

## **MOGOTLHO SAFARI LODGE, KHWAI RIVER – FACT SHEET**

### **LOCATION:**

A large area dominated by Mopane forest fringing the Okavango Delta, our Khwai River safari lodge is a gem situated between Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park. The riverine habitat is a biodiverse ecosystem, with species such as Camelthorn, Knobthorn, Appleleaf and Leadwood providing shade, nutrients and residence to the rich diversity of life.

Nestled deep in the wild heart of Africa on the meandering Khwai River, Mogotlho Safari Lodge is the perfect destination, offering the complete Botswana safari package.

### **GPS CO-ORDINATES:**

Mogotlho Safari Lodge, Khwai River - S19 13.146 E23 57.616.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Proceed north out of Maun through Shorobe Village onto the dirt road until you cross through the Buffalo Fence. 1.2 km further, turn right at the fork. Proceed on this dirt road, passing through Sankuyo Village, keep straight for approximately 27 km and turn left at the Mogotlho Safari Lodge sign. Total: 109 km from Maun.

**LODGE EMERGENCY NUMBER:** +267 76 850 059.

### **WHEN TO TRAVEL:**

The best time to visit our Khwai River safari lodge on the border of Chobe National Park and Moremi Game Reserve is from July to October. Wildlife viewing is at its best during the dry season with average daytime temperatures hovering around 26 degrees Celsius. Be sure to pack a jacket as it dips to below 10 degrees during the evening.

Higher temperatures are at the order of the day between November and March with this period also receiving the highest rainfall. This time of the year provides plenty of opportunities to see countless baby animals as well as breeding and migrant birds.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Mogotlho Safari Lodge has 13 spacious and modern tents, of which 2 are family tents, sleeping a total of 24 guests. Each tent has a king size bed that can be split into twin beds, and have been intimately placed to ensure unspoiled panoramic views of the African bush, with a touch of class. Sit back on your private deck overlooking the river – or rest in our king size beds, after an action-packed day exploring the area.

### **THE MAIN AREA:**

Our lodge facilities include a beautiful thatched-roof lounge, wildlife library, dining area and bar, as well as a swimming pool and boma area with views over the river.

**SOLAR POWER AND USE OF ENERGY:**

All geysers are solar powered. The entire lodge is off the National grid and is electrified using only solar generated power, connected to an inverter and batteries. A back-up generator is used only in extreme situations to top up the batteries. As an eco-lodge, staff make a concerted effort to keep lights switched off where possible.

**FOOD:**

We try as far as possible to utilise the surrounding villages to supply fresh produce to the lodge. This will facilitate empowering the local farmers and support the villages in a continuous and sustainable way.

**GUEST AMENITIES:**

All guest amenities including shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotion, foam bath, liquid gel and soaps are sourced from eco-friendly suppliers, who are endorsed by Beauty without Cruelty, and where possible, use organic ingredients which are biodegradable.

**WATER SUPPLY:**

Water is supplied from our underground borehole, which is safe for human consumption. All effluent and grey water generated by the lodge passes through a purification system known as "The Biorock" - a unique mini-biological plant, that requires no electricity, has no moving parts, therefore needing minimal annual maintenance - returning safe water to the environment.

**ACTIVITIES OFFERED:**

**Game Drives:**

Experience daily African wildlife encounters with nature in a classic safari vehicle through the eyes and knowledge of our passionate guides. Departure times occur in the cooler hours of the early mornings or afternoons, a favourite for guests and wildlife itself. Our Mogotlho guides are excited to share their knowledge of the bush with you and provide a game viewing experience of the highest quality.

**Night Drives:**

Night safaris are an invitation to discover the mysterious world of nocturnal wildlife. Exploring the wilderness provides a unique opportunity to discover the unusual and secretive nocturnal members of the animal kingdom. A two-hour drive offers the chance to see a different world of nocturnal species including owls and a variety of diurnally elusive predators.

**Guided Walks:**

Walking in the footsteps of our safari guides along the banks of the Khwai River provides you with an opportunity to learn more about the indigenous flora and traditional medicinal uses of plants, getting up close and personal with nature. A bush walk is a sensory experience, spending time observing, listening, learning and reconnecting to the African animal kingdom. Our guides will highlight the various facets of the ecosystem, as well as impart their tracking knowledge, sharing the rich history of Botswana.

**Cultural Experiences:**

Mogotlho Lodge celebrates and supports local culture and history and is proud to be in partnership with the community from Mababe. Be curious and learn more about the co-existence of wildlife and humans in this African landscape and how dynamic and perspective has evolved over centuries.

**Mokoro Excursion:**

The lifeline that is the Khwai River makes the area a wild haven as this stable water source also lies along a seasonal animal migratory route. A mokoro experience in Khwai, floating down the river in a dugout canoe, brings another perspective to Botswana’s wildlife wonders. Mokoros, traditionally crafted from hardwood tree trunks, have long served as a vital mode of transportation across the waterways of the Okavango Delta. In recent times, however, their purpose has transformed, as these very mokoros have found a new role in fostering sustainable tourism.

**ACTIVITES OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE:**

**Helicopter Experience:**

Take to the skies on a helicopter experience in Khwai for the quintessential Botswana safari and get an entirely different vantage point over this unique wilderness area. The breathtaking world of the Okavango Delta is a multi-faceted marvel of nature, witnessed in vibrant detail from above.

Soaring through the air up to 1000 feet on your Khwai helicopter experience will uncover the true vastness of the Okavango Delta on one of Africa’s last remaining wetland excursions. Permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons, and incredible wildlife sightings offer great photographic opportunities. You can also include a special champagne stop on your helicopter experience in Khwai. Land on a deserted palm island, pop the cork and enjoy the astonishing views while discovering more about the Delta.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

<b>Tent Facilities:</b>	
1. How many tents are there?	13 Luxury tented suites.
2. What view do the tents have?	All tents have a river view
3. How many people can occupy 1 tent?	Double/Twin (2 Adults).
4. Is there a family tent for children?	Yes, we have 2 family tents.
5. Do tents have electricity?	Yes.
6. Is there internet in the tents?	No.
7. What are the tents facilities?	King size bed, en suite bathroom with shower, hot water bottle in winter, fan. mosquito repellent, emergency air horn, rechargeable torches, charging station and safe.
8. Is there a fridge in the tent?	No.
9. Are there laundry services available?	Yes.
10. What time does room service clean?	When guests are on game drives.

<b>Main Area:</b>	
11. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Outside and inside, Boma dinner. Private dinner can be arranged on the deck.
12. Does the lodge have a pool?	Yes.
13. Is there a bar?	Yes.

<b>Activities:</b>	
14. What activities are available?	Game drive (full day, half day and night drives). Guided walk. Cultural experience. Mokoro excursion. Helicopter experience.
15. How long are the full day and half day game drives?	Full day game drive: 7-8 hours Half day game drive: 3 - 4 hours Night drive: +- 2 hours
16. Are drinks and snacks provided on game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives. Lunch is served on full day drives - at +-13:00 at a picnic spot.
17. Are children allowed on game activities and what is the age limit?	Yes, from +7 years for game drives and +16 years for game walks.
18. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Elephants, Leopard, Lion, Warthog, variety of birds, Buffalo, Painted Dog, Cheetah, Jackal, Giraffe, Hares, Hyaena, Mongoose, Civet, Genets, Honey Badger, Monkey, Bat-eared fox, Zebra, Pangolin, a variety of antelope.

<b>Other Info:</b>	
19. Can I Self-Drive to the lodge?	Yes.
20. When is the best time to visit?	From May to November.
21. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter.
22. Can we charge phones?	Yes, charging station in main area as well as in each suite, adapter available.
23. Check-in & Check-out Times	Check in: From 2pm / Check out: By 10am Earlier check in or late check out must be pre-arranged.
24. Mobility/Accessibility: Are we geared for Disabilities (Wheelchairs etc.)	No.
25. Can guest walk to their rooms alone?	Guests are escorted to their rooms at night, by a guide/camp staff.
26. Is there a fence around the lodge?	We have a fence in place, specifically designed to deter large game animals from accessing the premises.

27. Is there a spa?	No.
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