

RAW

BOTSWANA

FACT SHEET





INTRODUCTION

Motswiri Camp, enviably located on the banks of the Selinda Spillway in northern Botswana, offers horseback safaris, walking trails, boating, mekoro, canoeing, fishing and game drive experiences in one of the country's most exquisite wildlife areas. It is a small, environmentally sustainable camp with five tented suites overlooking the spillway.

The camp is largely solar-powered, and promotes low impact living in this unique and fragile ecosystem supporting an untamed extravagance of animal and birdlife. Each of the timber and canvas tents has en suite bathrooms, comfortable bedrooms, and individual decks with a view.

The team at Motswiri shares many decades of experience running adventurous and eco-friendly safaris with superior attention to detail, friendly service, wholesome and delicious cooking, and expert guiding and wildlife knowledge. Embrace the phenomenal surroundings as you indulge in unforgettable experiences.

AT A GLANCE

- 5-Tented Safari Camp on the Selinda Spillway, northern Botswana
- Fly-in safari camp with adjacent airstrip
- Family-friendly (family unit 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms)
- Exclusive access to 120 000 acres of the Selinda Reserve on the north eastern side of the Okavango Panhandle
- Horseback safaris, walking trails, game drives, mekoro, canoeing, boating, and fishing activities on offer
- Fresh, wholesome meals 3 times a day using locally sourced produce

- Guest tents and main lodge area located on the raised banks of the Spillway
- Unfenced camp allowing for the free-flow of wildlife
- Camp staff, management and guides have decades of experience in the industry offering exceptional service and safari experience
- All activities are led by a qualified armed professional guide

FACILITIES

- Main lodge with outdoor lounge, viewing deck, dining area overlooking the Selinda Spillway
- Swimming pool and shaded pool deck
- 5 Tented chalets
 - 1 Family unit
 - 1 Honeymoon suite
- Fly camp west of Motswiri located on the riverbank for RAW Night Out

ACTIVITIES

Motswiri offers various adventure-filled safari activities in the Selinda Reserve, including horseback safaris, walking trails, and a RAW Night Out.

- Horseback safaris (riders are required to be competent and have their own gear)
- Walking trails
- Mokoro safaris
- Motorised boating safaris
- Fishing
- Game drives
- Birdwatching
- Canoeing
- RAW Night Out (fly camp site with bucket shower, long drop, accessed by horseback, mokoro, canoe, on foot or game drive)



A TYPICAL DAY AT RAW BOTSWANA

The daily schedule depends on the guests' activity choice combinations, and seasonal accessibility of the camp. There is no set departure time, so the schedule is flexible. Horseback safaris include up to 6 hours in the saddle, broken up by refreshment stops.

In the afternoons, mekoro cruises, canoeing, motorised boat trips, fishing, or walking activities are on offer; so schedules will differ according to which activity the group decides on. June to August are the wettest months due to the expected arrival of the flood waters from Angola.

Selinda Reserve will offer some of the most exquisite scenery and experiences through all the activities offered. Three meals and 3-course dinners are provided each day.

LOCATION

Motswiri Camp is located on the banks of the spectacular Selinda Spillway, an ancient water-course linking the Okavango and Kwando Linyanti floodplains in northern Botswana.

The Selinda Reserve lies to the east of the Okavango Panhandle, and is a revered and exquisite wildlife area. To the south and west of the camp are the expansive plains of the Okavango Delta, while the riverine forests lining the Spillway run east and west.

The camp operates exclusively on 120 000 acres of this magnificent and world-renowned tract of land. Guests can fly in to Motswiri's adjacent airstrip from Maun and Kasane, which of course, is an experience in itself. The view from the air during the 40-minute light air transfer (from Maun; 1hr 10min from Kasane) is of the scenic jewel-toned Delta waterways.

HOW TO GET THERE

Maun is the gateway to the Okavango Delta, and Motswiri is thereafter accessed by privately chartered light aircraft - a short 40-minute flight from Maun (1hr 10min from Kasane) to our airstrip adjacent to camp. There is a luggage restriction on this flight of 20kgs (44lbs) per person, and a requirement for soft-sided luggage.

Guests can fly daily to Maun on Air Botswana from any of the following airports: Johannesburg, Cape Town and Gaborone. Motswiri arranges private charters in a light aircraft from Maun and Kasane directly into camp.

CHILD POLICY

Children of all ages are welcome at Motswiri Camp, but riders and walkers need to be over the age of 12.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Weather

Summer months run from September to April, with the hottest months being October, November and February. Temperatures can rise to 40C at midday, and summer rainfall begins from October with December to February being the wettest months.

Winter occurs from around May to the end of August. These are the dry months with cooler temperatures in the early mornings and evenings, and the mild daytime temperatures are comfortable at around mid-20s(C).

WILDLIFE

Mammals

The unique combination of floodplains and dry landscapes in Selinda offers some exceptional game viewing and species diversity. The constant presence of water in the Spillway provides a home to large herbivores, such



as hippo, elephant, and buffalo, while water-dependent antelope like zebra, giraffe, tsessebe, roan, lechwe, are a constant presence.

Predators

With the presence of grazers and browsers comes the predator population, including some of Africa's rare and endangered hunters: wild dog and cheetah. Lion prides and solitary leopards patrol the plains, while crocodiles lurk in the waters, and raptors prey from above.

Birdlife

Selinda's diverse vegetation brings a variety of bird species to Motswiri and the surroundings. The Spillway is alive with the presence of water birds, such as kingfishers, herons, jacanas, storks, and bee-eaters, while flycatchers, larks, weavers, and warblers populate the grasslands, and of course birds of prey soar in the skies.

MALARIA

Before travelling, guests are encouraged to consult their local doctors on anti-malarial medication and preparation,

however a repellent stick or spray is effective and should be utilised.

WHAT TO PACK

Throughout the year, lightweight neutral-coloured clothing is recommended, as well as suitable walking shoes. There is a swimming pool, so bring swimming togs along, hats, sun glasses, and sunscreen, and remember to pack cameras, chargers, binoculars, and other gadgets or reference books for the area's wildlife and landscape if you would like.

Riders must pack their own riding-gear, helmets, chaps, and boots. Luggage must be limited to a weight limit of 20kg (44lbs) per person, packed into soft-sided bags, so as to fit into the light aircraft. Excess baggage can be stored in our Maun office.

It is recommended to carry a waterproof camera while horse riding due to the risk of splashing and/or submersion in the Delta water - this risk is lower if you are walking or boating. There is a same-day laundry service at Motswiri.

