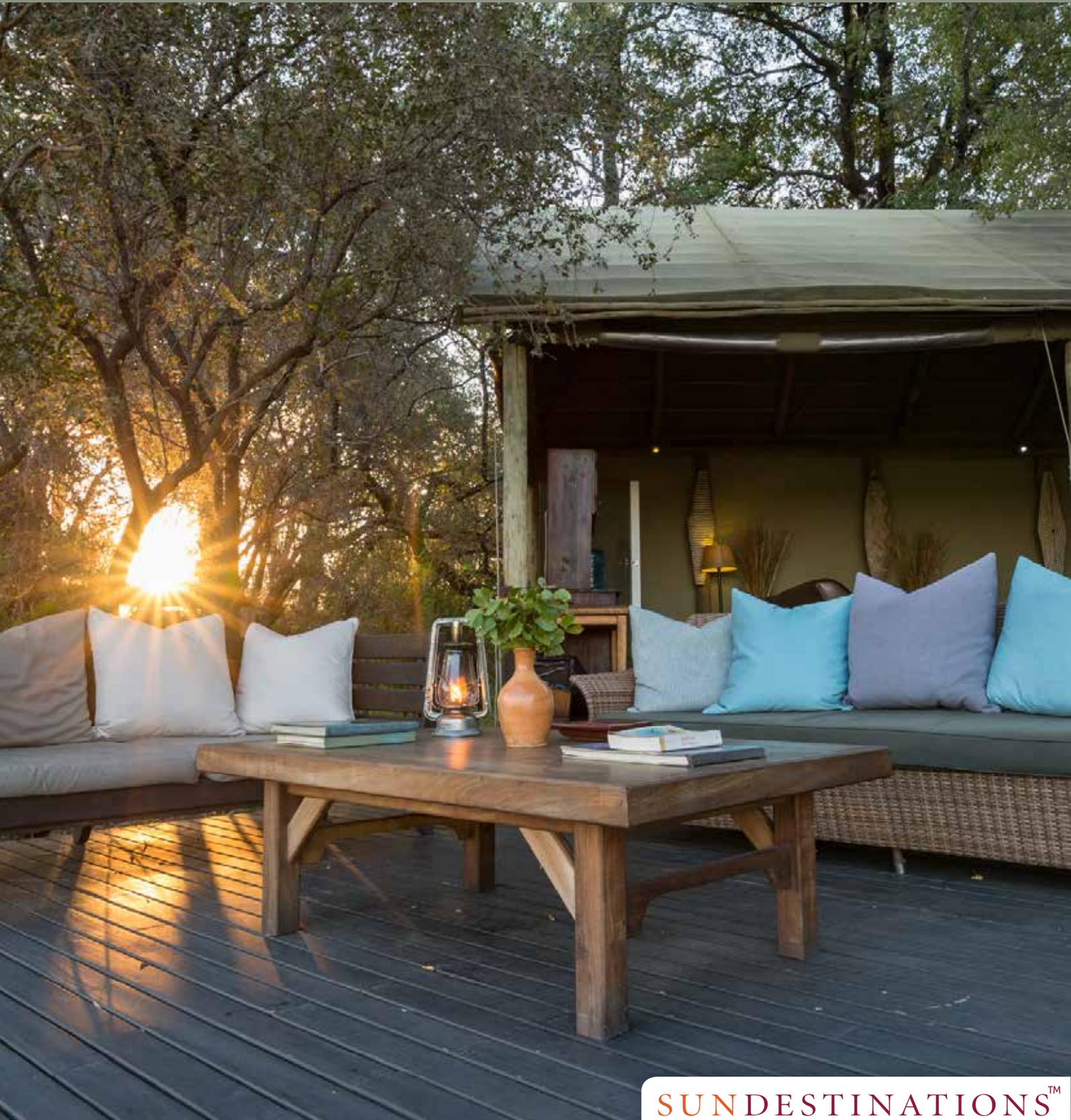


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## BOTSWANA

MOTSWIRI CAMP

# FACT SHEET



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### INTRODUCTION

Located in northern Botswana's revered Selinda Reserve, Motswiri Camp occupies an exquisite spot on the banks of the Selinda Spillway. Here, this environmentally conscious camp looks out over the peaceful floodplains, offering a view of all the birds and wildlife attracted to the glistening lagoon. There are 5 classic tented chalets, built on wooden decking, which all look over the water. The main area of the camp, including a large, covered deck with a lounge and dining area, overlooks the open boma area and the Spillway. From every location in the camp, the emphasis is on the view from this sublime location.

There are 120 000 acres of exclusive traverse to explore on foot, by boat, mekoro, or game drive, and expert guides lead keen fishermen, photographers, or birdwatchers to the sweet spots in the reserve for some personalised safari activities. The surpassing Motswiri Camp service, from camp life to outdoor adventures, comes from years of experience.

### 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
- 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
- Open-air boma and fire pit on the banks of the Spillway
- Swimming pool and shaded pool deck
- Fly camp west of Motswiri Camp located on the riverbank for RAW Night Out is open from April to October each year and subject to weather conditions
- 5 Tented chalets
  - 1 Family unit
  - 1 Honeymoon suite

### ACTIVITIES

Motswiri Camp offers various adventure-filled safari activities in the Selinda Reserve, providing the opportunity for a diverse game-viewing experience. **Activities are water-dependent and seasonal, please contact us for further info.**

- Walking trails
- Mekoro safaris
- Motorised boating safaris
- Fishing
- Game drives
- Bird-watching
- Canoeing
- Motswiri Night Out (fly camp site with bucket shower and long drop toilet; mekoro, canoe, on foot or game drive activities)



### DAILY SCHEDULE

The schedule at Motswiri Camp is easily adapted to what suits guests the most. The timing and length of morning and afternoon activities depend entirely on choice and convenience, and the seasonal availability of some activities.

Any of the activities on offer are available to enjoy in either the mornings or the afternoons, so it is up to the group to choose what to do and when. Perhaps a morning walking safari will be interrupted by a refreshment stop and a dip in the pristine waters, and a sunset boat cruise might be the perfect conclusion to the day.

The months June, July and August are the wettest months, as the expected flood waters from Angola arrive. Game drives will be limited during this time, but water-orientated activities will be expansive. No matter what the schedule, 3 meals are served each day.

### LOCATION

The Selinda Reserve is an alluring tract of land, vastly unexplored due to its limited accessibility, in northern Botswana. The Selinda Spillway courses through the reserve, joining the Okavango Delta in the south and the Linyanti swamps in the west, flowing in both directions. To the north lies the Caprivi Strip, or what is now known as the Zambezi Region.

Motswiri Camp is located in the Selinda Reserve on 120 000 acres of private land, right on the banks of the Spillway, overlooking the vast, open floodplains from a shaded spot beneath riverine trees. The sheer remoteness of the camp's location is perhaps its greatest asset. There is a private airstrip, which is the only way of getting in and out of the camp. Other than that: acres of peace and quiet, aside from the sounds of the natural surroundings.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Motswiri Camp occupies a sublime and remote location in the Selinda Reserve, and its limited accessibility is part of its exclusive appeal. Scheduled light air charters will bring guests to these northern Botswana floodplains from Maun or Kasane on a daily basis.

The short and scenically beautiful 40-minute flight will bring guests from Maun or Kasane to Motswiri Camp's private airstrip where they will be met by their host and driven the remainder of the journey to camp. Luggage restrictions on these flights limit guests to 20kg each in soft-sided bags or suitcases.

Flights to Botswana's Maun and Kasane Airports occur on a daily basis from Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Gaborone. Motswiri Camp will arrange flights to and from the camp on behalf of their guests.

### CHILD POLICY

Children of all ages are welcome at Motswiri Camp; the age limit for walking trails is 12 years old.

### 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-20C.



## WILDLIFE

### MAMMALS

Selinda's unique combination of swamplands, floodplains, and dry landscapes attracts a diversity of wildlife, and perhaps most noticeably, the presence of buffalo in the Selinda Reserve. Sable and roan antelope are two special species regularly found in the area, while elephant, hippo, giraffe, zebra, and tsessebe make up the wide population of mammals seen in the wilderness.

### BIRDLIFE

The Selinda Spillway, which runs right in front of the camp, attracts a diversity of birdlife to its banks, offering up some excellent birding opportunities. Look out for water birds, such as kingfishers, herons, jacanas, storks, ducks, lapwings, teals, bitterns, and bee-eaters. Grassland birds and birds of prey are easily spotted throughout the reserve.

### PREDATORS

Selinda, and indeed the area around the camp, has gained a reputation for increasing wild dog and cheetah sightings, which are two of Africa's rarest large carnivores. The cheetah thrives in the open landscape, while leopard, lion, and spotted hyena also occur in good numbers.

## 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 that might be useful on the trip.

Luggage must be limited to a weight limit of 20kg (44lbs) per person, packed into soft-sided bags, which is a requirement of the light aircraft guests will be travelling in. Excess baggage can be stored in the camp's Maun office for collection upon return. There is a same-day laundry service at Motswiri Camp, but guests should leave valuable clothing behind as the sun-drying method might bleach delicate fabric. There is a small library selection at the camp, which contains some interesting and relevant reference books.

