

# Expedition Itinerary



## Explore on Horseback with David Foot

*David was fortunate enough to first meet John Stevens in 1985 and was immediately inspired by his safari ethos. Forty years later, David now leads safaris he truly believes in. His walking safaris and horseback safaris through the Okavango Delta are as green as a safari can be with a lightweight camp being transported by a team of local community mokoro polers.*

*David spent his early years in Malawi but was educated in the UK. After university he headed back to Africa taking eight months to drive from London to Johannesburg visiting as many national parks as possible en route. He will be forever grateful to those who gave him his first opportunities in the safari world in Zimbabwe and Zambia but the lure of home drew him back to Malawi where he was an early pioneer of the safari industry. Settling in the Nyika National Park (one of the most beautiful places in Africa) he started his first horse safari operation and, after marrying Robyn, they took on management of all the tourism operations in the Nyika and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. In 2008 they moved to Botswana and have become one of the best known horseback safari operators in Africa whilst developing a walking safari operation to rival those elsewhere in Africa.*

The Okavango Delta is one of Africa's richest wildlife and wilderness areas. It is renowned for its luxury lodges but David's safaris allow you to explore it away from all of that, to walk or ride deep into this magical water wilderness and to focus on what is truly important – to awaken your senses to the sights and sounds all around you. David and his wife Robyn believe the future for Africa's wildlife lies with the local communities reaping financial benefits, so all their safaris involve hiring a team of local mokoro polers to move their lightweight camp. From this community they sponsor four students a year to tourism and wildlife colleges in South Africa.



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Day 1. International flight to Maun, Botswana before being whisked off into a helicopter for a short 15 minute flight to Cha Cha Metsi Camp. This small, intimate 12 bedded camp overlooks the Gama Tau lagoon (Gathering Place of the Lions) and a pod of up to 120 hippos.

Day 2. A day to get to know your horse whilst exploring this stunning area of the Okavango and to recover from your long journey to Africa before we head off into the wilderness.

Day 3-7. A five night adventure on horseback through the wilderness of the Okavango. Your lightweight camp is moved every couple of days by a team of local community mokoro polers and set up in yet another exquisite island location.

Day 8. Final ride back to Cha Cha Metsi for a final night chatting under the stars and recounting the exciting tales of the previous week.

Day 9. A short helicopter flight back to Maun for your onward international flight.

**Total Estimated Cost US\$8900 – US\$11200 per person sharing (depending on the season) based on a group of six riders travelling together.**

*Includes: All accommodation in Cha Cha Metsi (1st and last nights) and in lightweight tents; All meals and drinks; Full safari team to set up camp and transport gear; Expert guiding; All horse riding on well-trained and responsive horses; Return road transfer from Maun Airport*

*Excludes: International flights; Visas; Comprehensive Travel and Medical Insurance; Premium Drinks; Gratuities; Items of a personal nature. Ts & Cs Apply.*

