



3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

ZAR 8120 FOR 2 ADULTS PLUS 2 CHILDREN

TSWAPONG CIRCUIT



OVERVIEW

The Tswapong Hills are a massive block of sandstone, rising 300m above the surrounding countryside. Densely forested, they are dissected by deep gorges and are home to a lot of wildlife. The sandstone acts as a giant sponge during the rainy season, and the hills are ringed with perennial springs. Reliable water sources have always been prized in Botswana, so the hills are also ringed with historic and prehistoric sites, many of which are national monuments.

This road trip is designed to appeal to an active family with children. It is a 300 km loop from Groblersbrug border post, with a lot of stops along the way.

Accommodation is in two-bedroom self catering chalets each night, but on nights 1 and 3 the accommodations also have an on-site restaurant.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 01** Three nights in two-bedroom self catering cottages at Martin's Drift, Palapye and Goo Moremi.
- 02** A road map of Botswana
- 03** A printed guidebook to 12 places along the way (including those listed above); selected to appeal to children and accessible with any car. 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 veterinary cordons, filling stations etc that you will encounter along the way.

THE PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- 01** Cross border paperwork and fees for your car
- 02** Entry fees to the Goo-Moremi resort
- 03** Entry fees to Old Palapye national monument
- 04** Guiding fees at Goo-Moremi Gorge



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HIGHLIGHTS

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Ngwapa Quarry

The long disused Ngwapa Quarry provides a wonderful exposure of a geological fault, and is a great place for a geology lesson for the kids.



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Gupo Spring

Gupo Spring is in a shaded forest glade at the foot of the Tswapong Hills, and a favourite with monkeys, baboons and humans alike. All come to drink the sweet water pouring out from the rocks.

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Mmakodu and Borotelatshwene Gorge

Mmakodu is one of the earliest known iron smelting sites in southern Africa, and preserved as a National Monument.

The ancient ironworkers were plying their craft in the shade of giant baobabs 1500 years ago, but plenty of traces of their activity remain today, and you can climb the hill behind to find their ironstone quarry.

There are no guides stationed here, but interpretive signage is provided

Borotelatshwene Gorge is home to the rare Jamieson's red rock hare – an unusual animal adapted to life on steep rocky faces. The gorge is a great place to explore on foot.



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Porcupine Feeding and the Porcupine Loop Trail

Hand feeding a family of very tame porcupines at Segaijai Farm is always a hit with children.

The Porcupine Loop Trail is an 8 km self guided nature walk through the forest of the Tswapong Hills. Created for school groups, and well marked so children can run on ahead.



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Old Palapye

Old Palapye is a ghost town, abandoned in 1902 when the people moved to Serowe. The ruins are preserved as a national monument.

There are guides on site to explain the historical significance, and several attractive gorges to explore in the hill behind.



Children are always intrigued by the kangaroo-like hopping of springhares. A good place to look for them is the grassy surrounds of Lemone Pan.

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Lemone Pan



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CNS Restuarant

Buying a cold drink and a tasting plate of game meats at CNS Farm. While the adults are doing this the children will enjoy splashing in the pool beside the restaurant ! .

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Senwedi Trail

Senwedi Trail is a 45 minute walking track through a game reserve. It passes through sandy, swampy and rocky habitats. Taking it slowly and quietly will maximise the number of animals seen !

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Goo-Moremi Gorge

The Tswapong Hills are a stronghold of the endangered Cape Vulture, and at Goo-Moremi you can hike up a steep gorge to the breeding colony. In places the trail is a steel gantry bolted into the cliffs. This walk can only be done under the supervision of a guide, and is only for the physically fit.

For those who want to hike all the way up the gorge an early start will be required.

