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PIP PIP! TAKE AN OLD-FASHIONED SAFARI IN BOTSWANA!

If you're looking for a safe, scenic destination in Africa with more wildlife than you can poke a lens at, award-winning tour operators, Global Gypsies say that Botswana is the place to go. And the company will be running a tour there next year with an added special touch - the inclusion of several days enjoying an old-fashioned 'mobile bush camp' in which travellers will experience the real Africa just like the Great White Hunters of yesteryear!

Famous for the magnificent Okavango Delta (soon to be listed as a World Heritage site) and as the setting for the popular "Number One Ladies Detective Agency" series of books, Botswana is quickly becoming a star attraction on the African continent. Known for its bountiful populations of elephant, buffalo, hippo, giraffe, antelope and big cats, the country is well prepared for visitors with comfortable safari lodges, quality visitor experiences and close proximity to Victoria Falls and Johannesburg.

The Okavango is known as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa and offers unique opportunities to view big game on both land and water. It is a 15,000km² inland delta formed where the Okavango River reaches a closed water drainage basin in the Kalahari Desert. All the water ultimately evaporates, never flowing into a sea or ocean. Over 400 species of birds and 71 species of fish live in this massive oasis in an otherwise arid country bordered by Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa.

The Global Gypsies "**Back to Botswana Safari**" will take place from March 20 – April 20, 2014. The exciting and nostalgic 14-day eco-adventure will be personally escorted by company directors Jeremy Perks and Jan Barrie assisted by expert local English-speaking guides. Jeremy, a former Tour Guide of the Year, was born and raised in Africa and ran a safari camp in Kenya, while Jan worked in Africa for five years as a travel writer. Since establishing Global Gypsies in Perth in 1997, in addition to running 4WD tours to the outback, the couple have led numerous safaris to their favourite game-viewing hotspots in eastern and southern Africa.

Beginning in Maun and concluding in Vic Falls, the *Back to Botswana* package includes wildlife viewing by safari vehicles and boats; national park entry fees; accommodation in quality permanent tented camps and lodges; the special mobile bush camp; most meals and alcoholic beverages; an informative Pre-Departure Workshop and a comprehensive Pre-Departure Kit.

The cost is just USD\$8325 per person twin/share (two people sharing a room; excluding international air fares) and places are strictly limited.

The safari is a joint venture with Coates Travel of WA who will assist with flights, visas, insurance and post-tour options to such destinations as South Africa and Namibia.

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