



Savute Safari Lodge Fact Sheet

Chobe National Park

★★★ Star Grading

Location

- Chobe National Park
- Situated on the banks of Botswana's fabled "Stolen River" the Savute Channel
- Stretching from the waterways of the Linyanti all the way to the Savute Marsh, the winding waterways of the Savute Channel have pumped life into the western section of the Chobe National Park for many thousands of generations. But this fickle and unpredictable channel has a fascinating history of flooding and drying up independently of good rainy seasons and flood levels elsewhere – a mystery that has intrigued geologists and researchers for many years
- GPS Co-ordinates S18 33 54.17 E24 03 26.86

Seasons

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

Game Viewing

- Activities are centred around game drives throughout the Savute area in open 4x4 safari vehicles
- Many trips will incorporate a visit to the famous Savute Marsh for your chance to see the historic presence of the Savute Channel at the marsh against a teeming backdrop of wildlife
- Guests can also enjoy a visit to the ancient San rock paintings at Gubatsa Hills, a small hilly outcrop which forms a remarkable landmark in the otherwise flat landscape
- Savute lays claim to a spectacularly large summer zebra migration, which is determined by the rains but usually occurs between November and December and again between February and April when the zebras move from the rivers in the north in search of the lush grasslands and full waterholes in the southeast of the park. They are always accompanied by a myriad of predators



Accessibility

- **Air** – Savute airstrip is served by Safari Air charter aircraft from Maun International Airport (IATA:MUB) and Kasane Airport (IATA:BBK)
- **Road** – 200kms from Maun on sandy roads suitable for 4WD vehicles only, approximately a 6 hours' drive

Savute Airstrip Details

- Savute Airstrip is owned by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks
- Airstrip GPS Co-ordinates S18 31 16.84 E24 04 33.39
- The airstrip is a CAAB licenced Class B airstrip and can accommodate aircraft up to MAUW 5700kg's (Cessna Caravan)
- 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)

Savute Airstrip to Savute Safari Lodge Transfer

A road transfer of approximately 25 minutes to camp

Flying Times

- To/from Maun: 50 minutes
- To/from Kasane: 45 minutes
- To/from Leroo La Tau: 55 minutes
- To/from Camp Moremi and Camp Xakanaxa: 30 minutes
- To/from Camp Okavango and Xugana Island Lodge: 35 minutes

Accommodation

12 luxury suites on raised platforms consisting of:

- 11 x twin bedded suites
- 1 x Family suite
- 1 x guide/pilot tent

The camp can accommodate a maximum of 24 guests

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

Guest room details

- Luxury thatch and timber suites raised on expansive private decks
- En-suite bathroom comprising of a shower, 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 room
- Gowns supplied in each room
- Umbrella's for the rainy season
- Battery operated reading lights, desk light and bathroom light at night
- Small safe for valuables
- Emergency air horn for emergency situations



Family room details

- Luxury thatch and timber 2 bedroom chalet raised on an expansive private deck
- Both bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms each with a shower, vanity and toilet
- Sliding doors leading off both bedrooms and lounge area, onto an expansive shared deck
- 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

- The area is renowned for its population of bull elephant and for the unique interaction of the resident predator species. The close proximity of wildlife translates itself into the recently refurbished, modern African décor
- Savute boasts a viewing deck and an al fresco dining area which is ideal for watching game at the waterhole
- The sitting area, library and cocktail bar are situated in an exquisite thatch and timber main building
- Swimming pool and sundeck overlooking the waterhole
- Curio shop

Activities

- Game Drives with open safari Land Cruisers

Suggested Daily Activity Schedule

Winter (April – September)

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

Summer (October – March)

- 05h00 - Early morning wakeup call
- 05h30 - Light continental breakfast is served in the dining room
- 06h00 - Leave for morning activity (approximately 3-4 hours)
- 11h00 - Brunch is served at the shaded dining deck (weather permitting)
- 15h30 - Afternoon tea is served at the shaded dining deck (weather permitting)



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

Electricity & Water

- Savute Safari Lodge 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 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 which are inter-leading. Both bedrooms have 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

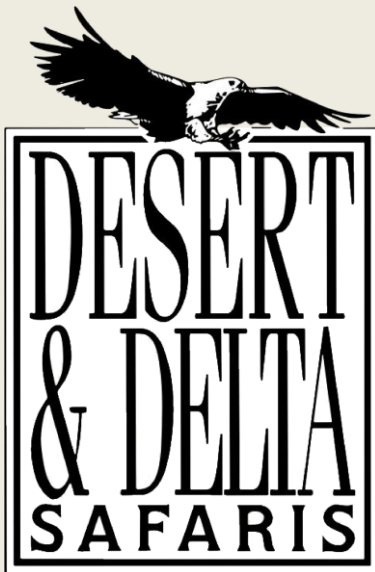
- Laundry is done on a daily basis and inclusive in the nightly rate

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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