

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

ZAR 5345 FOR 2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN PLUS A DOG

# A SHORT SELF DRIVE SAFARI FOR A DISABLED DRIVER



## OVERVIEW

Being confined to a wheelchair doesn't mean you lose the urge to travel. But we realise that touring Botswana can be frustrating for disabled travellers. Properties advertised as 'wheelchair accessible' frequently just have a ramp at the door. A wheelchair accessible shower is a rare luxury. Toilets with grab rails are only a little more common.

If you have invested in a modified car its because you want to use it. This road trip is for you. All accommodations are designed for those in wheelchairs and feature wheel-in showers, and all have on-site restaurants.

Complete independence might be difficult to achieve and it would be preferable to travel with a companion, so this package is priced for two.

We assume that you will enter Botswana at Pioneer Border gate and re-enter South Africa at Groblersbrug, but the itinerary could also be followed in reverse.

## THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 01 Accommodation bookings suitable for disabled travellers in Gaborone; Mahalapye; Letlhakane and Francistown for 7 nights in total. All accommodations are for two and include breakfast in the room rate.
- 02 A road map of Botswana
- 03 A printed guidebook to 20 places of interest along the way (including those listed above); which can be visited by people with restricted mobility. The guide notes provide directions in the form of GPS references and assume you have a GPS capable device.
- 04 A printed running sheet with practical advice on the location of disabled toilets; veterinary cordons, filling stations, accessible dining options etc. that you will pass along the route.

## THE PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- 01 Cross border paperwork for your car
- 02 Cross border fees for your car
- 02 Entry fees to parks, reserves and museums



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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Botswana Craft

Botswana Craft displays (and sells) traditional art and craft objects from all over Botswana, and is also home to a lovely outdoor restaurant. The courtyard restaurant and the ground floor of the craft complex are both wheelchair accessible, and from time to time the courtyard has live music performances.

This is the venue for the Mascom Live Sessions each Spring.



# 5

## Thapong Visual Arts Centre

Thapong Visual Arts Centre is located in the heart of the 19th Century Gaborone Village, the headquarters of the southern Bechuanaland Protectorate. Many of the historic buildings are still standing, including the original headquarters of the Bechuanaland Border Police; the remains of the old Police Fort; and the old Hotel wherein the organisers of the Jamieson Raid hatched their plans. The Visual Arts Centre itself is built around the house of Jules Ellenberger, who in the 19th Century was the local Assistant Magistrate. The Centre has studios occupied by a number of artists and artisans, and usually a featured exhibition



# 6

## Kolobeng Mission

Kolobeng Mission was home to Dr David Livingstone until the buildings were destroyed by a Boer Commando in 1853. The site is now a national monument, and the National Museum provides storyboards and a guide. Only part of the site is wheelchair accessible, but well worth a visit.





# 7

## Palla Road Railway

Palla Road railway kraals hold a very important place in the history of the Botswana Beef industry, and can easily be visited by car.

Learn about the history of the great rinderpest epizootic of the 1890s; and the attempts of Bongola Smith to develop an export trade to the Congo in the 1930's.



# 8

## Khama Rhino Sanctuary

is largely inaccessible by a standard car, but the outdoor restaurant is easily reached and it is unfenced. A surprising number of animals might take an interest in what you are eating, and occasionally rhino come to drink from the swimming pool.

# 9

## Orapa Game Reserve

Orapa Game Reserve covers 48,000 ha. The internal roads are paved with waste rock from the Orapa diamond mines, and perfectly suitable for a standard car. All the animals of the Kalahari desert are here excepting elephants. Take yourself on a game drive !



# 10

## The Ethnobotany Trail

An ethnobotany trail beside the new Mabeleapudi to Serule Road which is designed to be followed by car.

# 11

## Adrian Gale Diamond Museum

Adrian Gale Diamond Museum showcases the origins, discovery, exploitation and finishing of Botswana's diamonds. The Museum was developed by Debswana, the biggest of the diamond mining companies



# 12

## Goo-Moremi Gorge

Goo-Moremi Gorge where you can enjoy lunch on an elevated deck with a wonderful view of the Tswapong Hills, and watch Cape Vultures soaring overhead.

The hike up the gorge to the vulture colony is not wheelchair accessible, but the deck is still well worth a visit.

# 13

## Supa Ngwao Museum

The Supa Ngwao Museum, showcasing the goldmining history of the Tati and Francistown areas, site of the first gold rush in Southern Africa