journey introduces you to Botswana's game-rich wetlands, woodlands and vast plains during both game drives and boat rides. Observe life in the wild in varied habitats, and watch for the Big Five plus giraffe, kudu, impala, cheetah, baboons and more! Explore Chobe National Park, known for its many elephant herds, and the Okavango Delta.

We'll be on safari during the dry season, arguably the best time of the year for game viewing because many watering spots disappear and the animals descend upon the rivers to drink. We'll begin our journey with a visit to powerful Victoria Falls in Zambia, where you will take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River and have leisure time to pursue other interests, such as game viewing, fishing or visiting markets at nearby villages.

This special experience, limited to 21 travelers, is sure to be popular because of its exceptional itinerary and unbeatable value. Make your reservations today to avoid disappointment!

Sincerely,

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Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88 Travel Program Director Office of Alumni Relations The Johns Hopkins University "I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it is forward."

> ~ David Livingstone (1813-1873), Scottish explorer

"I am just a tiny person in Africa, but there is a place for me, and for everybody, to sit down on this earth and touch it and call it their own."

> ~ Alexander McCall Smith (b. 1948), Rhodesian-born British author, "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency"

"If the enemy within cannot kill us, then the enemy outside can do us no harm."

~ Motswana proverb

"Democracy like a plant, does not grow or develop on its own. It must be nursed and nurtured if it is to grow and flourish."

~ Seretse Khama (1921-1980), first president of Botswana

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| PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS |

- Embark on a deluxe African safari in Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park, the best gameviewing locations in Botswana, with expert guides.
- Feel the power of might **Victoria Falls.**
- Marvel at the Okavango Delta, one of the world's largest inland deltas.
- Watch for the **Big Five** lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos and Cape buffalo — and more at Chobe National Park and Moremi Game Reserve.
- Travel with a **small group** limited to 21 people.

here is nothing more exhilarating than feeling and seeing the power of nature in its most primal state. In Botswana, cross unspoiled grasslands, where elephants, lions, leopards and multitudes of other wild animals freely roam, and cruise the life-giving waters of allimportant rivers. Chobe National Park, thrust into the spotlight in 1975 when Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton married (for the second time) here, enthralls visitors with its spectacular game viewing. Like Chobe, the Okavango Delta is one of the best places to spot game on the African continent. This extraordinary journey allows you to explore both on land and on the water, giving you views of the wildlife from different perspectives. In addition, this journey includes a visit to Victoria Falls, a spectacular show of nature's power.

| UNESCO |

Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls and the **Okavango Delta** are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.





Livingstone

Livingstone is the gateway to Victoria Falls, one of the most majestic sights on Earth. Until the 19th century, the Zambezi River's great cascade was called Mosi-oa-Tunya, "the smoke that thunders," by the region's Kololo tribe. "Discovered" on November 16, 1855, by Dr. David Livingstone and renamed for England's queen, Victoria Falls is the planet's largest curtain of water — spanning more than a mile — as it crashes some 328 feet into the raging Batoka Gorge below. Twice the height of Niagara Falls, mighty Victoria Falls casts a veil of spray that at times can be seen up to 50 miles away! Named after Scottish explorer Dr. David Livingstone, the city was named capital of the former Northern Rhodesia when the country was formed in 1911. The capital later was moved to Lusaka, but Livingstone still has plenty of charm and both African and European history and heritage.



Chobe National Park

Chobe National Park is one of the best places in Africa to see game — and lots of it! Up to 70,000 elephants, the largest population on the continent, live in the park. Established in 1968, the park supports one of the largest overall game populations in Africa. Chobe sits on 4,500 square miles of land in the northeastern corner of the country near the Namibian border. During the dry winter, elephants, giraffes, kudu, impala, Cape buffalo, lions, leopards, hyenas

Okavango Delta

Surround yourself with the unspoiled beauty of the Okavango Delta, where the beasts and birds rely on the annual surge of precious, lifesustaining water. This inland delta is a rare phenomenon because most deltas empty into an ocean. This one empties into the Kalahari Basin. The Okavango River flows from its source in the highlands of Angola into this sub-Saharan delta, where seasonal floods have created a biodiverse wonderland. Each summer brings the rainy season, which brings to life the grasslands of the delta and land miles beyond.

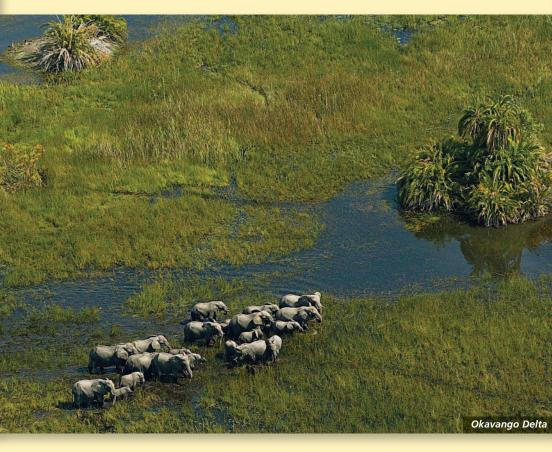
The waters recede as the dry season approaches, but the delta remains an oasis. Water evaporates from the floodplains and mopane forests, but it still flows into the marshlands. The Okavango no longer overflows but it still provides life to the region. This time of the year is the best for game watching as animals great and small migrate to the riverbank, and creatures are easier to spot now that the trees are no longer heavy with leaves.

and many other animals make their way to the banks of the Chobe River to slake their thirst because the other watering holes disappear during this time of the year. And as the leaves fall from the trees, the opportunities to spot animals grow. In addition to its four-legged residents, Chobe is home to more than 460 bird species. Embark on a water safari for a better look at winged creatures, such as cormorants, Egyptian geese, martial eagles and Pel's fishing owls.

THE BIG FIVE

Nineteenth-century big-game hunters coined the phrase *The Big Five.* The term refers to the most dangerous animals to track on foot. Therefore, these are the most prized trophies. They are the *lion*, *elephant*, *rhinoceros*, *Cape buffalo* and *leopard*. These magnificent creatures are still the most desired animals to stalk while on safari, but nowadays the hunting is done with a zoom lens mounted on a digital camera.





Moremi Game Reserve

Established in 1963, Moremi Game Reserve has a unique history as the first game reserve to be established by an indigenous people the BaTawana, in their own lands because of conservation concerns. Today the park, which encompasses about 30% of the eastern Okavango Delta, is run by Botswana's Department of Wildlife and National Parks. The delta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is an amazing and rare inland delta. The

Okavango River empties into an amazing and rare inland delta in the Kalahari Desert rather than into an ocean. The Moremi Game Lodge sits next to the Xakanaxa Lagoon, and it is surrounded by mopane forests, seasonal floodplains and grasslands. The Xakanaxa region is rich with wildlife, and it offers excellent game viewing. You may see the Big Five plus hippos, cheetahs, zebra and multitudes of birds. The reserve also is home to a large population of the endangered African Wild



The Safari Experience

Each day on safari unfolds with discoveries of nature's grandeur. Awaken to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, and enjoy a cup and a quick bite before setting off in pursuit of exotic animals and birds in their natural habitat and see the drama of their day-to-day struggle for survival.

Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and share your morning encounters with fellow travelers. After lunch, there is time to take a dip in the pool or relax with a book under a shade tree.

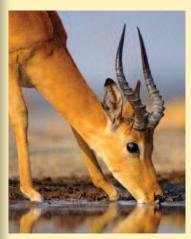
In the afternoon, prepare for your afternoon game drive or safari cruise. Your guides will choose the best game-viewing activities based on the conditions of the day.

As the sun completes its sojourn across the sky, return to the lodge for a relaxing evening. After a dinner of delicious international and local cuisine, gather around the fireplace to trade tales and tally your Big Five sightings. By day's end, you'll have collected many photographs and thrilling memories of your very own safari.

Dog. Explore the park by safari vehicle and by boat, both of which give you excellent vantage points for up-close viewing of Africa's wildlife.







Impala, Chobe National

| ACCOMMODATIONS |





Zambezí Sun Hotel

Located on the banks of the Zambezi River next to Victoria Falls, the Zambezi Sun Hotel overlooks the river just before it plunges over Victoria Falls. It is so close you can feel the spray! Listen to the sounds of animals and the mighty Zambezi River. Victoria Falls National Park borders the hotel property, and there are many activities (available at an additional cost) offered during your leisure time; choose from active adventures, cultural outings and game-viewing excursions, including helicopter flights over the falls, fishing in the Zambezi, village and market tours, walking safaris and an elephant safari. Wi-Fi is available at the hotel.













Chobe Game Lodge CHOBE NATIONAL PARK,

Chobe Game Lodge's luxurious accommodations enhance an incredible game-viewing experience. Enjoy wellappointed quest rooms and excellent service at the only permanent game lodge within the park. The lodge's professional guiding team, the only allfemale team in Africa, will lead your land and water game-viewing excursions. Visit the river and floodplains, where animals and birds roam in abundance. Enjoy meals on the terrace and afternoon tea in the riverside boma. Unwind with visits to the spa and pool. In the evening, relax in elegant quest rooms while enjoying the lodge's tranquility and seclusion.



Camp Moremí MOREMI GAME RESERVE, BOTSWANA

Explore the Okavango Delta from the deluxe Camp Moremi, which is in the eastern part of the delta. Climb into a 4x4 safari vehicle or a motorboat for your daily game-viewing excursions. Stay in safari tents that sit on raised teak platforms and enjoy the view of the Xakanaxa Lagoon from your private deck. Visit the wildlife reference library to learn about the local wildlife. Between game drives, take a dip in the swimming pool or relax with afternoon tea in the boma, the traditional southern African outdoor enclosure.

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Day 1	Depart Gateway City★
Day 2	In transit
Day 3	Arrive in Livingstone, Zambia
Day 4	Livingstone
Day 5	Livingstone
Day 6	Chobe National Park, Botswana
Day 7	Chobe National Park
Day 8	Chobe National Park
Day 9	Moremi Game Reserve
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| INCLUDED FEATURES |

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Three nights in Victoria Falls, Zambia, at the first-class Zambezi Sun Hotel.
- Three nights in Chobe National Park, Botswana, at the deluxe Chobe Game Lodge.
- Four nights in Moremi Game Reserve at the deluxe Camp Moremi.

MEALS

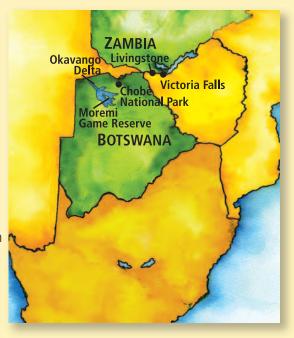
- Enjoy an extensive meal program, featuring 10 breakfasts, seven lunches and eight dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties.
- Attend special Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners.

TRANSPORTATION

- Ground transfer by safari vehicle from Livingstone to Chobe Game Reserve.
- Flights from Kasane (Chobe) to Okavango Delta and from Okavango Delta to Maun with baggage handling.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- Excursions and game viewing led by expert local English-speaking guides who will share their knowledge about the region.
- All excursions:
 - -Take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.
 - Visit Victoria Falls.
 - Enjoy a lecture by a local environmentalist on the Chobe and Okavango ecosystems.



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Top to bottom: Elephants, Chobe National

Motswana woman, Okavango Delta

Water lilies, Okavango

Hippopotamus, Chobe National Park

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Lion, Chobe National Park





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