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EXPEDITION GUIDE

Botswana



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Why Go On Expedition?

Expeditions allow you to spread your wings, see and experience the big wide world and discover what you're truly capable of.

Take the leap and step outside your comfort zone to achieve more than you ever imagined:

- ✕ Accelerate your learning and life skills development
- ✕ Gain a deep understanding of other cultures and global issues
- ✕ Uncover your strengths and discover new passions
- ✕ Challenge yourself to meet new like-minded adventurers or sign up with a friend
- ✕ Build character, resilience and the confidence to face life's challenges
- ✕ Boost your CV for university and job applications

The 4 Cornerstones of an Outlook Expedition

No matter where in the world you go on expedition, there will be a rich mix of experiences from which to choose.

And ALL of our expeditions will include elements from each of the '4 Cornerstones of an Outlook Expedition'.

We work with your school and expedition team members to understand needs and wants, and then we co-create an expedition itinerary.

Components of your expedition, will be dependant upon destination and duration.

EXAMPLE COMPONENTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meet indigenous communities and stay in village homestays
Take part in service-learning and community projects
Support conservation and wildlife protection efforts



PHYSICAL CHALLENGE

Trekking to altitude
Jungle treks
PADI dive qualification
White-water rafting and more...



LEADERSHIP

In-country leadership roles
Self-leading: budget management, booking transport, accommodation, activities and more
Leader-In-Me online course



ACTIVITIES / R&R

Sightseeing
Jungle camp
Kayaking
Cycling
Beach day and more...

The Outlook Programme

An Outlook expedition doesn't just start when the plane takes off. It starts the moment a team goes live!



Starting up to 24 months prior to travel

WEBINARS - LEADER IN ME - NEWSLETTERS - SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES - EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

★ EVENTS WITH A STAR NEXT TO THEM MAY BE COMBINED
BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE EXPEDITION

Welcome to Botswana

Paddle the winding waterways of the Okavango Delta in a dugout canoe, trek the Makgadikgadi salt pans and work with conservation and animal projects. You'll also get an opportunity to spot elephants, hippos and lions on an unforgettable safari.

In Zambia, marvel at Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

The purpose of this brief is to introduce you to your destination and the types of activities that you can do in country. We hope this brief snapshot will leave you feeling inspired and wanting more!



WHY BOTSWANA FOR AN EXPEDITION?

- » Enjoy the spectacular Victoria Falls up close
- » Experience a true African safari adventure
- » Trek across the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- » Explore the Okavango Delta
- » Spend time with local people working on your service initiative

The Land of a Million Elephants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

	Physical Challenge	★☆☆☆☆
	Community Engagement	★★★★★
	Activities / R&R	★★★★☆
	Leadership	★★★★☆

SAMPLE ITINERARY : 21 DAYS

SEASON: SPRING, SUMMER & AUTUMN

[other itinerary options are available for this expedition,
in addition to itineraries for expeditions of varying durations]

Day 1 and 2: Depart the UK and arrive in Livingstone, Zambia

Day 3: Orientation and preparations in Livingstone

Day 4: Travel into Botswana and onwards to Chobe National Park

Day 5 and 6: Safari drives and boat trips in Chobe's wildlife rich landscape

Day 7: Travel to Kasane before heading to Serowe

Day 8 to 11: Service learning at a conservation project site.

Day 12 to 14: Trek across the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans and explore Kudu Island

Day 15: Travel to Maun

Day 16 and 17: Okavango Delta canoe journeys with your guides

Day 18: Travel back to Livingstone

Day 19: Visit Victoria Falls and enjoy a final team celebration

Day 20 and 21: Depart Livingstone and return to the UK





Your Expedition Starts



Day 1-2

Arrive in Livingstone, Zambia

Depart the UK and fly to Livingstone, known as the adventure capital of Zambia. After arriving, transfer to your accommodation and take time to rest, meet your leaders and settle into your surroundings. These first days allow you to adjust before your expedition begins.

Day 3

Orientation in Livingstone

Spend today exploring Livingstone while making key preparations for the next phase of your expedition. You may pick up supplies, organise logistics and familiarise yourself with the local area. This day sets a steady pace as you prepare to cross the border into Botswana.

Begin Your Safari

Day 4

Travel to Botswana and Chobe National Park

Cross into Botswana and travel to Chobe National Park, a wilderness famous for having one of the largest elephant populations in Africa. Meet your safari guides and settle into camp ready for the wildlife activities ahead.



Day 5-6

Safari in Chobe

Enjoy two unforgettable days exploring Chobe by 4x4 jeep and river boat. Early morning and late afternoon drives give you the best chance of spotting elephants, lions, buffalo and hippos, while river cruises offer peaceful views of wildlife along the banks.

Evenings at camp provide time to relax beneath the African sky.



Day 1

Travel to Kasane and onward to Serowe

Depart Chobe and return to Kasane before beginning your journey to Serowe. This travel day takes you across contrasting landscapes as you transition from wildlife exploration to the service learning phase of your expedition.



Day 8-11

Service Learning at Animal Sanctuary

Join a local conservation team and contribute to vital wildlife protection efforts. You will support day-to-day conservation work aimed at safeguarding endangered species, taking part in practical tasks such as habitat maintenance, wildlife monitoring and assisting with general operations.

This phase provides a valuable insight into the challenges of conservation and highlights the importance of protecting vulnerable species and their natural environments.





Day 12-14

Trek the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

Say farewell to the sanctuary and begin your trek across the Makgadikgadi salt pans, one of southern Africa's most remote and visually striking landscapes. Your route leads you to Kubu Island, a dry granite island dotted with ancient baobab trees.

Spend your nights camping under some of the clearest night skies in the world, with unforgettable stargazing and complete silence across the pan.

Day 15

Travel to Maun

Depart Kubu Island and travel to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta. Use this time to rest, restock any supplies and prepare for the next water-based phase of your adventure.

Day 16-17

Okavango Delta Canoe Journey

Join your local guides and glide into the Okavango Delta aboard traditional dugout canoes. Spend your days moving silently through crystal-clear waterways, watching for elephants, antelope, birdlife and other wildlife along the riverbanks. Nights are spent camping on small delta islands, listening to the sounds of the African night around your campfire.

Day 18

Travel back to Livingstone

Today you will travel back to Livingstone, giving you time to rest and prepare for your final day of celebrations.

Day 19

Visit Victoria Falls

Visit the world-famous Victoria Falls, one of Africa's most spectacular natural wonders. Take in the viewpoints, feel the spray from the falls and enjoy the thrilling atmosphere of this iconic landmark. End the day with a celebratory team meal to mark the completion of your expedition.

Day 20-21

Depart Zambia

Say goodbye to Africa as you depart Livingstone and fly back to the UK. After weeks of wildlife encounters, cultural experiences and adventure, return home with new skills, memories and stories that will last a lifetime.



What's Included

- ✕ An Outlook team T-Shirt
- ✕ International Flights
- ✕ Comprehensive overseas medical insurance
- ✕ All overseas transport
- ✕ All food and accommodation
- ✕ All activities including any entrance fees
- ✕ A highly qualified and experienced Expedition Leader
- ✕ 24-7 support from our UK-based Operations Room
- ✕ Access to the full Outlook Programme
- ✕ A license to the renowned 'Leader In Me' online personal development course



What's Excluded

- ✕ Cancellation and personal belongings insurance
- ✕ Transport to and from the UK departure airport
- ✕ Personal equipment (e.g. rucksack, walking boots, waterproof clothing)
- ✕ Spending money for gifts/souvenirs
- ✕ Inoculations, prophylaxis and personal medicines
- ✕ Visas and passports



Payment Guide

A deposit is necessary to secure your place.

The balance may be made by equal monthly payments or in 3 larger staged payments, with final payment for both required no later than 2 months prior to travel.

Refer to our Terms and Conditions for cancellation charges.

If there are insufficient expeditioners for the expedition to proceed, Outlook reserve the right to cancel, and any payments, including the deposit would be refunded.

Encourage a friend to join and we'll say 'thank you' in a useful way.

We are Outlook Expeditions

Outlook was formed in the foothills of Snowdonia in 2001, by a group of passionate enthusiasts who believed in the outdoors and expeditions as a vehicle for building character and increasing resilience.

Since then, we've taken tens of thousands of students on life-changing journeys to over 60 countries on five continents across the world.

WHY DO WE EXIST?

To help young people get ready for life.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We create overseas expeditions that deliver inspirational, immersive 'outside the classroom' learning experiences, that accelerate core skills development in young people

On our expeditions, individuals become team players, growing and learning through challenge, developing character, building resilience, and improving wellbeing.

We encourage responsible travel and meaningfully connect young people with the communities their visit, creating global citizens with a keen awareness of the world and their place in it.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT AN OUTLOOK EXPEDITION?

We believe that the real destination is the personal development of a young person.

We don't fit your needs to an 'off-the-shelf' product. Quite the opposite. We listen first, ask questions and listen again to your answers. And then, we carefully craft itinerary and destination solutions that align to your school's and participants' unique needs and wants.

From a 'bag of cash' student-led age-old expedition in Peru, to a more curated activity-driven experience in Malaysia, we co-create expedition journeys with you.

The Outlook Way

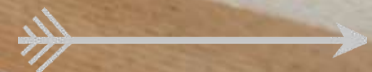
We believe that what we do and how we do it are of equal importance.

We aspire to behave in the same way that we encourage our expedition teams to behave.

Our core values are our guiding principles for working as a team and in interaction with schools, parents, suppliers, partners and expeditioners. They are embedded into every aspect of our company culture.

We call it the 'Outlook Way'.

- ✕ We have a positive growth mindset
- ✕ We work together
- ✕ We find new ways
- ✕ We believe in kindness



How we create an Expedition



EXPEDITION DEVELOPMENT

- We send experienced leaders to potential destinations to undertake recces, for both risk assessments and for expedition development.
- We'll check existing and new accommodation, transport, activities, treks, dives and more.
- We're looking at safety and potential safeguarding risks, as well as assessing the level of challenge and enjoyability.

ITINERARY DEVELOPMENT

- We work with school leaders to understand what the school and expeditioners need and want before a booking is made.
- We share example of existing itineraries, but it is not until we have a team that we together create a draft itinerary closely tailored to the expeditioners' needs and wants, in an Outlook Programme workshop we call 'Map Your Journey'.
- We will continue to refine that until issuing a Final Itinerary a month before travel.
- For our Indi Expeditions [i.e. expeditions not connected with a specific school], we use our experience to create a best-in-class itinerary for the independent expeditioners.



Nothing Worth Doing Is Ever Easy

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ACCREDITATIONS

BSI 8848 Compliance: British Standards Institution spec. for adventurous activities outside the UK

ATOL Certificate 6679: Financial protection for all flights and trips booked through Outlook

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge: Independently assessed for effective risk management & educational value

Expedition Providers' Association (EPA): Founding & full member, promoting safety and quality in overseas expeditions

Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA): Licensed to provide outdoor adventure activities to under-18s in the UK

Approved Activity Provider (AAP) for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award