

FACTSHEET



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INTRODUCTION

Deep in the Okavango Delta, far from the maddening crowds, lies the Mapula Lodge. This authentic safari lodge is ideal for guests wanting to explore the untouched African wilderness. Resting on the sandy banks of a hippo lagoon, Mapula is literally cradled within the channels and lagoons of the Delta. Traditional dug-out canoes called mokoro's are used for water safaris and land based game drives take place in an open-topped Land Rover.

There are 7 twin rooms, 1 double room and 1 family unit interlinked via sandy walkways, creating a sense of privacy. Rooms have spectacular views of the Okavango Delta. Rooms are built on stilts and have private, wooden decks shaded by water fig trees. Designed in earthy, natural tones and using elements from nature; the lodge literally looks like an extension of the Okavango wilderness. Each of the rooms have an en-suite bathroom, open-air shower and a traditional African zinc tub.

Relax under pristine night skies and enjoy the flat landscapes that seem to swallow the sunsets.

AT A GLANCE

- This is an independently owned, traditional lodge.
- Mapula is located on a permanent lagoon, teeming with hippo. Hear them grunting at night while you sleep.
- Enjoy adventurous water safaris, land safaris, birding, fishing, guided walks and photographic opportunities.

- A variety of game viewing from small mammals to large predators.
- Warm, friendly staff who welcome guests with traditional African songs.
- Relax in the swimming pool on the lower deck while you look out for crocs in the lagoon.
- The family chalet Consisting of two en-suite bedrooms with an adjoining door
- Enjoy socialising with guests at the bush bar.
- Stay in rooms on stilts with panoramic views of the Okavango Delta.

FACILITIES

- 7 twin rooms, 1 double room and 1 family room (inter-leading door)
- En suite bathrooms
- Open-air showers
- Traditional zinc bath tub
- Fans in rooms
- Mosquito nets
- Safe in the rooms
- Rooms either have large double beds or two spacious single beds
- Lounge and private deck in each room
- Communal lounge, library and dining area
- Curio shop on site
- Large viewing deck with a view of the Okavango Delta
- There is a lower deck with a small pool complete with sun loungers
- Bush bar
- Mapula has its own air strip called Xarakai



ACTIVITIES

- Games drives
- Night drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Guided Game walks
- Birding safaris
- Photographic safaris
- Mokoro trails

A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

This is a rough schedule of how a typical day on safari looks like. This is always scheduled to change due to weather and other factors. You will need to be flexible - rangers and guides will focus on where there is wildlife and the best method of viewing the best of what Botswana has to offer. The times below are merely a suggestion of what to expect.

- **05:30 – 06:30:** A simple early morning snack of cereals, yoghurts and fruit is served before departing on the game drive.
- **09:30 – 10:30:** Return from your game drive and devour a full breakfast.
- **10:30 – 13:30:** Leisure time. Arrange a Mokoro trip, walking trail or simply relax at the pool.
- **13:30/14:00:** Lunch
- **14:00 – 16:00:** Afternoon tea is served before the afternoon game drive which normally departs at 16:00.
- **20:00:** Return from your game drive and enjoy a boma dinner.

LOCATION

Mapula Lodge is situated on a private concession of

12 000 hectares in the northwest seasonal floodplains of the Okavango Delta - the concession borders with the world famous Moremi National Park.

HOW TO GET THERE

Mapula Lodge is a 45 minute flight from Maun International Airport. Guests will fly in a small, low-flying plane over the Delta. Mapula Lodge has its own airstrip, called Xarakai (pronounced Kari-ki), with the GPS coordinates:

GPS CO-ORDINATES: 18°51' 17.40" S 22° 44' 48.59" E

RATES

Please note that all Mapula Lodge rates are given per person, per day in US dollars. As the Okavango Delta changes through the seasons, our rates change to match. Although game can be enjoyed all year round, it is at its most abundant during the winter months or the 'High Season'.

Green Season 1 DEC 2013 - 31 MAR	Shoulder Season APRIL-JUNE & NOV	High Season 1 July - 31 Oct
US\$ 440.00 PP PN SHARING	US\$ 620.00 PP PN SHARING	US\$ 745.00 PP PN SHARING

Rates include:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Beverages - including local beers & wines, tea, coffee, bottled water and cool drinks
- Laundry service
- Activities - including morning & evening game drives and bush walks, mokoro trips and boat rides when conditions allow
- All government taxes and levies



Rates exclude:

- Visa costs
- Light aircraft transfers
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Curios and items of a personal nature
- Any special requests

CHILD POLICY

All children are welcome. Children between the ages of 6 – 12 will be charged 50 % discount on the adult rate. Adults travelling with small children must hire a private vehicle.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Malaria

The Okavango Delta is located in a malaria area. The wetter season is more prevalent to mosquitos; irrespective, precautions should be taken. Mosquito repellent and creams are available over the counter in pharmacies. However, you'll need to chat to your local GP about oral medication. The anti-malaria pills will depend on what current medications you are taking and what is effective in the area you are visiting.

Wildlife

Visitors are often drawn to the Delta for its variety of wildlife and diverse habitat. It's a great area for water safaris, land safaris and fishing activities. During the catfish run the mass of activity attracts wading birds such as, fish eagles, cormorants, darters, herons, kingfishers and egrets.

The red lechwe antelope is unique to the Delta and has adapted to survive in a swamp environment and endemic to this area of Botswana. Predators such as lion, leopard and hyena, are common sightings, and the endangered African wild dog also occurs in the Okavango Delta. The waters of the Delta are teeming with hippo and crocodile. You will not be short of sightings in the Okavango Delta.

Weather

The wet season (summer) is ideal for bird watching. Summers have a high humidity, rainfall and can be hot. Winters are moderate, yet still warm and dry during the day. During October temperatures can soar to 40 degrees Celsius. Expect a drop in temperature during the night in winter.

Summer	Oct - Mar	33 degrees (day)
Winter	April - Sep	25 degrees (day)

WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie and gloves – the mornings are cold during winter