



# Leroo La Tau Fact Sheet

## Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

### ★★★★ Star Grading

#### Location

- Makgadikgadi Pans National Park
- Western banks of the Boteti River, southeast of Maun
- The eastern bank of the Boteti River forms the boundary of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, which stretches away from the riverbank towards its interior of scrubland and mineral rich grasslands. The Boteti River is the main outflow of the Okavango Delta, collecting water that flows past Maun, and stretching about 250km southeast to Lake Xau on the extreme south western edge of the great Makgadikgadi salt pans
- GPS Co-ordinates S20° 25' 13.74 E024° 31' 18.78

#### Seasons

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

#### Game Viewing

- Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, one of Botswana's most diverse national parks, also offers sanctuary to the second largest zebra migration in the world during the dry season when the water dries up in the salt pans, they migrate to the Boteti River
- Leroo La Tau translates as 'lion's paw', but although the surrounding area features abundant lion, zebra and wildebeest, it also boasts Chobe bushbuck, leopard, cheetah, brown and spotted hyena, impala, kudu, jackal, porcupine, genet and caracal, to name a few. In addition, there is also the possibility of seeing the rare white rhinoceros
- Birding is also spectacular, from the rare wattled crane, to saddle billed storks, and a variety of vultures and other birds



### Accessibility

- **Road** – 140km drive from Maun on tar roads for the majority of the way, but the last stretch being sandy roads suitable for 4x4 vehicles only
- **Air** – Privately registered airstrip served by Safari Air charter aircraft from Maun International Airport (IATA:MUB) and Kasane Airport (IATA:BBK)

### Leroo La Tau Airstrip Details

- Leroo La Tau Airstrip is privately owned and maintained by Desert & Delta Safaris. It is CAAB licenced for private use
- Airstrip GPS Co-ordinates S20° 25' 53.83 E024° 27' 30.45
- The airstrip is CAAB licenced Class B airstrip and can accommodate aircraft up to 5000kg'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)

### Leroo La Tau Airstrip to Leroo La Tau Camp Road Transfer

A road transfer of approximately 30 minutes to camp

### Flying Times

- To/from Maun: 35 minutes
- To/from Kasane: 85 minutes
- To/from Savute Safari Lodge: 55 minutes
- To/from Camp Moremi and Camp Xakanaxa: 50 minutes
- To/from Xugana Island Lodge: 55 minutes
- To/from Camp Okavango: 55 minutes

### Accommodation

12 suites in total consisting of:

- 12 x twin bedded suites (one double & one single per suite)
- 1 x guide/pilot tent

The camp can accommodate a maximum of 24 guests

***In the booking system the suites are listed as standard rooms***

### Guest room details

- Luxurious thatched and glass fronted suites raised on wooden platforms
- All raised on the high banks of the Boteti River with 270 degree panoramic view of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park
- En-suite bathroom comprising of a shower, double hand basin and toilet
- 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 from the lodge reception
- Tea and coffee making facilities in each room
- Flashlight available in each



- Umbrella's for the rainy season
- Gowns supplied in each room
- Battery operated reading lights and bathroom light at night
- Small safe for valuables
- Emergency air horn for emergency situations

### **Camp Description**

- Superb site on the banks of the Boteti River
- A dining area which serves buffet-style food and individually plated food
- Thatched roof covered lounge and cocktail bar
- First floor wildlife reference library, tucked under the eaves of the thatch and timber main building
- Evening campfire boma on the cliffs of the Boteti River
- Covered viewing hide overlooking the banks of the Boteti River
- Curio shop
- Swimming Pool

### **Activities**

- Day and Night Game Drives via open Land Cruisers.
- Depending on the water level of the Boteti, boat activities can also be provided
- Optional cultural excursions can be arranged to visit Khumaga Village
- Guided nature walks in the area surrounding the lodge
- Nxai Pan day trips for 3 night stays

### **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 on the deck
- 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 on the deck
- 16h00 - Depart for afternoon activity (approximately 3 hours)
- 19h00 - Arrive back at lodge
- 20h00 - Dinner is served at the dining area





### Electricity & Water

- Leroo La Tau operates on AC 220V generator power which is available during the day and evening
- Guest accommodation is equipped with a 220-volt AC plug which is suitable for hairdryers and the recharging of camera and video batteries
- The generator is switched off at night and inverted 12-volt DC lighting provides room and bathroom illumination overnight
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 availed. 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 nature of which may be subject to the discretion of the managers or guides
- Should a family consist of two or more children, parents will need to split up and share with children in separate tents
- There are no family units available therefore one child under the age of 12 years can share with 2 adults (and a separate camper bed will be placed in tent)

### 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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