



# FACT SHEET





## INTRODUCTION

Mankwe Bush Lodge occupies a secret spot among the evergreen mopane trees in a 365 000 hectare private concession on the eastern boundary of Moremi Game Reserve. Mankwe, meaning 'mother leopard', offers privacy and safari comfort on the doorstep of the Okavango Delta.

Botswana's expansive paradise runs wild around Mankwe's 8 Meru-style tented chalets, where guests absorb the presence of birds and wildlife, day and night. Canvas suites are mounted on wooden decks overlooking the bush.

Guests reside in the tranquil quietude of Mankwe, while daily safari excursions explore the Khwai wetlands, Moremi's diverse wildlife habitats, as well as the network of private pans surrounding the lodge itself. Birdlife and wildlife are present around the unfenced lodge at all times.

## AT A GLANCE

- Located on a 365 000 hectare private concession on the border of Moremi
- Affordable safari lodge accommodation in a prime area of Botswana
- A short 1.5-2 hours' drive from Maun (96km)
- 8 Meru-style tented suites with en suite bathrooms and viewing decks
- Tented suites are secluded, offering privacy, and exclusive views of the bush
- The main area of the lodge has a lounge, bar and dining tent that flows out onto the boma area.
- Full day safaris to the Moremi Game Reserve, Khwai, Okavango Delta, include picnic lunches and refreshments along the way

- Sunset game drives around the network of pans in the concession
- Professional guides and warm hosting making guests feel very comfortable at all times
- Unfenced camp with wildlife free to roam throughout
- Ideal lodge for safari circuit including Xobega Island and Tuskers Safari Camp

## FACILITIES

- Canvas Meru-style tented suites on elevated wooden decks with shaded verandahs and views of the bush
- En suite bathrooms with loo, vanity station, and shower, with complimentary bath products
- Thatched main lodge, including unisex guest bathroom, lounge, bar, and canvas tented dining area
- Central boma/fireplace on the main lodge deck
- Coffee station at the main lodge
- Drinking water provided in rooms, but tap water not palatable
- Single solar-powered light switch for bedroom and bathroom respectively
- Charging station located in the bar area at main lodge between 18h00 and 20h00

## ACTIVITIES

- Sunset game drive in Mankwe's private concession on day of arrival
- Morning and afternoon game drives, as well as night drives in the concession
- Full day safaris to Khwai, Moremi Game Reserve, including packed lunches and refreshments
- Birdwatching
- Sundowners at various waterholes in the concession
- Safari circuit linking with Xobega Island, where daily boat and mokoro cruises are conducted from Mboma Boat & Mokoro Station



### A TYPICAL DAY AT MANKWE BUSH LODGE

Daily schedules change according to the seasons, guests' itineraries and requests; however, the below is a guideline schedule for a full-day safari.

- **06h00** Wake-up call
- **06h30** Coffee and breakfast at the lodge
- **07h00-07h30** Depart Mankwe for a full-day safari in Moremi Game Reserve
- **15h00** Return to the lodge
- **17h00** Optional sunset drive ending with night drive in concession
- **19h30** Dinner served at the lodge

Morning and afternoon game drives, as well as night drives by spotlight take place on the concession in the event that no full-day safari takes place.

- **05h00** Wake up call
- **05h30** Coffee and rusks at the lodge
- **06h00** Depart for game drive in the concession
- **09h00** Return to the lodge
- **09h30** Breakfast is served in the dining tent followed by leisure time
- **14h30** Lunch is served
- **16h00** Depart for an afternoon game drive ending in a night drive
- **19h30** Dinner is served at the lodge, followed by campfire chatter

### LOCATION

Mankwe Bush Lodge is located on the eastern edge of the Okavango Delta, renowned World Heritage Site in

Botswana. The border of the Moremi Game Reserve lies a stone's throw to the west of Mankwe, while Chobe National Park is slightly north, and Maun is barely two hours south, by road.

The lodge is nestled in a prime location in its own 365 000 hectare concession, shared with sister lodge, Tuskers Safari Camp. This is a prestigious territory in the wild wonderland of Botswana, where the lack of fences allows for free-roaming wildlife, resident lions, an abundance of elephants, and incomprehensible room to explore.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Mankwe Bush Lodge is located only 85km from Maun, and is easily and affordably accessed by self-drivers from Maun Airport. Alternatively, a road transfer from the airport to the lodge can be arranged.

Self-drivers travelling from Maun Airport will exit Maun in the direction of Mababe on the Seretse Khama road, cross the vet fence and eventually keep right at the fork, continuing towards Savute. Mankwe Bush Lodge is sign-posted on the left, where you will arrive at your destination.

### CHILD POLICY

Children aged 6 and over are welcome at Mankwe Bush Lodge, but parents are reminded that it is an unfenced camp and children are to be supervised at all times

### GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

#### Weather

The 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 is a known wildlife hotspot, and is a protected area of the Okavango Delta. Lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, and spotted and brown hyena, are some of the top predator species that are frequently seen.

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 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) packs 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

