

President of Botswana tests out the first electric game-drive vehicle

Chobe Game Lodge



President Khama had a fantastic experience test driving what promises to be the future of Africa's safari industry here at Chobe Game Lodge.

The president took the opportunity to check out our electric safari fleet while attending the African Elephant Summit here in the Chobe District.

The only fully operational electric safari vehicle in Africa – Freedom3 – has just done over 4,360km since its introduction into the Chobe Game Lodge fleet. This equates to a saving of just under 800 litres of diesel.

The first electric safari boat – Freedom4 – has completed 111 hours and saved around 240 litres of petrol.

All in all this equates to a **saving of approximately 2,167kg of CO2** that would have otherwise been emitted into the atmosphere.

On top of the benefits to the environment our guests have been enjoying a revolutionary African safari. Nothing but the gentle breeze and the sound of the Chobe bush during safari.

Lebo and Lynn, the two female guides initially operating the fleet, have said that guests have been absolutely blown away by the the 'electric safari' and peaceful experience of being on a silent safari boat and vehicle. There is no better way to be on safari!

Our next electric game-drive vehicle has just arrived with the third in the conversion process. We're extremely happy with the performance thus far and delighted to be a part of our President's first experience of the new era in ecotourism in Africa – here on Botswana soil!