

GLIMPSES OF BOTSWANA

CHOBE & OKAVANGO

5 NIGHTS/6 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 ...

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

CHOBE GAME LODGE, CHOBE NATIONAL 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.



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.

Catch and release fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an added activity at the lodge (season dependent).



RATE PER PERSON TWIN SHARING

Routing	DEC	NOV	SEP – OCT
Maun to Maun	USD 3,250	USD 3,980	USD 5,235
Maun to Kasane	USD 3,445	USD 4,175	USD 5,425
Kasane to Kasane	USD 3,640	USD 4,370	USD 5,625
Single Supplement	USD 1,595	USD 1,595	USD 1,595

INCLUSIONS

- 5Nights Accommodation, scheduled activities & laundry service.
- Any 3+2 nights destination combination of your choice (CHOBE & OKAVANGO – ANY TWO LODGES)
- One-way transfers from Vic Falls or Livingstone airport to Kasane
- All meals, refreshments, local spirits & wines (excluding premium brands).
- National park fees, Airport Departure Tax and all government levies, taxes & 12% Value added Tax
- All Scheduled charter flights per package.
- 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.