

GREATER GABORONE WEEKEND GETAWAY AND TOUR



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This is an interesting tour that takes you to places in the southern Botswana that would give you a true feeling of having toured Botswana while its only the greater Gaborone. Some of the places are centers for arts and crafts and tourists are free to buy local artifacts that are of high quality and take with them to their native countries.

Highlights

- national museum and art gallery
- sir seretse khama statue
- botswanaparliament grounds
- the three dikgosi monuments
- botswana craft center
- gabane pottery
- manyana rock paintings
- david livingstone memorial
- thamaga village pottery
- manyelanong vulture sanctuary
- lentswe la baratani (lovers hills)
- batswana culture
- modern charlets and game drives

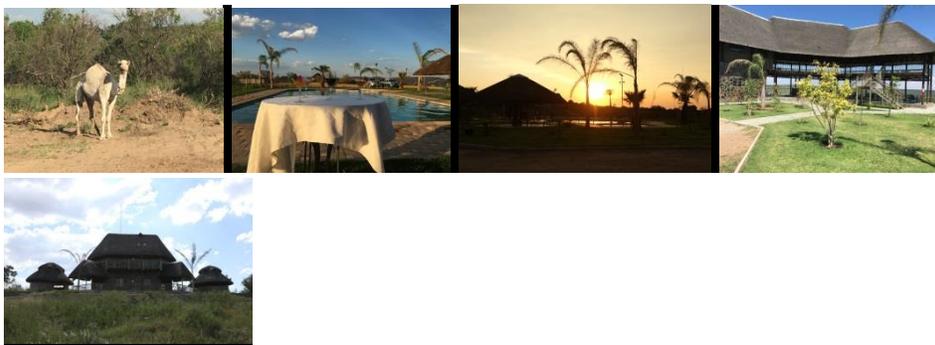
Days 1: We will pick you up at your preferred place and take you to a few places of interest in Gaborone. We will then depart Gaborone to Bahurutse Cultural Lodge in Mmankodi Village . On this day we will visit Gabane Pottery, Manyana rock painting and Livingstone tree.

This day will be mostly about culture and heritage. At Bahurutse Cultural Lodge you will experience traditional dancing, storytelling, traditional food tasting and visit ploughing field. Bahurutse Cultural Lodge and Cultural village awaits those willing to participate

in an adventure that reveals the mystical cultures and the traditions of the Mmankgodi Village. Here we will be accommodated in a traditional mud thatched rooms

Day 2: After breakfast we will depart Bahurutse Cultural Lodge and proceed to The Big Valley Game Lodge. The Game Lodge is located in a private Game Farm with many different wildlife sightings. The sundowners at The Big Valley Game Lodge are breathtaking. We will pass through Thamaga Pottery and Kanye. We will do a stopover for lunch at Motse Lodge. On arrival we will check into luxurious modern thatched chalets. Here will enjoy horse riding, game drives and boat cruises. All meals included.

Day 3: You will choose one morning activity, then we shall have breakfast and depart back to Gaborone through Lobatse. We will on our way back visit Lentswe la Baratati (Lovers Hill), Manyelanong and Mogonye Gorge to arrive in Gaborone early afternoon (Unless there is need to arrive early).



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A brief on the highlights;

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY: The Department of National Museum and Monuments (BNMM), also known as the Botswana National Museum is located in the centre of Gaborone. Established by the National Museum and Art Gallery Act of 1967, opened in 1968 the national Museum is a treasure trove of historical, natural and cultural history. It

is currently under the Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and National Parks. Botswana National Museum currently houses a collection of over 8000 ethnographic artifacts which represent cultures from across Botswana and Africa. The historical collection stands at 3284 items.

Sir Seretse Khama Statue: Sculptured by the British artist Norman Pearce, the statue of the first president of the Republic of Botswana stands at the core of the national assembly. It was unveiled by the second president of this country Sir Ketumile Masire on the 20th anniversary of independence in 1986. "Human dignity, like justice and freedom, is the common heritage of all men"

Parliament Grounds : As the ground is paved square with a war memorial in memory of the 300 Batswana who died fighting with the aliens against fascism in the second world war, 1939-1945

The Three Dikgosi Monuments: The philosophy of this site as manifest on the monument itself rests on the six pillars of refuge, Heroism, Global Responsibility, Endurance and independence which support the Three Dikgosi in the center. The monument was unveiled in 2005.

Botswana Craft Center: the craft center is located at the Broadhurst industrial estate north of the city of Gaborone. The complex started as a light industrial hub, but was converted when it was acquired by a private entrepreneur. It is a social rendezvous where many residents and visitors are normally found enjoying coffee and light snacks. The crafts that are for sale are both local and from other parts of the region.

GABANE POTTERY: Produces exclusive traditional pottery such as pots jars lidded containers, teapots, mugs and candlesticks. The styles and deco designs on pottery produced at this place are native to the local people

MANYANA ROCK PAINTINGS: Rock paintings are rare in southeast Botswana, and this is the best surviving site. Late Stone Age hunters, probably the ancestors of the local basarwa, camped here about 2000 years ago. Red and Black pigmentation paintings found here are schematic and crude profiles of antelopes, Rhino, Giraffe and humans. Here we will also get a chance to meet the Botswana people and learn their lifestyles and cultures.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE MEMORIAL: situated along Kolobeng River, this site is the ruin of David Livingstone's house and mission church built in the 1880's. These is an important trail of the legendary David Livingstone It also has the grave of his daughter. Livingstone's missionary work among the Bakwena people began with the establishment of Kolobeng

Mission Station in 1847, it is also here that his famous journey into the wilderness and the interiors of Southern Africa started.

THAMAGA VILLAGE POTTERY: This begun as a rural development project in 1970's, founded by the Thamaga people with the help of Roman Catholic Missionary and named it Botswelelo Centre. Its aim was and still is to create employment for the locals particularly women. The style and decorative designs on the pottery produced at this place are native to the local people, and their products are microwave, oven and dishwasher safe.

MANYELANONG VULTURE SANCTUARY: A small reserve protecting a breeding colony of endangered Cape Vultures. Manyelanong Game reserve was established in 1986 to protect vultures which nestle in the cliffs of the hills. Manyelanong means where vultures defecate.

LENTSWE LA BARATANI (Lovers Hills): There are many tales associated. Local people consider it as a scared hill. The legend of the Lentswe La Baratani is a famous romantic epic of two young lovers set in the traditional village of Odi. The tale climaxes with the disappearance of the two lovers in to the hill in protest of the denouncement of their will to marry each other.

Please note that there are more places of interest, upon booking we shall discuss your interests and schedule your visits around them. This is only a guideline of places available, it does not imply we will visit all sites on a single tour.

PRICE:

Price per person sharing: BWP 4, 500.00 (SADC REGION CLIENTS)

Price per person sharing: USD 750.00 (INTERNATIONAL CLIENTS)

Tour requires a minimum of 2 pax (Except International Clients)

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