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DESTINATION DEFENDER: INTRODUCTION

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TRAVEL. FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE.

Behind the wheel of Defender, a world of possibility becomes a lifetime of stories.

For those who yearn to travel differently, we have destinations like no other, where you will uncover sights and sounds that will stay with you forever.

This is the self-drive adventure of a lifetime.

Do the exceptional with Defender.



DESTINATION DEFENDER: BOTSWANA

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Experience the splendour of Botswana with two spectacular journeys to choose from.

Home to majestic wildlife, immense deserts, and iconic waterfalls, the ever-changing landscape of Botswana offers a world of unforgettable experiences.

From the lush lagoons and vibrant game reserves of Botswana to the surreal landscapes and famous national parks of Namibia, you'll explore some of the world's greatest natural wonders and encounter breathtaking wildlife along the way.

DESTINATION DEFENDER: BOTSWANA SAFARI

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BOTSWANA SAFARI 8 DAYS

An experience to stir the soul. Head deep into the wilderness and track incredible wildlife through lush grasslands and vast open plains. Blessed with shimmering rivers, vast game reserves, and legendary wonders, you will uncover beauty in every detail.

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DESTINATION DEFENDER: BOTSWANA SAFARI

YOUR 8-DAY JOURNEY

MAUN

Known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta, Maun is the last major village you'll visit before heading into the wilderness. Experience a rush of sights, sounds, and colour as herdsman take their cattle to market. Red lechwe graze beside traditional houses and local donkeys trek along the Thamalakane River.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Paved roads give way to off-road tracks as vibrant flora and fauna fill enchanting lagoons and papyrus rivers, attracting an abundance of birdlife. Crocodiles and hippos wallow on the riverbanks, as leopards and endangered wild dogs shelter from the heat in the dense forest beyond. Majestic Delta lions, Cape buffalo, and African bush elephants roam through the seemingly endless grasslands and secluded waterways that stretch and twist for miles.

OKAVANGO DELTA

This magical Eden forms where the Okavango River and the sands of the Kalahari meet. Known as 'the river that never finds the sea', crystal-clear waters evaporate into the hot desert air, creating a maze of lagoons, marshes, and wooded islands. This jewel of Africa is one of the continent's Seven Natural Wonders, and an unmissable highlight of your journey.



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KHWAI REGION AND MOREMI

After camping in the Khwai Region of Moremi on the northeastern border of the reserve, you'll experience the area's beautiful details. From the towering camel thorn acacia trees to the wonderfully aromatic wild sage, there is still so much to see.

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK AND MADIKWE DUNES

As you enter the park through Mababe Gate and travel along the Madikwe sand ridge, you'll arrive at Savuti - home to the largest elephant population on the continent. From scorching sandy plains to broadleaf woodlands and humid marshes, these diverse regions are a sanctuary for its inhabitants. And with limited vehicle numbers, this secluded area of the park provides the ultimate game viewing experience. Zebras, giraffes, greater kudus, and vervet monkeys are all in abundance. After sundown, spend your evening camping out in the bush as the nightlife emerges. Catch sight of honey badgers, aardvarks, and porcupines, as lions and elephants can be heard in the distance.

KASANE AND CHOBE RIVER CRUISE

As you travel north towards Kasane, you'll reach the meeting point of two major rivers: the Chobe and the Zambezi. Stopping for lunch along the way, you'll have the chance to experience the riverine woodland surrounding the town. At sunset, immerse yourself in the serenity of a boat cruise along the Chobe River. Drift through the side channels in silence, broken only by birdsong and the calls and splashes of hippos.





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VICTORIA FALLS

Crossing the border into Zimbabwe, the placid Zambezi River is transformed into 'The Smoke That Thunders'. In the middle of the verdant rainforest, iridescent mist emanates from the waterfall as the Zambezi plunges into eight basalt gorges, serving as breeding sites for endangered birdlife. Standing in the spray of the mighty falls, you will experience breathtaking views of one of the world's original Seven Natural Wonders.

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DESTINATION DEFENDER: MAUN TO WINDHOEK

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MAUN TO WINDHOEK 12 DAYS

Discover how the Okavango River brings life to the delta. Travel the lagoons and winding waterways and marvel at the wide array of wildlife that calls this place home. National parks and game reserves stretch out before you. Come and explore.

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YOUR 12-DAY JOURNEY

MAUN

Set on the banks of the Thamalakane river in northern Botswana, Maun has grown into a bustling town that's now considered Botswana's tourism capital. Take a cruise up the river or discover local history, art and culture in the Nhaba Museum. The forest groves of the Maun Game Reserve and the wildlife of the Moremi Game Reserve are within easy reach.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Ranked as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa, the Moremi Game Reserve stretches over 4871 square kilometres. Luxury lodges within the reserve offer the ideal base from which to explore the park's savannah, winding waterways and dense forest. The reserve is home to large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra. You might even encounter lions and cheetahs.

KHWAI COMMUNITY AREA

At the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve lies the Khwai Community Area. This private concession has unfenced boundaries, allowing wildlife to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season, when water is plentiful, and back to the permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season. Take the opportunity to soak up the scenic landscapes on a walking safari or seek out nocturnal happenings on a night drive.

OKAVANGO PANHANDLE

In the Panhandle, the Okavango River runs more-or-less straight for approximately 70 kilometres before flowing into the Okavango Delta. The deep channel is teeming with fish, while a myriad of birds can be found in the shallow waters. The Panhandle is dotted with villages and is an excellent location for fishing and boating. Some 40 kilometres west you will find the Tsodilo Hills rising from the Kalahari Desert. These hills are famous for their large collection of tribal cave paintings, some dating back as far as 20,000 years.



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DIVUNDU

On the southeastern banks of the great Okavango River lies the small village of Divundu. With the Popa Falls a stone's throw away and access to multiple game parks and national reserves, Divundu is the perfect base for adventures in the Okavango Delta. The nearby Mhango Game Park is home to elephants, hippo, buffalo and giraffes.

KHAUDUM NATIONAL PARK

In the Kalahari Desert you will find the Khaudum National Park, a remote wilderness that attracts relatively few visitors. The park's wild and isolated beauty will draw those with an adventurous spirit. A haven for a diverse array of animals, the park features a spectacular landscape with broad riverbeds and endless wide-open spaces. The perfect setting for an adventure in Defender.

GROOTFONTEIN

It is believed that the Hoba meteorite struck earth 80,000 years ago. With a weight of nearly 60 tonnes, its enormity is a sight to behold. Find it just outside the town of Grootfontein, its name derived from the Afrikaans for 'Big Fountain'. In the summer months, the fertile town turns purple with flowering Jacaranda trees.

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FIUME LODGE AND GAME FARM

At the Fiume Lodge and Game Farm you can see more than ten different big game and smaller mammal species. The lodge offers comfortable accommodation in nine stylish chalets, as well as easy access to Khaudum National Park, Etosha National Park and Bushmanland.

WATERBERG PLATEAU NATIONAL PARK

Looming over the Otjozondjupa region, the Waterberg Plateau stands 50-kilometres-long and 16-kilometres-wide. Named after the springs that flow from its foothills, the Waterberg Plateau National Park is a fascinating geological site where you can find 200-million-year-old dinosaur footprints and petrified sand dunes. Its natural water sources make it a lush haven for a variety of animal species, including leopards and rhinoceros. Learn about the local Herero culture on an informative village tour, track rhino on a guided safari or explore the impressive sandstone plateau.

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ACCOMMODATION

We have carefully curated a selection of atmospheric suites, lodges, and campsites for you to stay during your journey. After long days behind the wheel, you'll be able to relax in peaceful privacy. Whether at refined hotels in vibrant cities, traditional safari lodges inspired by nature, or underneath blazing stars within private reserves, you'll find unique experiences waiting for you at every destination.



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VEHICLE

From the moment you land, you'll have access to your own Defender, and full control over your cabin's private environment for the duration of your journey.

Equipped with air conditioning, a refrigerated compartment, Apple CarPlay, ample storage space, and our full suite of off-road technology, Defender is in its natural habitat.

OUR EXPERTS

All Destination Defender experts are vastly experienced in off-road driving, bushcraft, and survival, and are trained to get the most out of every adventurer.

The team includes qualified Product Experts and professional guides who will help you get to grips with Defender's technology, and curate an exclusive experience like no other.

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CLIMATE

Botswana boasts a range of diverse environments, from the verdant Okavango Delta to vast open plains. Hot and arid for most of the year, the summer rains are a welcome contrast to the desert-like climate. Highly localised and often torrential, these unpredictable rains are viewed as a precious life-sustaining resource.

Namibia is among the sunniest countries in the world. Temperatures soar during the day in the Namib Desert, one of the driest on the planet, and plummet at night. Free from light pollution, the Namib is renowned for its clear skies and stunning vistas.

FAQS

THE JOURNEYS

Who does the driving?

There will be a Destination Defender Product Expert on hand to provide guidance and support, but these are self-drive itineraries, so you're behind the wheel.

What vehicle will I be driving?

Will they be manual or automatic?

Guests will drive the latest Defender. All vehicles are equipped with automatic transmission.

How many guests are in each vehicle?

Prices are based on two people sharing a vehicle. On request, a third and fourth guest can be booked into the vehicle.

Can I bring my own vehicle on the journey?

It is not possible to participate with your own vehicle due to insurance reasons.

Will I have my own vehicle if I'm travelling by myself?

For safety reasons, solo travellers will be paired with another guest. If there is an odd number of guests, one of our Product Experts will accompany you in the vehicle.

How will we navigate the terrain?

Guests will generally travel in convoy using radio communication between vehicles.

INCLUSIONS

What is included in the price of the journey?

Driving activities and accommodation. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks with meals. Airport transfers to/from Maun International Airport and Victoria Falls International Airport for Botswana journeys, and transfer to Windhoek Airport in Namibia for the Maun To Windhoek Journey. There will be one fixed transfer arrangement for each group.

What language will the journeys be delivered in?

The instructors and hosts will communicate with guests in English.

Who looks after us while we're on holiday?

Destination Defender: Africa is operated by Agentur für Promotion und Service GmbH (APS GmbH)/Land Rover Experience Germany, who provide all travel concierge services and are licenced and authorised by Jaguar Land Rover.

What isn't included in the price of the journey?

Flights, visa fees (if required), vaccinations, travel insurance, tips, all personal expenses (e.g. minibar in the hotel, spa treatments etc.), and any pre or post-trip arrangements that deviate from the itinerary.

VISAS & INSURANCE

Do I require a visa?

Your travel concierge will inform you in advance about the provisions of passports, visas, and any health regulations. If you need an invitation to get your visa, please inform the concierge team who will provide this to you. Further information can be found [here](#).

Do I need insurance to participate?

We recommend comprehensive travel insurance.

FAQS (CONT)

BEFORE TRAVELLING

Which currency is used in Botswana?

The local currency is the Botswana Pula (BWP).

Which currency is used in Namibia?

The local currency is Namibian Dollar (NAD).

Do I require vaccinations?

Information on recommended or prescribed vaccinations for the respective destinations can be found here.

<<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/africa/>>

Is there a specific type of luggage I should bring?

There are no specific luggage recommendations
- Defender can handle various combinations of suitcases and travel bags.

Is there an evening dress code?

Evening dress code is casual.

Are children allowed on the journeys?

Journeys are generally suitable for children over 14 years, but please contact the concierge team for further details and to discuss your individual requirements.

What are the driving licence and minimum age requirements?

All driving guests must be at least 19 years old and have held a full valid driving licence for at least one year. An International Driving Permit is required.

I've never driven off-road before, can I still go on the journey?

Each journey is designed for drivers of all abilities. You will be accompanied by a qualified Destination Defender Product Expert who will provide expert guidance and support.

Do I need a certain level of physical fitness?

To participate in Destination Defender, you should ensure that you do not know of any circumstances or conditions which would impair your ability to drive or disqualify you from driving, such as pregnancy, heart problems, or eyesight which doesn't meet the standards for driving.

Who can I contact to help with flight bookings or travel insurance?

Your travel concierge will gladly assist you with booking your flights and travel insurance. They will also inform you about any possible changes prior to departure.

You can find their information under Contact details.

Can I book a whole journey for a private group?

We will gladly facilitate private journeys for group bookings of 10 guests or more. The programme can be tailored and adapted to meet the needs of the group.

Can I extend my journey?

Your travel concierge will be happy to assist with holiday planning and booking extensions before or after your trip.

Is there a maximum group size on each journey?

To maintain an intimate and exclusive experience, the maximum group size for Destination Defender are as follows:

- 10 guests maximum (two per vehicle) for Botswana Safari and Maun to Windhoek with a minimum group size of 6 guests.

What happens if a journey does not reach its minimum numbers? Will it be cancelled?

We endeavour to finalise all journeys and travel documentation 65 days prior to departure. Journeys are subject to change based on local conditions, accommodation, availability, and minimum guest numbers. Your travel concierge will be in contact should a withdrawal be necessary, with an immediate refund of your deposit. Please refer to our terms and conditions

for more information.

Are itineraries and accommodation confirmed?

The itineraries and accommodation displayed may be amended and replaced with similar alternatives based on availability.

DESTINATION DEFENDER: TUSK PARTNERSHIP

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TUSK: ADVANCING CONSERVATION ACROSS AFRICA

For almost two decades, Defender has worked alongside Tusk to support their mission preserving the world's most endangered species.

Working with over 250 local partner organisations and wildlife ranger teams in more than 25 African countries, Tusk has invested over £120 million to enable and empower the conservation movement across the continent. The nature of their work sees their rangers operating amongst wildlife in the most challenging and inhospitable environs imaginable. With its all-terrain capabilities, Defender is the perfect partner for making Tusk's seemingly impossible mission, possible.

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