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INTRODUCTION

John Chase Safaris is a luxury mobile safari operation offering guided tours of Botswana's top destinations on a mobile camping basis. Spacious Meru-style tented accommodation with en suite bush bathrooms and bucket showers are complete with twin beds, floor rugs, canvas cupboard space, and shaded canvas verandahs.

All camping duties, from camp construction, to cooking, to drinks service is taken care of, leaving guests with only the responsibility to relax in these private campsites selected for their remoteness and their locations in some of the best wildlife regions in the country.

A minimum of 4, and a maximum of 12 people are accommodated in utmost comfort and style while experiencing the excitement of camping in the wild. No electricity in camp, but an inverter is available for charging of camera and mobile phone batteries. Both tailored itineraries, and set-departure trips are catered for, offering exclusivity and convenience for a variety of clientele.

AT A GLANCE

- Mobile safari throughout Botswana
- Non-participation – each camp is set up prior to guests' arrival
- Luxury camping in spacious Meru-style tents with en suite canvas bathrooms
- Bucket showers (warm water on demand), and pit latrines in the en suite 'bush bathroom'

- Dining tent housing bar and coffee station, plus dining table and chairs
- Lounge marquee in camp with safari loungers and couch with reading material
- Battery powered bedside lamps (no electricity at mobile camps)
- A team of guide, host, and cooking and house keeping staff present at each camp
- Itineraries can be tailored to include a combination of both lodge and camping experience
- Twice daily game drives, unless a full day safari is planned
- Full day safaris include picnic lunches and refreshments along the way
- Campsites used are reserved for local safari operators only, ensuring exclusivity and privacy
- Extremely professional guides and warm hosting making guests feel very comfortable at all times
- Breakfast, lunch and a 3-course dinner prepared each day in the kitchen tent located subtly separate from guest areas

FACILITIES

- 3x4m Meru-style tents (twin beds), each with floor rugs, canvas clothing shelves, bedside tables with battery-powered lanterns, en suite bathroom with bucket shower and pit latrine, canvas shaded verandah



- Dining tent with set dining table, coffee station, and fully-stocked bar
- Lounge marquee with safari chairs and a couch, and reading material
- Campfire with safari chairs, each accompanied by a wooden table
- Inverter for charging of phone and camera batteries
- Gift pack with bathroom cosmetics and other goodies for each guest
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching from camp, and out on game drive
- Dinners under the stars and next to the fire in the traditional, ambient way
- Traditional South African braai with meat cooked over the open fire

ACTIVITIES

- Twice daily game drives (unless full day safari or transfer day)
- Option for mokoro or boating safari in Khwai
- Option for Chobe River boat cruise in lieu of one game drive in Chobe

TYPICAL DAY AT JOHN CHASE SAFARI

Below is an outline of a typical day on safari with John Chase Safaris. The schedule is tailored to the specific itinerary, which may change on transfer days or full day safaris.

- **05h30** Wake-up call
- **06h00** Coffee and a light breakfast
- **06h30** Depart on morning game drive





- **10h30** Return to camp and freshen up
- **11h30** Brunch followed by siesta and shower time
- **15h00** Tea and snacks before game drive
- **16h00** Depart on afternoon game drive and enjoy sundowners in the bush
- **19h00** Return to camp and settle around the campfire with refreshments
- **20h00** Dinner is served

LOCATION

All the best bits of Botswana. This country is home to an incredibly diverse environment hosting a wide variety of Africa's biggest and smallest fauna and flora. John Chase Safaris is a mobile adventure through multiple destinations in Botswana, seamlessly sewn together by the experts.

Itineraries include luxury camping or lodging in Moremi Game Reserve, Central Kalahari, Makgadikgadi Pans, Nxai Pan, and Chobe National Park. Pre-prepared camps are located in private BOGA (Botswana Guides Association) or HATAB (Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana) sites well off the beaten track, while luxury lodges in Savuti and Nxai Pan are incorporated into both set-departure and tailored itineraries.

HOW TO GET THERE

Guests will arrange their own international or domestic flights to Botswana up until the point arranged for John Chase Safaris to meet guests at their hotel or the airport when they arrive.

Depending on whether it is a set-departure or tailored safari, guests' first destination in Botswana will vary.

Set departures begin in Maun, where a John Chase Safaris representative will collect guests from Maun airport/hotel and whisk them off in a game drive vehicle to their campsite in Moremi Game Reserve (roughly a 3 - 4 hour drive).

Should the safari begin in Chobe, guests will be met at Kasane airport and commence the 2 hour journey through Chobe National Park to the prepared campsite.

CHILD POLICIES

Children of all ages are welcome with John Chase Safaris, making this the perfect luxury-adventure option for families

RATES INCLUDE

- All charter flights as stated in itinerary
- Accommodation in en suite Meru-style tents on mobile safari
- Accommodation in luxury lodges during lodge leg of itinerary
- All road transfers
- All game drive activities as stated in itinerary
- All National Park fees and camping fees in Botswana.
- All meals and beverages (mineral water, soft



drinks, beer, local wines) in Botswana camp and lodge.

- Daily laundry service when there are no water restrictions.

RATES EXCLUDE

- International flights pre- and post-safari
- Any extra activities not mentioned on original itinerary and quote.
- Rates quoted for guests are from midday on date of arrival to after breakfast on the date of departure, (leaving camp latest 8.30am). This is to avoid additional National Park fees due to strict Government regulations. Guests wishing to arrive/depart before or after these stated times would be liable for additional park and guide fees.
- Tips and gratuities for guides and staff.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO:

Weather

Climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods (September, October), and also very wet seasons (December-February). Winter (June, July, August) packs cold nights and mild, dry days, while November to February is hot and wet.

Temperatures in summer soar as high as 40°C bringing warm nights and humidity levels fluctuating between 50% and 80%. The average annual rainfall is 450mm and most of it falls between December and March in the form of heavy afternoon thunderstorms.

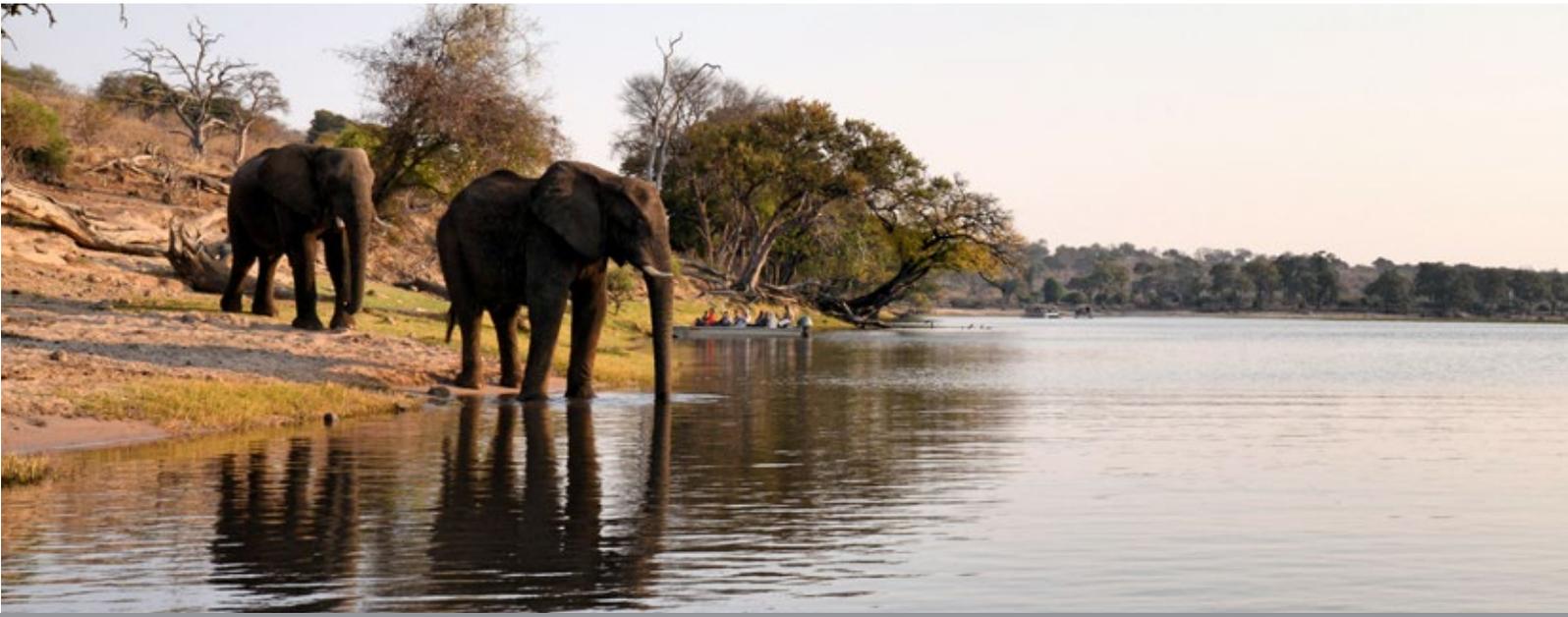
In contrast, the winter nights can drop to barely above freezing in the Delta and the desert, although daytime temperatures at this time of year are mild to warm.

Wildlife

Botswana is a wildlife paradise, with elephants roaming in high numbers, hippos occupying every waterway, buffalo gathering en masse to drink from the waterholes, zebra migrations, red lechwe bounding through rivers, giraffe touching the tree tops, and warthogs shovelling the earth.

Moremi and Savute are renowned for their abundance of predators. Lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, and spotted and brown hyena, are some of the top predator species that are frequently seen hot on the heels of the herbivores. The great Nile crocodiles lurk in the waters, too.





The birdlife in Botswana is no exception to the fantastic collection of wild creatures that call this country home. The many waterways of the Okavango Delta and Moremi, and of course the Chobe River create a habitat for many water birds, while raptors soar overhead, and melodious larks disguise themselves in the scrub.

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

The climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods and also very wet seasons. Winter (June, July, August) pack cold nights and mild, dry days. Depending on what time of year you travel, you will need certain essentials.

- Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves
- Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock,

sun hats, and glasses.

- Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings on the boat, especially in winter.
- Comfortable walking shoes are essential, as is sun protection in the form of hats, sunglasses and sun block.
- Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings.

