

BOTSWANA DELTA & BUSH CHOBE, MOREMI & OKAVANGO 7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS



CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Stretching from the Linyanti River all the way to Savute Marsh, the winding waterways of the Savute Channel have pumped life into the western section of Chobe National Park for many thousands of generations. However, this fickle and unpredictable channel, which has a fascinating history of flooding and drying up, independently of good rainy seasons and flood levels elsewhere, has mystified local inhabitants, geologists and others for many years.

THE UNEXPLAINED

When David Livingstone, the first European to visit the area, saw the Savute Channel in 1851 it was flowing. Thirty years later it had disappeared and the Savute Marsh had dried out, remaining this way for almost 80 years. It flowed again from the late 1950s to the early 1980s, when it again receded, hence its reputation as 'the river that flows in both directions'.

In 2009, after another extended hiatus, the channel began flowing again and by January 2010 had spilled into the Savute Marsh for the first time in three decades, but for how long – no one knows...

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

The first wildlife sanctuary to be set aside by a Southern African community on their own land, when in 1963 the wife of Chief Moremi III decided to protect a third of the Okavango Delta for the future, and declared the Moremi Game Reserve in honour of her late husband. Covering one third of the Okavango Delta, it is one of the finest wildlife reserves in Africa.

Moremi consists of a network of waterways surrounding two large islands; Chiefs Island in the west and Mopane Tongue in the east. The mix of Okavango Delta wetland and Kalahari Desert make Moremi Game Reserve a diverse habitat for a large variety of animal, bird and plant life.

The Moremi Game Reserve is situated in the eastern part of the Okavango Delta, on the south-western border of the Chobe National Park, and covers almost one-third of the Delta.

With such a wide variety of vegetation comes a diverse spectrum of wildlife. Huge herds of Impala and Tsessebe are found in the area, while in the dry season large herds of Buffalo, Wildebeest, Elephant and Zebra flock into the reserve from the Kalahari in search of food and water. The rare Sitatunga and Lechwe antelope live in the papyrus banks of the waterways. Lions, Cheetahs and packs of Wild Dogs hunt in the open grassland.

OKAVANGO DELTA

The Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta in the world, the river that never finds the sea. The Okavango Delta was proclaimed the 1000th UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2014. When the Okavango River floods from March to September. The area swells to 3 times its normal size, creating for a myriad of wide-open floodplains, narrow channels and deep lagoons – all in a completely pristine and natural environment.

The Okavango Delta is made up of a multitude of small island networks in between the floodplains and the channels. Because of the common occurrence of water, the vegetation is rich and diverse, which is a natural attraction to the multitude of wildlife and birdlife who make this fascinating area home.

Described as 'the jewel of the Kalahari', the Okavango Delta – a tranquil and isolated oasis set in the harsh and arid surroundings of Botswana's bush and desert – is widely regarded as one of Africa's best safari destinations, with its rich diversity of fauna and flora. The delta is one of the largest and most important inland wetlands of the world, with 2500 species of plants, 65 fish species, 20 large herbivores and their attendant predators, and more than 450 species of birds.

ACCOMMODATION & THE LODGE:

CHOICE OF LODGES IN THREE LOCATIONS – ANY THREE LODGES FOR TOTAL OF 7 NIGHTS

CHOBENATIONAL PARK	MOREMI GAME RESERVE	OKAVANGO DELTA
1. Chobe Game Lodge 2. Savute Safari Lodge	1. Camp Moremi 2. Camp Xakanaxa	1. Camp Okavango 2. Xugana Island Lodge



CHOBEGAME LODGE, CHOBENATIONAL PARK

Chobe Game Lodge is designed as a haven of peace and privacy – where relaxation is effortless and you can enjoy your own space. With six comfortably furnished viewing decks, a riverside boma, two bars, six different lounges and four dining

locations, a comfy chair or lounger is never far away, each with a different perspective on the wilderness that surrounds the lodge. A large swimming pool provides welcome relief during hot afternoons and there is always a waiter on hand to bring you refreshments from the bar.

Guests wishing to pamper themselves are welcome to book one of the delightful treatments from our in-house beautician (for which there is an extra charge) or hit the gym for some exercise between the usual Lodge activities (complimentary).

Chobe Game Lodge caters for travellers with disabilities; all recent additions to the lodge were designed to provide easy accessibility.

ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Chobe Game Lodge offers a choice of land or water-based activities and the most complete game experience in the Chobe National Park.

Early-morning and late-afternoon game drives are conducted by our expert guides in open-sided 4x4 vehicles to ensure maximum visibility of Chobe National Park's spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. Meanwhile, riverside game viewing may be done from small and highly manoeuvrable boats, perfect for morning or sunset cruises.

Chobe's diverse wildlife roams in abundance – it is, for instance, home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa. During the dry season these large herds, as well as vast herds of buffalo, congregate on the fertile flood plains along the Chobe River to drink, bathe and play. There are frequent sightings of lion, African wild dog, puku, red lechwe, sable, giraffe and roan antelope.



SAVUTE SAFARI LODGE, CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Savute Safari Lodge accommodates just twenty-four guests in eleven thatched chalets built of local timber and one family room which consists of two double bedrooms. The chalets, which have been elegantly furnished in calm neutral tones to blend with the natural environment, feature expansive private decks, a combined bedroom and lounge area and en suite facilities.

Sink into one of the numerous comfortable leathers, wood or wicker sofas in the lounge – and library – or sip a cocktail in the stylish bar. All these facilities are situated in a beautiful two-storey thatch-and-timber main building. Savute Safari Lodge offers a shaded viewing deck, an al fresco dining area and swimming pool with spectacular pool loungers – ideal for watching the varied wildlife – including the resident Elephants – as they make their way to the Channel to drink, bathe and play.

ACTIVITIES

Activities are organised around game drives throughout the Savute area in open 4x4 safari vehicles. Many trips will incorporate a visit to the Savute Marsh to give you a chance to see the historic presence of the Savute Channel at the marsh against a backdrop of teeming wildlife. Guests can also enjoy a visit to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills – a small hilly outcrop which forms a prominent landmark in the otherwise flat landscape.

Savute boasts the second-largest summer Zebra migration in Africa; its timing is determined by the rains, but usually occurs between November and December and again between February and April, when the Zebras move from the rivers in the north in search of the rain-ripe grasslands and full waterholes in the southwest of the park. The migration is always followed by large numbers of predators – the Zebra migration is a must for visitors.



CAMP MOREMI, MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Camp Moremi has a well-deserved legacy in the Botswana tourism industry for being able to deliver the classic African safari experience. Recently completely rebuilt, Camp Moremi is located within Botswana's world-renowned Moremi Game Reserve, situated on the edge of the Xakanaxa Lagoon in an area known for its spectacular game-viewing opportunities.

ACCOMMODATION

Camp Moremi boasts 12 expansive, modern styled thatched safari tents, including one family room, and accommodates a maximum of twenty-four guests. The family room which includes two separate bedrooms and bathrooms, connects through interleading doors. All standard tents are expansive with spacious bathrooms consisting of double vanities and showers, and private decks offering views over the Moremi Game Reserve. Subtle décor and lighting fixtures allow for a natural and warm atmosphere within each room to create a peaceful and harmonious blend with the surrounding environment.

ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Guest activities include a choice of morning and afternoon game drives throughout the many different ecosystems that the Moremi Game Reserve has to offer or the possibility to explore the Xakanaxa Lagoon and its surrounding channels by boat. This blend of activities allows for access to incredible landscapes, impressive wildlife as well as the opportunity to enjoy the picturesque waters of the Okavango Delta.

Our team of experienced Professional guides will introduce you to a whole new world of wildlife; watch a Leopard stretched out lazily in the branches of a Mopane tree, herds of Elephant grazing under a canopy of green or a pride of Lions camouflaged in the long grass. Moremi Game Reserve's incredible wetlands support a vast number of antelopes, including Impala, Kudu and Waterbuck. Birdlife is prolific and the majestic Fish Eagle and vivid Malachite Kingfisher are frequently seen and even the rare Pel's Fishing Owl makes an occasional appearance, to the delight of guides and guests alike.



CAMP XAKANAXA, MOREMI GAME RESERVE

The prime location of Camp Xakanaxa (pronounced Ka-ka-na-ka) on the banks of the Khwai River on the Xakanaxa Lagoon, in the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve, makes it one of the very few safari camps that offers guests an authentic, year-round Okavango Delta land and water safari experience.

In camp, a relaxed and friendly atmosphere together with personalised and caring service evokes a feeling of coming home.

The stylish main buildings extend over the Khwai River and are set on raised platforms to maximise the views over the surrounding lagoons and islands. The elegant lounge and dining rooms, built of local timber, reed and thatch, feature a small library, expansive sundeck, plunge pool and sala with day bed. The fire-deck extends over the Khwai River and creates an enchanting environment in which to relax after dinner. There is also a larger pool with elevated sun deck in the expansive grounds.

ACCOMMODATION

The camp accommodates twenty-four guests in twelve spacious all-canvas, classic Meru-style luxury safari tents, with en suite showers, hand basins and toilet facilities. Situated around the fringe of the lagoon, every tent has a private viewing deck with comfortable loungers. Camp Xakanaxa is one of the few camps in Botswana which still offers the essence of a classic tented camp.

ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

The ancient riverine forests, open savannah, serpentine channels and seasonal floodplains that surround the camp make for a varied habitat of exceptional fauna and flora. The camp is one of few offering a year-round land and water game-viewing experience, in open 4x4 safari vehicles or powerboats. The diverse habitat ensures prolific sightings of Elephant, Buffalo, Hyena, Giraffe, Hippo, Wildebeest, Kudu, Lechwe, Lion and Leopard, among many others. Birding is spectacular, especially in the spring and summer months when the migrants are breeding.



CAMP OKAVANGO, OKAVANGO DELTA

Camp Okavango's main area comprises of a network of interconnected walkways linking up two lounge areas, a dining room, library, self-service bar and curio shop. Sweeping ramps lead to the lower level deck with two open-air fire pits and comfortable seating areas to relax and take in the natural surroundings. There is a third deck with a rim flow swimming pool and thatched lounge deck for those warm summer days.

With its open-air design and elevated position, the new Camp Okavango is an eco-sensitive lodge which captures the very essence of the Okavango Delta.

ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE

Water-based activities are conducted by experienced professional guides who will expertly navigate guests through the many meandering, reed-lined waterways. Roam the vast expanses of water from the comfort of a modern motorboat or explore the intricacies of the Okavango Delta the quiet old-fashioned way, in the traditional mokoro (dugout canoe). For those wanting to get a little closer to nature, guided bush walks are conducted on a number of the nearby islands, offering an opportunity to track some of the larger land-based species that inhabit this water wilderness. Birding opportunities are outstanding and anglers may put their skill against bream and tiger fish. Camp Okavango is a water-based camp and game-drive activities, using safari vehicles, are not possible.



XUGANA ISLAND LODGE, OKAVANGO DELTA

Xugana Lagoon is widely recognised as the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta, which itself is Africa's largest and most awe-inspiring oasis. The Okavango River rises in the highlands of Angola yet never reaches the sea; instead its immense waters empty over the sands of the Kalahari, where the great thirst of the desert is quenched in a wilderness of freshwater lagoons, channels and islands.

Xugana Island Lodge is situated on a private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site. An expansive deck and al fresco dining area overlooks the vast, pristine body of water that makes up the permanent Okavango Delta. The lounge, bar and dining areas are set back under the Ebony and African Mangosteen tree canopy in open-sided thatched structures, and the swimming pool, located within the mature gardens in the centre of the island, is a perfect place to relax.

The lodge accommodates only sixteen guests in large, raised, reed and thatch lagoon-facing chalets, with en-suite facilities and private viewing decks optimally placed on the shaded fringe of the island.

ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Xugana Island Lodge is in a private concession offering a range of activities giving you the chance to experience a true Okavango Delta safari. All activities are conducted by experienced professional guides. Explore the crystal-clear waterways by mokoro (traditional dugout canoe) or motorboat for the chance to enjoy the magnificent variety of bird, plant and reptile species found in the area.

Your experienced guide will also take you on a guided nature walk on surrounding islands in the concession, giving you the chance to experience nature up close and personal. Day and night game drives are also available within the private concession for a chance to search for the prolific wildlife found in the area.



RATE PER PERSON TWIN SHARING

Routing	DEC	NOV	SEP – OCT
Maun to Maun	USD 4,320	USD 5,295	USD 6,960
Maun to Kasane	USD 4,515	USD 5,490	USD 7,155
Kasane to Kasane	USD 4,710	USD 5,685	USD 7,350
Single Supplement	USD 2,165	USD 2,165	USD 2,165

INCLUSIONS

1. 7Nights Accommodation, scheduled activities & laundry service.
2. Any combination of nights in destination combination of your choice (ANY THREE LODGES)
3. One-way transfers from Vic Falls or Livingstone airport to Kasane
4. All meals, refreshments, local spirits & wines (excluding premium brands).
5. National park fees, Airport Departure Tax and all government levies, taxes & 12% Value added Tax
6. All Scheduled charter flights per package.
7. A contribution from every package booked goes towards one of the many Social supported programs, which include Children, The Disabled and Livelihoods of our community. Constant consultation with our community sectors identifies needs which we address and assist with.