



Camp Okavango Fact Sheet

Nxaraga Island, Okavango Delta

★★★★ Star Grading

Location

- Situated on the remote Nxaraga Island in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta
- Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta is a maze of lagoons, lakes and hidden channels covering an area of over 16,000 square km in flood and shrinking to less than 9,000 square km in the dry season. Trapped in the parched Kalahari sands the fresh water oasis attracts wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique wilderness
- GPS Co-ordinates S19° 08' 05.04 E023° 06' 00.86

Seasons

- Summer: September – April
- Winter: May – August
- Closed for 1 month during the rainy season (January-March) for refurbishments and maintenance

Game Viewing

- All game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced professional guides who will navigate guests through a variety of tranquil waterways while they explore the Okavango by canoe (mokoro) and motorboat
- Guided nature walks on the various islands allow for the opportunity to track some of the larger species that inhabit this water wilderness. Bird-watching opportunities are outstanding, and fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an activity at the camp (seasonal)

Accessibility

- **Air** – Camp Okavango airstrip is served by Safari Air charter aircraft from Maun International Airport (IATA:MUB) and Kasane Airport (IATA:BBK)



Camp Okavango Airstrip Details

- Camp Okavango Airstrip is privately owned and maintained by Desert & Delta Safaris. It is CAAB licenced for private use
- Airstrip GPS Co-ordinates S19° 07' 42.0 E023° 05' 54.0
- The airstrip is a CAAB licenced Class B airstrip and can accommodate aircraft up to MAUW 5700kg's (Cessna Caravan) Prior written permission must be obtained from Desert & Delta Safaris before landing and scheduled air charter landing rights are restricted to Safari Air
- Airstrip length: 1000m
- Depending on the time of year and safety restrictions on individual runways, groups may be split up due to safety reasons
- Please note there is a limit of 20kg's per person (including hand luggage) in SOFT BAGS (No hard bags or soft bags with hard wheel bases allowed e.g.: Samsonite's)

Camp Okavango Airstrip to Camp Okavango

A 5 minute walk to from the airstrip to the camp

Flying Times

- To/from Maun: 30 minutes
- To/from Kasane: 80 minutes
- To/from Xugana Island Lodge: 5 minutes
- To/from Camp Moremi and Camp Xakanaxa: 15 minutes
- To/from Savute Safari Lodge: 35 minutes
- To/from Leroo La Tau: 55 minutes

Accommodation

12 Safari Suites consisting of:

- 11 x Suites
- 1 x Family suite
- 2 x guide/pilot tent

The camp can accommodate a maximum of 24 guests

In the booking system the safari suites are listed as standard rooms and the family suite listed as a family room

Guest room details

- Luxurious elevated safari suites with stacking doors on expansive private decks and raised on Silligna platforms
- En-suite bathroom comprising of a double capacity shower, double vanity and toilet
- Private expansive viewing decks
- 24 hour solar generated power
- Fans in all guest rooms (no air conditioners due to the amount of electricity needed to run these units)
- 220V Plug points for charging equipment
- A range of African bio degradable soaps, conditioning shampoo, hand wash, body lotion with insect repellent and shower caps are supplied in each room
- A hairdryer is available in each room
- Gowns supplied in the rooms
- Tea and coffee making facilities in each room
- Flashlight available in each room



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- Umbrella's for the rainy season
- Small safe for valuables
- Emergency air horn for emergency situations

Family suite details

- Luxurious elevated safari suite with double bedroom and stacking doors on an expansive Silligna platform
- Each bedroom has its own private deck
- En-suite bathrooms comprising of a double shower, double vanity and toilet
- Second bedroom can accommodate 2 children in twin beds, and a third child on a roll out bed
- Children's area with games and books
- 24 hour solar generated power
- Fans in all guest rooms (no air conditioners due to the amount of electricity needed to run these units)
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Camp Description

- Hidden amongst the beautiful ancient Mangosteen trees
- The main area comprises of a network of interconnected walkways and decks linking up two lounge areas, a dining, room, library, self-service bar area and curio
- Sweeping ramps lower into the lower level deck area comprising of two fire pits seating areas and an additional open air lounge
- A third area comprises a rim flow swimming pool with a thatched lounge deck. All areas have sweeping 180 degree views over the Okavango Delta

Activities

- Guided nature walks
- Mokoro (canoe)
- Motorised boating trips
- Exceptional bird watching opportunities
- Seasonal fishing

Activities Optional:

- Explore the Okavango Delta from the air with a scenic helicopter flight
(As this is weather and availability dependent, bookings and payment done at the lodge)



Suggested Daily Activity Schedule

Winter (April – September)

- 05h30 - Early morning wakeup call
- 06h00 - Light continental breakfast is served in the dining area
- 06h30 - Leave for morning activity (approximately 3-4 hours)
- 11h30 - Brunch is served at the dining area
- 15h00 - Afternoon tea is served in the beautiful open-air patio
- 15h30 - Depart for afternoon activity (approximately 3 hours)
- 18h30 - Arrive back at lodge
- 19h30 - Dinner is served at the dining area

Summer (October – March)

- 05h00 - Early morning wakeup call
- 05h30 - Light continental breakfast is served in the dining area
- 06h00 - Leave for morning activity (approximately 3-4 hours)
- 11h00 - Brunch is served at the dining area
- 15h30 - Afternoon tea is served in the beautiful open-air patio
- 16h00 - Depart for afternoon activity (approximately 3 hours)
- 19h00 - Arrive back at lodge
- 20h00 - Dinner is served at the dining area

Electricity & Water

- Camp Okavango operates on 24 hour solar generated power
- Guest accommodation is equipped with a 220-volt AC plug which is suitable for hairdryers and the recharging of camera and video batteries
- Ceiling fans are fitted in all the guest rooms in our camps. Unfortunately due to the remoteness of our camps it is not possible to run air conditioners due to the amount of power required to do so.

Communication

To allow for the full peacefulness and relaxation whilst on safari, there is no access to WiFi or telephones. The camps do however have a guest computer situated in the lounge area, which guests can use to access the internet via satellite link up, which can be slow. In terms of telephonic communication, each camp has a satellite phone in the event of emergency situations.

Requirements for Minors Travelling through all Botswana ports of entry

Effective from 1st October 2016 minors travelling through the country's borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates in addition to their valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be available. However an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate.

Pricing / Child Policy

- **Green Season:** December to March
- **Shoulder Season:** April to June and November
- **High Season:** July to October

- Children over the age of 6 years are welcome. Families with children aged 6-11 will be required to book private activities at an additional cost
- The family room comprises of two rooms both with en-suite bathrooms. The second bedroom can accommodate a third child on a roll out bed
- Should a family consist of three or more children, the request will be subject to the age of the child and the availability at the time of the enquiry

Evacuation Policy

- Emergency medical evacuation cover included
- Guests who are highly allergic to bee stings and/or insect bites, who have been advised by their medical practitioners to use an epinephrine autoinjector or epipen, should always ensure that they are carrying their own device with them when they travel. Due to individual dosages required by people requiring extreme treatment, and the risk of over or under dosage, Epinephrine autoinjectors are not stocked or provided within our camps/lodges first aid equipment

Drinks Policy

- All local branded drinks are included in the nightly rate

Laundry Policy

- Laundry is done on a daily basis and inclusive in the nightly rate

Extras Payment

- Curios and tips/gratuities can be billed to the room number and settled on check out. Payment can be made by cash (ZAR, US\$, British Sterling, Euro and Pula) or the following credit cards: Visa or MasterCard

Gratuity

- Tipping at own discretion. Our suggested guideline is US\$ 10.00 per person per day for General Camp Staff which goes into a central tipping box and US\$ 10.00 per person per day to the Guide



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