

**PROJECTS
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Elephant Conservation in

Botswana

Work alongside local conservation experts with other Over 50s to protect Botswana's elephants and other iconic wildlife.

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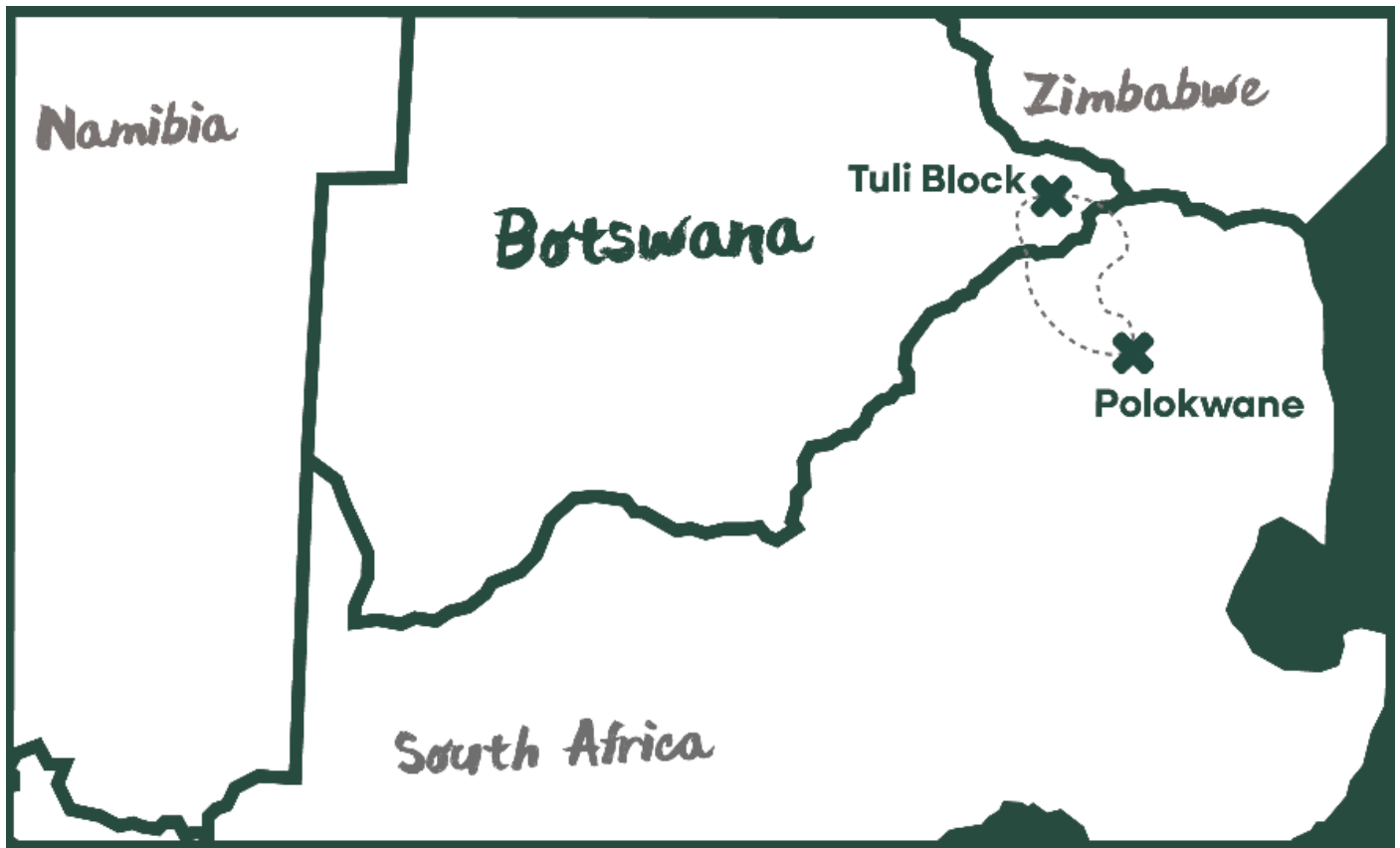


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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



Trip highlights:

- Protect iconic African wildlife with exclusive access to Tuli Block, Botswana's largest private game reserve.
- Track elephant herds at Mopani Dam and install camera traps to monitor elusive night-time animals.
- Experience the rhythm of life in the bush with a traditional campfire storytelling evening, a wilderness sleep-out, a traditional weaving workshop, and documentary screenings under the stars.
- Share your skills with a dedicated team of professional conservationists and support rangers on front-line anti-poaching patrols.

 **LENGTH**
14 Days

 **ASSISTANCE**
24/7

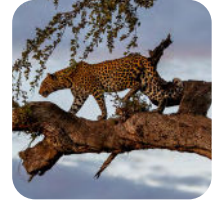
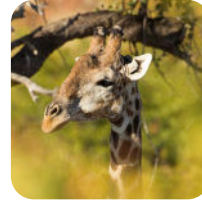
 **TRANSPORT**
4x4, boat

 **ACCOMMODATION**
Reserve camp, sleep-out

 **SERVICE**
40 hours

Overview

The following is included in the cost of your trip (subject to change).



Service Work

- Elephant census at Mopani Dam and Hi-side
- Spoor (animal track) identification
- Limpopo River crocodile survey
- Anti-poaching patrols
- Birdwatching morning at Jenda Hide
- Camera traps maintenance
- Prevent soil erosion
- Build barriers
- Mammal survey
- Road maintenance
- Vegetation trimming
- Waterholes and solar panels cleaning
- Cleanup at Hi-side

Food/Accommodation

- Three meals/day (all diets catered for)
- Drinking water
- Camping, sleep-out

Culture & Leisure

- Game drives
- Traditional weaving workshop
- Reserve exploration
- Sleep-out
- Scenic sunset walk
- Movie nights
- Pizza making
- African BBQ

Logistics

- Airport transfers in Botswana
- Orientation and tour of the reserve
- Travel in country
- Pre-departure support
- 24/7 support from local staff
- Emergency assistance

Protect the Botswana's elephants with exclusive access to the Tuli Block

Gain exclusive access to the Tuli Block, where you will work directly alongside expert conservationists to protect some of Africa's most iconic species. Step behind the scenes to preserve the fragile habitats of the Big 5: lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and African buffalo. It's the perfect opportunity to combine your passion for wildlife with meaningful volunteer work while immersing yourself in a new culture.



Days 1

 **SLEEP**
Camping

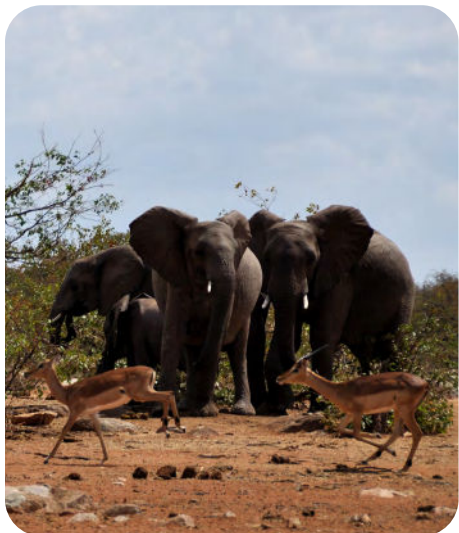
 **TRAVEL**
3 hours

Arrival & induction

You will land at Polokwane Airport (PTG) in South Africa, where our local team will welcome you before driving you across the border to Motswiri Camp in Botswana, your home for the next two weeks. During the three-hour drive, take in your new surroundings and be on the look out for some of the iconic wildlife.

Once settled in, get ready for your project as you receive a comprehensive induction. Our staff will give you a camp safety briefing, teach you about the local cultural guidelines, and go through your project's schedule, answering any questions you may still have.

If time allows, embark on your first game drive through the reserve to discover the ecosystem and spot the species you will spend the next two weeks protecting.



Days 2-6

 **SLEEP**
Camping

 **TRAVEL**
Minimal

Wildlife monitoring and soil erosion prevention

Kick off your first full week by diving straight into conservation work alongside expert rangers and researchers. You'll assist in clearing overgrown vegetation around hidden camera traps to guarantee unobstructed footage of the reserve's most elusive species while also tackling critical land management tasks.

Soil erosion is a major ecological challenge here, as it degrades soil fertility, heightens flood risks, and compromises water quality when runoff enters the river systems. To combat this, you will directly support the reserve's front-line defences by building physical erosion barriers to protect and stabilise the local environment, before joining active anti-poaching patrols.

You will also develop your wilderness expertise during an immersive wildlife identification session, where you will learn to read animal tracks (spoor) and recognise native bird species. Put these new skills to the test during a peaceful morning at Jenda Hide and a guided riverbank walk to observe indigenous wildlife in their natural habitat.

In addition to your field tasks, this project offers you opportunities for learning and reflection. Enjoy an informal lunchtime workshop with the Project Director to discuss the intricate challenges of the global wildlife trade and regional defence strategies. On two special evenings, you'll gather for an open-air cinema night under the stars to watch *Lions, Bones & Bullets* and *Seaspiracy*.



Day 7-8



SLEEP
Hotel



TRAVEL
Minimal

Cultural immersion & exploration

As your weekend starts, immerse yourself in the local culture and way of life through traditional crafts and relaxation in the African bush.

Begin your Saturday with a visit to a nearby village to experience community life firsthand and exchange stories with the residents. Here, you'll participate in a weaving workshop, learning to work with indigenous Lala palm and grass. This hands-on crafting session gives you the unique opportunity to master traditional weaving techniques directly from skilled artisans using natural, locally sourced materials.

Later in the afternoon, take a scenic walk up into the nearby hills to enjoy a breathtaking sunset before concluding the day back at camp with a delicious African barbecue, known locally as a 'Braai'.

On Sunday morning, enjoy some well-deserved personal time to relax with a book, catch up on laundry, or bond with your fellow travellers as you reflect on what you've accomplished during your first week. You'll then spend the afternoon on a leisurely game drive or guided bush walk, soaking in the area's natural beauty and putting your newly acquired tracking skills to the test.

Sleep under the stars

Start your second week with essential, reserve management work by assisting with road maintenance and trimming overgrown vegetation to ensure the driving tracks remain clear for rangers and researchers.

Your hard work will be rewarded back at camp with a relaxed lunchtime session, where you'll get to create and bake your own stone-fired pizzas.

In the afternoon, pack your bag and prepare for a unique overnight sleep-out adventure in the heart of the African bush. You will gather around a crackling campfire to share stories, enjoy a hearty dinner, and fall asleep under the stars while listening to the nocturnal sounds of the surrounding wildlife.





Days 10-13

 **SLEEP**
Camping

 **TRAVEL**
Minimal

Wildlife conservation activities

Back at the Motswiri Camp, this week's focus will be on tracking the reserve's larger wildlife populations and supporting habitat infrastructure. Help conduct two major elephant censuses at Mopani Dam and Hi-side, collecting critical data to help researchers track herd movements. You'll also explore the unique ecosystems of the Limpopo River, combining a scenic river walk with a dedicated census to monitor the local crocodile populations.

Later in the week, you'll get to see the direct results of your efforts during a camera trap data session, downloading and reviewing footage of the reserve's shyer nocturnal visitors. You'll also join the rangers during an anti-poaching patrol, helping to clear the bush of hazardous snares.

Beyond wildlife tracking, you'll play a hands-on role in maintaining the reserve's vital infrastructure by cleaning waterholes, clearing dust from solar panels, repairing driving tracks, and joining a cleanup at Hi-side.

Your hard work is balanced with relaxed afternoon and evening leisure activities. Set out on an adventurous guided bushwalk to explore new parts of the reserve, and gather with your fellow travellers for a fun games night with dinner. On your final day, enjoy one last taste of Botswana with a celebratory farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to look back on your shared achievements, reflect on your journey, and thank the reserve team.



Departure

Your final day may not look the same as everyone else's as participants will likely be departing at different times. Your exact departure plan and transfer details will be communicated to you directly by our local team.

Rest assured, you will have the continued support of Projects Abroad staff right until you are safely at the airport to board your plane back home, carrying lifelong memories of your contribution to the African bush.



Destination

World-renowned for having the largest elephant population, Botswana is a country located in Southern Africa. It's considered one of the safest countries in Africa, making it a popular tourist hotspot to see Africa's Big 5: elephants, lions, leopards, rhinos, and buffalos.

Famous for sights such as the Okavango Delta, Kalahari Desert, and Chobe National Park, it's one of the world's last true wildernesses just waiting to be explored.

LANGUAGE

Setswana, English

CURRENCY

Botswana pula

NATIONAL DISH

Seswaa

POPULATION

2.5 million

TIMEZONE

GMT +2

NATIONAL ANIMAL

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CAPITAL

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+267

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