

CAPTURE AFRICA

OKAVANGO DELTA - BOTSWANA

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WELCOME TO CAPTURE AFRICA!

Here is all the information you need for making one of the best choices you have ever made, let us be a part of the moment when Africa captures you! Please feel free to contact us for any specific requests or requirements.

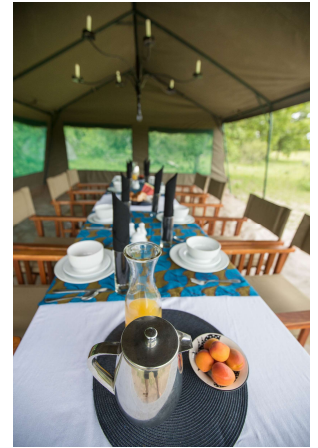
THE CAMP – ‘your home away from home’

A mobile-tented camp is set up from nothing and when removed, leaves nothing to tell the tale of its existence. A separate truck goes ahead of your safari group together with a full complement of staff that set up the camp before your arrival. A warm and homely atmosphere permeates the camp whilst offering all the luxuries and essential comforts one would never imagine could be provided in a wilderness this remote.

SAFARI STYLE

Tents are full size meru tents with en suite bathrooms with a difference – running water on tap, oversized bucket showers and flush loos! The bedrooms, with ample space, host very comfortable beds with down duvets and percale linen. Guests are woken with coffee or tea in bed. Our meals continue to be of gourmet standards with a few extras. You will have a hostess in camp, overseeing everything and making sure you are comfortable and having an unforgettable stay with us.





No detail is forgotten, from the wake-up calls with your choice of tea, coffee or hot chocolate delivered to your room, to the scrumptious high teas served before your afternoon game drive.

If you prefer to lounge in camp in the afternoons, a library stocked with African books, day beds and hammocks will be available for your relaxation.



YOUR MEALS

Our meals are beautifully prepared and presented by our skilled chef with emphasis on fresh tastes and original interpretations of classic dishes.

Three course meals are healthy and wholesome, for example, rare roast Botswana beef, delectable fresh herb salads and light, but rich desserts. Light continental breakfasts and wholesome brunches are served every day.

With safety, security and serenity being our priority, warm glowing campfires, hurricane lanterns and/or solar lights serve as lighting throughout the evening meals in camp.

Coffee, tea, snacks, and sundowners are provided on your game-drives and all the above plus packed lunches will be provided for your full-day trips. And of course a fully stocked fridge full of refreshing drinks of your choice.

THE CAMP STAFF & HOSTESS

'The fires that ignite your safari' provide the excellent service allowing Guests to enjoy the comforts of an organized camp resulting in a seamless safari experience.

THE SAFARI GUIDE

The difference between a good safari and a phenomenal one are the details, one of the most important is a detail such as your guide.

Our guides are experienced and highly qualified, having spent years in the bush and traveling to the locations that you will travel to on your safari. This experience and knowledge is what they use to make your safari exceptional.

Enthusiastic to share all the wonders of the bush with you, you will be amazed at the wealth of knowledge and passion that our guides have for nature.

Our guides are not only charismatic about the bush, but are also great storytellers - guaranteed to provide many interesting anecdotes and laughs around the campfire.

CHARGING FACILITIES

Each safari vehicle is fully equipped to support all your charging requirements, offering the convenience of charging batteries and other equipment whilst on game drive activities or when back at camp.

It would be advised to ensure that you bring any additional batteries, cords and or plugs necessary to support your equipment.

LIGHTING

Lighting is in the form of hurricane paraffin lanterns – located along walkways to the guest tents and main gathering areas.

Additional lighting is placed in your tents in the form of solar charged lamps and a movable light for your convenience.

Hand torches are offered to each guest as they arrive back from the evening game drives. We recommend that guests bring head torches to assist with further lighting.



YOUR SAFARI VEHICLES

Our comfortable open-safari vehicles have been specially designed for game viewing and photographic vantage points and bean bags for photography.

There are canvas bags for storage, ponchos for the rainy season and in winter, and game drive blankets for guests.

Each safari vehicle carries a coffee basket and cooler box for refreshments during the game drive activities. A 'bathroom bag' with a small spade, toilet roll and wet wipes are provided for comfort stops.



GENERAL INFORMATION

*SAFETY BRIEF *

Safety and security is a priority while guests are being hosted by Capture Africa, whether on daily activities or in our camp. The safety brief and general camp orientation takes place on arrival at the camp. Guides or Camp managers brief Guests on the bush safety rules & regulations and the 'do's & don'ts' of the surrounding wilderness area whilst they are in camp, making them aware that wildlife is prevalent in the area and that there is no safety fences enclosing the camp. We urge the adults to reiterate the importance of this information to their children regularly.



CHILDREN ON SAFARI

Capture Africa welcomes and encourages family safaris; we understand the life-changing impact a safari like ours has on youngsters. The ideal age range is from 8 years old and up. If you wish to bring younger guests please contact us. We have a wonderful and engaging program to educate and entertain youngsters while keeping in mind the essence of a true family safari - making lifetime memories together.





SHOWER SCHEDULES

WATER, OUR MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY

WATER is the most valuable & precious commodity in camp. All water is trucked into camp via water bowzers hence this is not an unlimited commodity.

Refreshing hot or cool bucket showers are on offer as and when they are required. During these winter months (June / July) we highly recommend the guests take their showers at midday (after brunch).

The capacity of the bucket showers is enough to average a very simple shower down and hair wash.

Showers will be available after brunch/lunch, please speak to Camp Manageress/Guide if you prefer to shower at another time.

Early morning wake up calls are done by the Tent Ladies, who will ensure you have hot water placed in your basins located on the entrance patios.



MEALS

A combination of European 'bush cuisine' and local dishes are served under canvas.
Special dietary and drinks requests are catered for if notified in advance.

Daily meals comprise of:

Early Breakfasts: Steaming coffee, teas, home-made biscuits, fresh warm flapjacks, toast, cereals, yoghurts, fresh fruit, fruit juices & assorted condiments.

Game drives: Coffee & teas, assorted snacks, fruit & cold refreshments.

Brunches: Scrumptuous buffet spreads of traditionally prepared hot meat or vegetarian dishes, cold meats, variety of salads, fruit platters, freshly baked homemade bread and a cheese board.

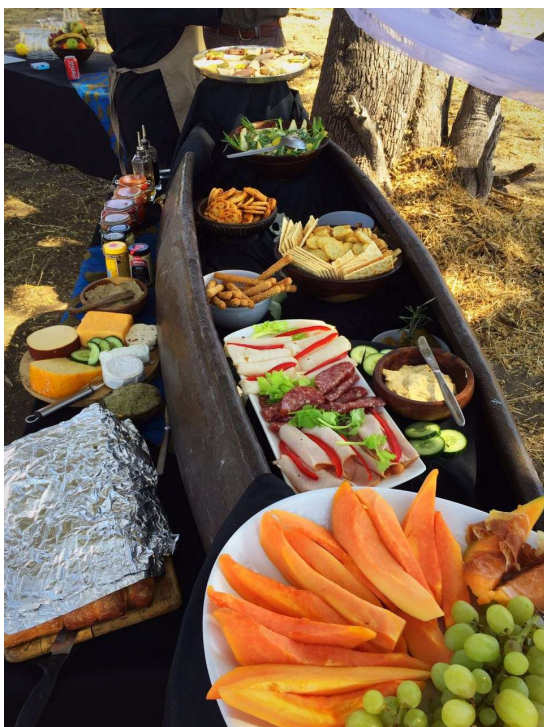
High Tea: Tea, coffee, homemade lemonade and iced tea and a choice of delicious sweet or savory snacks.

Pre-dinner snacks: Delectable savory finger snacks.

Dinners: Delicious 3-course dinners of: soups, hot meat dishes, assorted vegetables, a cheese board and irresistible desserts.

Sunset snacks: Assorted pickles, nuts, dried fruits, olives, biltong and more....

Wines: Specially selected South African red and white wines will be served with evening meals.





DAILY ACTIVITIES (*Wake-up times, Game drives, guided walks & Helicopter flips*)

Game Drive activities: Guests are informed in advance of each day's game drive schedules and activities. This usually takes place after dinner when the group is assembled together. Early morning departures for the all activities is preferred thus maximizing the game viewing experiences. Guided walks will be accompanied by Guide carrying a rifle – area permitting.

Note:

There could be a variance in times returning to camp, hence delays with meals if there are exciting game drive sightings. The Guide will use his discretion and advise camp accordingly whilst out in the field.

ARRIVAL POINTS & DAILY ROUTINE *TENT ALLOCATION*

On arrival in camp on your first day you are welcomed by the team of Camp staff and Camp Manager and 'Welcome' drinks are offered. After luggage identification, each family group is accompanied by a staff member and/or guide to their tented accommodations for an orientation of the facilities & familiarization of the 'lay of the camp'. Hand basins with refreshing warm water are provided.

DAILY LAUNDRY SERVICE

Guests should note that with water being such a limited commodity in camp, their laundry should be kept to a bare minimum. Laundry is usually returned to the tents washed & ironed before guests return from their late afternoon game drive. Coal irons are used and the greatest care is taken, but please refrain from putting delicate items in to be laundered out in the bush.

COLD WEATHER

Guests are provided with ponchos, game drive blankets, fireside blankets and hot water bottles for game drives and to warm their beds. We recommend that Guests arrive prepared for extremely cold weather & ensure they have warm attire to suit these icy temperatures, especially for AM & PM game drives when the wind-chill factor makes it feel even colder





INTRODUCTION

Botswana is one of the few remaining destinations in Africa that still provides a good sense of adventure while on safari. Its expansive game parks and preserves, while offering wildlife as diverse and abundant as that found anywhere else, are still largely undeveloped and untamed. It is bordered on the north and west by Namibia, on the north and east by Zimbabwe, and by South Africa on the south. Its territory consists almost entirely of a broad, flat, arid subtropical plateau, though there are hills in the eastern part of the country.

Botswana is known as one of the last remaining “wild places” in Africa, a gem for any wildlife or safari enthusiast. With over 581,730 square kilometers dedicated to wildlife and its conservation, this wildlife passionate country does its best to preserve the beauty that it has been bestowed with.

Not only does it have the Okavango Delta, one of the world’s largest inland delta’s but it also has the Kalahari Desert, one of the largest and most characteristic deserts in Africa. The land teems with wildlife, from the big five through to the known 577 species of birds, attracting the novice safari goers right through to the specialists.



MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Moremi Game Reserve is a rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary within the Okavango Delta. The reserve is unfenced and its boundaries are defined naturally by river systems. The vegetation is varied, with dry land complemented by permanent and seasonal swamplands, resulting in an excellent diversity of both wildlife and birdlife.

Recently designated the 1000th World Heritage Site, the Okavango Delta is one of the world's largest and most biodiverse inland delta's in the world. Covering 16,000 square kilometers of Botswana, the delta provides in itself one of Botswana's main attractions, as well as home to much of its wildlife.

Game is more concentrated around the permanent water during the dry season (Apr - Oct) with it becoming very hot in the later months. The heronries become active as the migrant birds return to Botswana from September through November, and general bird watching is excellent throughout the summer months. The rainy season (Nov - Apr) invigorates the lush scenery with wild flowers, dramatic thundershowers, spectacular sunsets and the birthing season brings great predator and prey interaction.

Chief's Island is the largest expanse of solid land in the Okavango Delta, approximately 1000 square kilometers, flanked by the Boro and Santantadibe Rivers. It was incorporated into Moremi Game Reserve in the 1970s, being the former hunting ground of Chief Mowana. Chief's Island incorporates the 'Mombo Concession' which is a game rich area to the north of the island with a good population of lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, cheetah, wild dog and a huge variety of plains game as well as a small rhino population since the Rhino Rehabilitation Program.

Please note that activities are restricted within the national park in accordance with government rules and regulations. These include no driving off-road, no walking and no driving after dark.

DAY 1 – MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Your scheduled flight for Maun, Botswana departs from Johannesburg. On arrival in Maun you will clear customs and take a light aircraft charter to Xakanaxa, on arrival you will be met by your Capture Africa guide in an open game drive vehicle. Game viewing starts immediately, introducing Guests to a wilderness area vastly diverse and exciting in its fauna & flora. Your private tented camp situated in the Xiini area of the Reserve, awaits you with welcome from the Capture Africa team.

After luggage identification you are accompanied by a staff member/manager and/or guide to your tented accommodation for an orientation of the facilities & familiarization of the 'lay of the camp'. Your insect-proof Full Meru tent with en-suite bathroom will be your room for the next 4 nights. Hand basins with refreshing warm water are provided.

A Safety Brief will be given by your guide/camp manager - bush safety rules & regulations and the 'do's & don'ts' whilst in camp. This brief introduction makes Guests aware that wildlife is prevalent in the area and stresses that there are no safety fences enclosing the camp.

A general overview will be given of what Guests can expect on a daily basis whilst on safari with us, including camp and activity schedules.

HIGH TEA: Hot Tea/coffee, home-made ice tea and lemonade served with something sweet and something savory.

LATE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE ACTIVITY

Spend the afternoon game drive exploring the vast floodplains which support a diverse variety of game and bird species. Sightings of hippo at home in one of the many pools you will pass will be a highlight to the day's game drive. Access the hidden nooks and crannies of this area and watch herds of elephants and a myriad of birds coming down to drink whilst the sun sets and guests enjoy their sunset drinks & snacks.

Return to camp just before dark to basins of warm water to refresh then enjoy drinks and snacks around the campfire.

DINNER - Enjoy a superb 3-course Dinner then relax after dinner around the campfire listening to the African night symphony.

Overnight: Capture Africa Private Mobile Tented Camp (Full board) Moremi Game Reserve





2 – MOREMI GAME RESERVE

An early wake-up call will be given by the Tent Lady who announces herself with a verbal 'KOKO' or 'KNOCK KNOCK'. Basins will be filled with hot water.

LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is served.

AM GAME DRIVE ACTIVITY

Depart for an early morning game drive in the Moremi Game Reserve. This 'wildlife Mecca' offers the opportunity of fantastic wildlife viewing & general plains game.

Around morning tea time there will be a stop in a safe area for some coffee/tea and a snack. Should you request a comfort stop at any time, your guide will assess the wildlife presence in the area before allowing any Guests to leave the safari vehicle.

Return to camp (*time depends on the wildlife sightings during the morning game drive*).

LUNCH AT CAMP: Enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon.

After lunch you can relax in your tent or have an afternoon siesta. Showers are recommended at mid-day as this is the warmest time of the day.

HIGH TEA: Hot Tea/coffee, home-made ice tea and lemonade served with something sweet and something savory.

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Return to camp just before dark to basins of warm water to refresh then enjoy drinks and snacks around the campfire.

DINNER: Gather for a superb 3-course dinner and discussion on the next days' schedule.



KHWAI CONCESSION

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This mopane dominated 1800 sq km wildlife concession is located on the eastern edge of the Okavango Delta. Named after the Khwai River that runs through the area, Khwai Concession used to be a hunting area but is now managed as a conservation area.

The Acacia and Leadwood lined Khwai River itself is the sole source of water for miles around, and is frequented by a spectacular array of game. This is the raptor capital of Botswana: Fish Eagles, Bateleur, Tawny, Martial and Brown Snake Eagles line the river bank alongside Lanner Falcons, not only to drink in this isolated stretch of water, but also to feed on the millions of Quelea which flock to the river to quench their thirst. Lion, leopard, wild dog and hyena are commonly sighted at Khwai.

Enjoy two/three days of morning and afternoon game drives, as you explore the area. Khwai is made up of sweeping grasslands, riparian forests and floodplains that are flooded part of the year. These white sanded twinkling lagoons and channels are crystal clear, adorned by lilies and bordered by a thick carpet of reeds.

Spot Little Bee-eaters perched precariously on these reeds and Pied Kingfishers hovering above the surface of the water waiting for the next unsuspecting fish to dive upon. During early morning drives, mist rises from these waterways, creating a magical atmosphere. Driving through these waterways, you can often spot the flash of fish as they dart back into the safety of the reeds.

The area also boasts large palm islands and drier areas with long yellow grass. Here larger game species can be spotted, such as buffalo, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe. The Mopane areas are frequented by large herds of elephants, which can often be seen feeding on delicious Mopane leaves.



DAY 3 KHWAI – MOVE DAY

An early wake-up call by the Tent Lady, who announces herself with a verbal: 'KOKO' or 'KNOCK KNOCK'. Basins will be filled with hot water.

LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is served

AM GAME DRIVE ACTIVITY WITH BOAT TRIP

Depart for an early morning game drive en-route to the Xaxanaka Boat Station for a morning of boating on the Okavango River. You will meander through papyrus channels, looking out for the illusive Sitatunga, an antelope that lives and feeds on the papyrus in the Delta. The water in The Okavango Delta is crystal clear and flows through channels covered with water lilies. The fish eagle is prevalent in the area, as are a wide variety of herons and other water birds.

Today we move our camp to Khwai Concession Area, just north of Moremi.

We do an game drive with picnic lunch en route to Khwai Concession area, game viewing all along the way.

We cross the Khwai river bridge, and if you wish you can stretch your legs by walking over this rustic gum pole bridge.

Arrive in the late afternoon at our newly setup camp, in time for sundowners and a well-deserved bucket shower.

Drinks and snacks are served around the campfire

DINNER - Enjoy a superb 3-course Dinner then Relax around the campfire listening to the sounds of the African night and get familiar with your new surroundings.

Overnight: Capture Africa Private Mobile Tented Camp (Full board) Khwai Concession



4 – KHWAI CONCESSION

An early wake-up call by the Tent Lady who announces herself with a verbal 'KOKO or 'KNOCK KNOCK' your choice of tea / coffee or hot chocolate will be delivered to your tent. Basins will be filled with hot water.

LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is served

AM GAME DRIVE ACTIVITY WITH WALKING

Depart for the early morning game drive activity within the Khwai Concession. This 'wildlife Mecca' offers the opportunity of fantastic wildlife viewing & general plains game. Your guide will take you on an armed walk through the bush, about an hour long - depending on what you encounter on your adventure through the bush. Once back to your vehicle you can enjoy a coffee & snack break.

Return to camp around 11- 12 am (*depending on the wildlife sightings on the morning walk and game drive*).

LUNCH AT CAMP: Enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon. After lunch you can relax in your tent or have an afternoon siesta. We recommend showers after lunch as this is the warmest time of the day.

The guests are advised to sort out and pack their personal belongings ready for their departure tomorrow morning (after your lunchtime shower is a good time to pack to avoid packing in the dark after the afternoon gamedrive or rushing the morning of departure)

HIGH TEA: Tea / coffee, home-made ice tea and lemonade served with something sweet and something savory.

LATE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE ACTIVITY

Spend the afternoon game drive exploring the vast floodplains which support a diverse variety of game and bird species. Access seldom traversed roads of this area and watch herds of elephants and a myriad of birds coming down to drink whilst the sun sets and guests enjoy their sunset drinks & snacks

Night drive on your way back to camp and look out for the nocturnal animals that may start to appear. Return to camp after dark to basins of warm water and enjoy drinks and snacks around the campfire.

"Farewell Dinner": Savor a traditional barbeque with an explosion of taste sensations to satisfy well-earned appetites. The staff will celebrate this final evening with dance & song!!



CAMP STAFF & GUIDES GRATUITIES

This may be a good time to discuss these details with your guide/hostess and settle the gratuities this evening. Avoids dealing with it on departure day as there are so many distractions.

DAY 5 DEPARTURE DAY

An early wake-up call by the Tent Lady, who announces herself with a verbal: 'KOKO' or 'KNOCK KNOCK'. Basins will be filled with hot water.

LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is served. After farewell to the camp staff-guests depart for either a 2-hour Mokoro trip.

AM MOKORO ACTIVITY

Depart for the early morning game drive activity, en route the mokoro station. Previously traditional mekoros were cut-out from an ebony or sausage tree log however, these days they are molded from fiber-glass, in order to conserve these beautiful big trees. The mekoro is powered by a poler who stands at the back of the canoe with a ngashi or wooden pole. This amazingly stable mekoro, will transport you along the vast expanse of deep reed-lined waterways.

Your guide will transfer you to the Khwai Airstrip, from where you will be taking a light aircraft charter to your next destination.

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NOTES:

- Minimum charge for 4 Pax per booking.
- Please note that charter flight luggage allowance is 20kg per person, weight limit includes hand luggage.
- Guide and hostess fees (where applicable) are charged extra as per the above rates and share amongst all guests.
- Provisional bookings will be held for 2 weeks before being released. Booking will be confirmed with 25% non-refundable deposit within this period.
- Rates do not include personal purchases, guide and staff gratuities, personal insurance, local and international flights and extra activities such as boat and mokoro trips.
- Full payment needed 60 days prior to departure date.
- Please note that all prices include 12% VAT and are subject to change with any changes in Exchange Fluctuations, Government Taxes or Levies and Park Fees. The Botswana Government is expected to announce increases in park entry fees and airport departure taxes within the year. As these increases are beyond our control, the increases have been excluded from any bookings whether provisional or confirmed. Please ensure your clients are aware of this and we will notify you as soon as we receive any updates.
- Tipping Policy: Tipping or staff gratuities are for the sole discretion of the guest and not a pre-requisite of the company.



INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- **Destination:** Moremi Game Reserve and Khwai Concession, Botswana
- **Duration:** 4 nights/5 days
- **Safari Style:** Out of Africa Safari
- **Accommodation:** Full Meru Luxury Tents with en-suite shower and flushing bathrooms.
- **Transfers:** All road transfers are included, if you choose to fly in and /or out the cost will be your own as per invoice.
- **Meals:** All included, as well as beverages (local brands)
- **Guide:** TBA
- **Hostess:** TBA
- **Activities:** Game drives, walking and night drives are restricted to areas that fall outside of the National Park boundaries, Mokoro trip, Boat trip

EXCLUDED FROM THE PACKAGE

- All international and domestic flights (Unless stated otherwise)
- Gratuities
- Additional activities
- Travel insurance