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Daily Itinerary

REFERENCE: BE/942 (1)

DAY 1 : Transfer; Check-in: Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

01 Jan 2021

Helicopter Transfer: Private Basis
Maun Airport to Kweene Trails.
35 Min (helicopter type dependent), Doors On, Scenic Transfer.
20kg soft luggage per person.

Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails: Tented Mobile Camp
3m X 3m dome tents with ample lighting at night. Our bedrolls, laid out on the ground and made up with fine Egyptian cotton linen, are super comfy and warm, to provide the best sleeping experience. There is one ablution unit per 2 tents (4 guests), each with its own private bucket shower (for hot showers) and a loo with a view.

Activities include: Game drives on a limited road network in search of truly wild wildlife; walking in unrivalled pristine walking country; and authentic mokoro excursions (seasonal and water level dependent).

Optional activities at additional cost include:

- Tsodilo Hills (Helicopter half day excursion)
- EcoExist Life with Elephants (Helicopter half day excursion)
- Scenic monitoring/conservation flights (Helicopter hourly excursions)
- Boating/Fishing excursions (Helicopter half or full day excursions)
- Elephant Havens (Helicopter half day excursion)
- Helicopter Charter add ons

Activities on Site:

Birding ; Bush Walks; Day Game Drive; Optional at Additional Cost: Helicopter safaris; Mokoro Excursion (seasonal and water level dependent)

Day 01

Accessible only by helicopter, our guests experience a breathtaking scenic helicopter flight over the dramatic Okavango Delta landscape on arrival, bringing you right onto the doorstep of our wild playground. You are welcomed by your private guide and his intimate expedition team, and become acquainted with your tent, your private camp and the raw wilderness around you.

Our journey starts along the Southern section of the Kweene River System in the occasional swamp habitat at our Kweene River Camp, this area has a much more arid feel to the landscape. However, as the floodplains are inundated with water less frequently than the seasonal swamp, the grass species that dominate the floodplains are much more palatable and thus productive, supporting large herds of grazers and the predators that follow.

Our daily routine and safari schedule has a fluid structure, wholly dependent and dictated by the wildlife around you, what is happening in the concession at the time of your expedition, the ever fluctuating water levels, the time of year, and of course the mood and capabilities of your group. The beauty of a private and intimate mobile camp is that you have total flexibility, steered by your private guide and his knowledge to give you the best experience possible.

A typical expedition with us at Kweene Trails, could however begin with a game drive along our crafty game drive network, getting a sense of the area and a feel for what the resident wildlife in the area has been up to, setting the scene for your next few days of safari. We have sensitively developed a limited game drive network in order to preserve the wild and untouched beauty of this remarkable landscape, without compromising our ability to explore the dry land habitat adjacent to the Kweene River floodplains by vehicle and experience the excitement of observing wildlife from a game drive vehicle.

Important to note, is that a 4 night trail along the Kweene River is possible, showcasing the 2 wilderness camp sites that we have and exploring 2 different areas of the private concession. However, we do highly recommend if time allows, a 5 or 6 night trail. This allows not only more time for exploration of the entire area and the diversity of activities and experiences on offer, but more importantly a more immersive experience, really allowing the peace, solitude and wild nature of the expedition to be wholly enjoyed and maximised; and giving you the opportunity to really connect with your private guide and the special personalities of our camp team.

DAY 2 : Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

02 Jan 2021

Overnight Stay at Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

A strong cup of fire percolated coffee awaits you as you watch the sun rise over another perfect day in Africa, often much needed and appreciated after what is often a noisy night full of action and activity. Enjoy a light but wholesome breakfast before you head out for your morning activity.

Because walking through pristine wilderness that has no sign of a human footprint remains one of Kweene's key ingredients, we have left a vast portion of the area inaccessible to any motorized transport. Here, we bring back the safari experience of old: walking through wildest Africa. Our morning walking expeditions can be as long or as short, as intense or as modest, as your ability allows; we tailor make this at the time of your safari. However, as temperatures are much milder in the mornings and the duration of the morning activity generally longer, we prefer to conduct our walking safaris in the morning.

When water levels permit (generally May/June to Aug/Sep) we have the luxury of unrivalled mokoro territory: vast open floodplains that allow you to see for miles and miles, reinforcing the solitude and wilderness and silence that we have grown to treasure and to crave. Our mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions are normally combined with our morning walks. Utilizing this age old mode of transport inherent to the lives and peoples of the Okavango Delta, we can further access normally inaccessible territory, and hop from island to island as we adventure and explore these pockets of habitat and the wildlife within.

An integral element of all our expeditions is the ability to turn off time and enjoy the luxury of just being with yourself, and the loved ones that accompany you on safari. We therefore normally head back to the comfort of our camp for lunch and a well-deserved siesta. This down time is generally filled with the precious moments of camp life: enjoying a bucket shower in the heat of the day, general chit chat with our camp team, playing boules or cards, extended boozy lunches discussing the ways of the world, exchanging recipes with our discerned chef, reading, sleeping, birding, lazing in a hammock, or even a sneaky swim if water levels permit. All the while continuously scanning the horizon for the wildlife that goes about their day, comfortably unperturbed or blissfully unaware of our presence as we quietly blend into the tree line. This is not time wasted, it is time adored; and it is often in these fleeting moments that lifelong memories are made.

We enjoy a cup of warm tea or coffee together with some homemade biscuits and a selection of seasonally fresh fruit, and get ourselves ready for an afternoon drive in one direction or another. The wildlife activity on the day could keep us in our seats for the duration of the drive, and possibly on our toes as we track a leopard or a pride of lion if we get onto their elusive tracks. Or we may stretch our legs while we watch the sun set, enjoying a classic Okavango Gin & tonic.

We normally head back to camp soon after for a 2-course health feast of a dinner, a roaring campfire, a glass of our carefully selected premium drinks or wines, and a sky full of stars. At the end of a full day, we sleep comfortably in our bedrolls, close to the earth and at peace.

DAY 3 : Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

03 Jan 2021

Overnight Stay at Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

Next, our journey moves further North up the Kweene River system to our Magwegwe camp, which is situated in the seasonal swamp habitat; here, the river receives water (normally) on a yearly basis with the inundation cycle of the annual Okavango flood dynamic. This section of the river is an exposé of exceptional Okavango Delta scenery and its wildlife; endless floodplains with well-wooded islands dotting the plains and all year round surface water drawing in an abundance of wildlife.

In order to get here, we pack our backpacks and our picnic lunch and set out for a full day of adventure. We journey a distance of anything from 10 to 50 km, depending on the route we travel that day. Normally, it is a tranquil mokoro / walking trail, giving you a sense of age-old exploration as your heightened senses absorb a full

day of wilderness sounds, smells and sights. However, based on the group dynamic, the presence of children and abilities of the individual members of the expedition, we may replace the trail with a full day of exploration by game drive vehicle if required.

During this time, our back up team breaks our first camp, packs up your tents and bedrolls, your bags and belongings, the kitchen and mess tent, the toilets and ablutions, and moves it all to our second camp, in time for an afternoon arrival, with enough light and time to get settled and appreciate the day's journey you have just undertaken. And that night, while you rest after your full and often tiring day, our first wilderness site begins its recovery and return to its natural state. Within just a few short days, your footprints disappear, as though we were never there; replaced by those of the elephant, impala and beetles that walk away our presence.

DAY 4 : Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

04 Jan 2021

Overnight Stay at Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

Our safari agenda for this day follows a similar arrangement and plan as Day 02, a full day of activity, rest and rejuvenation; the setting however, is totally new to you - and of course the wildlife will never do what it did the day before, nor will it ever do the same thing again tomorrow.

The morning is again dedicated to exploring the dedicated walking zone on foot and by mokoro. During the hotter and drier months (Sep to Dec), prior to the arrival of the first rains, our area is dotted with several vital and therefore highly productive seeps (natural springs), that draw countless herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, impala and more to their life-giving waters. Walking during these months will push you to your limits, but the reward is irreplaceable.

After a restful siesta, you depart for what could be your last afternoon drive with us, either into the drier backcountry exploring the larger islands and the pans that can be found in their interiors; or from seep to seep, following the elephant gwasas (trails) and tracks that connect them.

The wildlife in our area is truly wild; thanks to the limited influence and impression of humans that is characteristic of a wilderness such as ours. This makes our interaction and sightings of them all the more powerful and rewarding. We are fortunate to be the custodians of huge herds of buffalo and elephant, prides of lion and clans of hyenas, several shy leopard, the occasional pack of wild dog or lonely cheetah that pass through. Smaller herds of general plains game including impala, zebra, giraffe, kudu, tsesebe and wildebeest are local residents. Crocodiles, hippos and red lechwe come and go with the annual flood. A daily chorus of striped kingfishers, green pigeons, fish eagles, Meyers parrots, swamp nightjars, giant eagle owls, grass frogs and olive toads accompany us from sunrise to sunset. An Okavango Delta scene at its finest; we are very lucky indeed.

DAY 5 : Check-out; Transfer

05 Jan 2021

Check-out: Beagle Expeditions - Kweene Trails

Helicopter Transfer: Private Basis
Kweene Trails to Third Party Okavango Delta Camp
*Camps further away have added cost

Today we bid you farewell to continue on your journey: enriched, enlightened, peaceful. With stories to tell, memories to cherish, friends to remember, knowledge to share; with renewed energy and possibly a slightly different perspective with which to continue on life's path.

You may choose to do one final activity, depending on your onward arrangements and time available; or to remain in camp, enjoy a relaxed and slow morning, gather your thoughts and belongings, and soak up the last of the intimate camp atmosphere you will certainly have grown to love.

You are collected by helicopter for one final scenic spin over what is surely one of Africa's last great wilderness areas. Onwards and upwards - as you wave goodbye to your hosts, the Beagle Expeditions team; and the beauty of Kweene Trails.