



# Angola Expedition

9 Days



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# ➤ Angola Expedition

Angola is one of Africa's final travel frontiers and, following the success of our inaugural safari adventure in 2022, we are returning in 2023! Explore the rich biodiversity of Africa's iconic wetlands and crucial waterways by boat, with over 1,000 plant species, 480 bird species and 130 mammal species, including the world's largest elephant population. Take to the sky via helicopter to discover remote source lakes and floodplains, and walk the Angolan Bush with local tribesmen. A perfect adventure for the most intrepid adventure traveler!

## Details

Arrive: Maun, Botswana

Depart: Maun, Botswana

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size: 6-8 Guests

Minimum Age: 16 Years Old

Activity Level:



## Testimonials

*"I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the world and its peoples."*

Jane B.

*"I've taken six MT Sobek trips and they have all exceeded my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics and the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my 'go to' adventure travel company!"*

Margaret I.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

Experience the wonder of Angola and its vast wetland on an exclusive itinerary and travel in the company of expert guides.

### REASON #02

Learn about the Okavango Wilderness Project's groundbreaking work.

### REASON #03

This trip expertly combines exploration, safaris, history, and conservation, journeying into the wilderness of the world's most important inland delta.

## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Scenic helicopter tours, safaris by boat and 4x4, bush walks and swimming in remote lakes.



### LODGING

Expedition-style mobile camps with simple amenities and campfire dining, punctuated by luxury wilderness lodges at the journey's beginning and end.



### CLIMATE

Hot summer from October to April with temperatures averaging 80°F. January to March and May September bring cooler temperatures and sporadic rains.

## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Kyle has a unique perspective when taking guests on safari around Botswana as he grew up in Maun and the Okavango Delta. His parents are renowned wildlife safari guides and former guides for MT Sobek. Always active, Kyle climbed Kilimanjaro at the age of 11 and recently played international rugby for Botswana's national rugby team. His eagerness to explore continued with his father Chris as they pioneered unique cycle routes within the Okavango by following century old elephant trails. In 2020, Kyle completed a 1500km 50-day horse expedition for charity from the Okavango to the Chobe River and circumnavigated the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans following the Boteti River back up to Maun. Kyle's has a special

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### ARRIVE IN MAUN & FLY TO THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Arrive in Maun and embark on a magnificent helicopter flight over the entire length of the Okavango Delta - one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take in the lush scenery and exotic game along the way, before settling into Xaro Lodge in the secluded heart of the main Okavango River in the far north of Botswana. Take an evening boat safari to enjoy the region's best birdwatching. Look out for Pel's fishing owls and white-backed night herons, then fall asleep to the rapturous rhythms of Africa's wild.

**Activity:** Scenic helicopter flight and 3-hour boat safari

**Meals:** D

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## DAY 2

### JOURNEY TO ANGOLA & THE SOURCE LAKES

Set course for Angola, capturing Namibia's "Caprivi Strip" and the Miombo woodlands and forests of Southern Angola from above, before adventuring to the Source Lakes region. Arrive at your mobile camp on the shores of the Cuanavale Source Lake and meet the team on the ground. Ruminates on the untamed and largely unexplored headwaters of the Okavango, Zambezi and Kwando rivers around a campfire as dusk descends.

**Activity:** Scenic helicopter tour

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### DISCOVER THE ANGOLAN BUSH

Spend the day venturing into the unexplored Angolan bush with your local guiding team, whose conservation initiative, the Okavango Wilderness Project, has been documenting the fragile region for years, discovering over 100 species that are new to science. Enjoy nature walks, swimming, and scenic explorations by helicopter.

**Activity:** Full-day exploration

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### GO DEEPER INTO THE SOURCE LAKES

Embed deeper with our local team and immerse yourself in the beauty of the Okavango-Zambezi Water Tower and its complex ecosystem. Marvel at the native flora and fauna on nature walks. Revel in opportunities for swimming in remote lakes and take to the sky on helicopter flights.

**Activity:** Full-day exploration

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 5

### HEAD TO THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS & THE CUATIR REGION

Journey by helicopter to the historic battlefields of the Angolan Civil War, the scene of Africa's largest tank battle since WWII. See the remains of Soviet tanks and armored personal carriers strewn along the Lombo River, then visit the war memorial at Cuito Cuanavale. Fly onwards to the Cuatir region, where a protected reserve straddles the two major Cubango and Cuatir rivers responsible for much of waters that feed into the Okavango Delta. In this remarkable wild downstream from the Source Lakes, local Stefan van Wyk protects precious wildlife and trees. Set up in our comfortable, thatched bungalows and join a bush walk with San-Bushman trackers or game drive through this reserve.

**Activity:** Scenic helicopter flight and 4x4 nature drive or bush walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 6

### BUSH WALK IN THE CUATIR RESERVE

Begin your morning with a riveting bush walk guided by local San-Bushmen tribesmen and track the elegant sitatunga antelope and other diurnal wildlife. In the afternoon, head out on a scenic drive in 4x4 Land Cruisers- this is where nature roams.

**Activity:** 3-to-4-hour bush walks, 3-to-4-hour 4x4 nature drive

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 7

### FLY TO BOTSWANA & THE EASTERN OKAVANGO & KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE

Fly onwards to Botswana, touring the northern floodplains of the Okavango Delta on a stunning game viewing safari by helicopter. Arrive to at our tented accommodations at Little Sable Camp within the enormous 440,000 acre Khwai Private Reserve, overlooking the areas rich and biodiverse floodplains, lagoons and savannas, setting off on a game drive before sunset.

**Activity:** Scenic helicopter flight and 3-hour 4x4 game drive

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 8

### EXPLORE THE EASTERN OKAVANGO & KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE

Your last full day of the expedition is spent in the eastern reaches of the Okavango Delta at the small and exclusive Little Sable Camp. The rain water that fell in the Source Lakes nine months previously would have slowly

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made its way down the rivers that form the Okavango Delta and in time start to fill the flood plains of the Eastern Okavango. You have a full day of wonderful game viewing in an open 4x4 vehicle, by mokoros (dug-out canoe) or on foot - or all of them. The area is well known for its large elephant concentrations and for its plethora of predators - lion and leopard, in particular. Best of all, this is one of the best areas anywhere in Africa for wild dogs!

**Activity:** 3-to-4-hour 4x4 game drive morning and afternoon

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 9

### RETURN TO MAUN & DEPART

Experience a morning game drive, followed by a sumptuous brunch to round-out your extraordinary African adventure. Return to Maun and connect with departing international flights.

**Activity:** 4x4 game drive

**Meals:** B

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## Dates

Jul 8 - 16, 2023

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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