



MOELA SAFARI

Boteti River Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, Botswana

Moela Safari is a luxurious, beautifully crafted lodge on the cliffs of Botswana's Boteti River Valley, where the Okavango Delta drains into the Kalahari Desert, overlooking the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Moela sits in the 700ha Ngande Private Reserve, a community owned, exclusive use concession. This offers unparalleled access to the Boteti, the wider Makgadikgadi and our very own private walking and game drive areas in one of the most productive wildlife regions in Africa.

The eight open plan, thatched luxury suites all have spectacular panoramas over the bustling valley. Each suite is equipped with an elegant viewing deck to exclusively enjoy the endless streams of wildlife drinking from the water below.

The main lodge area includes an open plan dining room, a well-stocked library, bar, swimming pool furnished with daybeds and multiple decks to relax and game watch from.

Wildlife viewing is productive all year. In the dry season, Moela safari lodge enjoys at least 6 months of migratory Zebra and Wildebeest viewing without having to even leave the lodge. Throughout the year, Impala, Kudu, Giraffe are a plenty and it's not uncommon to have groups of over a hundred Elephant in the valley below at any time of the year.

Moela is praised for its innovative and eco-led design and decor. It was built by the people of Khumaga village, from the building structures down to the handmade clay bricks, individually crafted by the women from the village. It is artistic and a one of its kind!

Freshly made, exciting and diverse meals are served at Moela and guests have the option to enjoy meals socialising in the dining room or privately on their viewing deck.

You are guided by experienced Botswana guides and San Bushman who have a close relationship with the Makgadikgadi's dramatic landscape, all of whom are passionate about their land and culture. We look forward to welcoming our valued guests to enjoy our piece of safari paradise!





Accommodation | Experience

Accommodation

Luxury Suites 1,3,6

Twin/double suite

- Private wildlife viewing deck
- 1x bedroom, ensuite bathroom and living area
- Daily laundry

Luxury Suites 2,4,7

Permanent double

- Private wildlife viewing deck
- 1x bedroom, ensuite bathroom and living area
- Daily laundry

Luxury Suite 5

Family suite - sleeps up to 6

- 1x king, 1x twin/double & 1x bunk bed
- Private wildlife viewing deck
- 2 x Bedroom, 2 x bathroom and living area
- Daily laundry

Luxury Suite 8

Family suite - sleeps up to 4

- 2x twin/doubles
- 2x ensuite bathrooms & 1x living area
- Private wildlife viewing deck
- Daily laundry

Experience

- View the largest Zebra and Wildebeest Migration in Southern Africa (approx. June - November annually)
- Day and night guided game drives in our private concession
- Guided nature walks in our private concession
- San Bushman walking and animal tracking in our private concession
- Private viewing deck at each suite for exclusive, uninterrupted game viewing
- Game viewing from the lodge "nest" and "river bed" decks - for exceptional photography moments
- Game drives in the Makgadikgadi National Park
- Large swimming pool with an incredible view of wildlife down below; fantastic birdwatching look-out point
- Cultural visits to local village & community that Moela partners with.
- Boating on the Boteti River - seasonal & water level dependent (approx. July/August).
- Sleepouts on the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (on 4-night stays, 1st July - 15th October, T&Cs apply, refer rate sheet).
- Day trips to Nxai Pans National Park & Baines Baobab - (on 3-night stays, all year-round T&Cs apply, refer rate sheet).
- Wellness Spa (additional cost)

6 Reasons to visit Moela Safari, perched on the Boteti Cliffs.



1. Wow Factor!

Moela Safari's view is unparalleled in Botswana. Perched on the cliffs of a long bend in the river, Moela Safari enjoys sweeping panoramas of the Boteti River Valley to the West and the East, allowing 180 degrees of some of the best wildlife viewing from your private deck. It has also been built by the local Botswana women and the lodge is a work of art - unique and luxurious!

2. You can do everything or nothing!

With vast numbers of wildlife coming straight to the lodge as well as access to the Makgadikgadi NP and Nxai Pans, we are perfectly located to enjoy an array of areas and diverse activities as well as being the ideal location to relax and enjoy the game viewing right from the lodge or from the private reserve - which allows Moela to enjoy incredible game drives, walks and night drives in an exclusive setting.

3. View the largest migration in Southern Africa right from the lodge

The largest migration in Southern Africa resides in the Boteti River valley for at least 6 months of the year and guests at Moela have front row seats to witness this bucket list phenomenon. This is safari heaven and during the green season, one can still enjoy the migration from the air, taking a scenic heli flight over the pans (additional cost).

4. Ancient Culture

Our guests have the rare opportunity to track animals and learn from the ancient Ju/'hoansi San people. They've been living in Southern Africa for thousands of years and represent some of the oldest traditions, most ancient hunting techniques and language. They reside at the lodge and guests can also enjoy unique experiences, like taking the San bushmen on a game drive or spending a morning learning their ancient traditions.

5. Unique Activities

At Moela Safari, we believe in experiential luxury and immersive safaris. From after dusk drives on the reserve with an opportunity for the weird and wonderful nocturnal species, to helicopter scenic flights, to pan sleep outs and purposeful community activities. We thrive on taking you on a journey of discovery.

6. Eco-chic safari design

Moela Safari offers elegant safari style, blended with traditional African architecture and design. The lodge was constructed by skilled Botswana craftspeople and artisans from the local village using locally sourced materials. The suites have been carefully designed, sensitive to the ecology and to maximize your experience of the abundant wildlife coming to drink at the water's edge below. The lodge offers an eco-chic, minimalist design - authentic luxury at its best.



Important Information

Getting Here

Road Access

Maun - Moela Safari - Maun: In-house shuttle transfer, 2 hours on good roads from Maun Airport:

Departs Maun and Moela to accommodate all guests - contact reservations.

Light Aircraft Access - Khumaga Airstrip (10km from Moela Safari).

Light aircraft access available to and from Moela through certified light aircraft & Helicopter charter companies.

Self drive guests provided with directions prior to travel

Forms of Payment

Cash (US\$) newer than 2006, Euro & Sterling.

Visa & MasterCard credit cards & debit cards.

Please bring cash for gratuities.

Meals & Cuisine

We cater to all dietary requirements and allergies as informed prior to your arrival.

The cuisines at Moela Safari Lodge is Western with an African twist. All homemade with fresh ingredients. We offer social dining hosted by your guides and the lodge managers; however, we also encourage private dining in your room or on your viewing deck under the stars at night or

while viewing wildlife in the day. All meals are catered to suit our guests needs, so there are no strict meal times. The lodge provides light and hearty breakfasts, light lunches, homemade cake or cookies for tea and a three-course set menu for supper.

Makgadikgadi Climate

Altitude: 1,060m.

Winter Temperature: High 24°C | Low 5°C
Mild clear days and cold nights.

Summer Temperature: : High 36°C | Low 19°C
Hot with isolated tropical showers and warm nights.

Rainfall: 450mm - 500mm per year.

Electricity at Moela

Moela runs on solar power, which provides electricity (220V) 24 hours a day.

A generator is on stand-by for backup.

Guests' electronics can be charged in the suites and in the main areas.

The power at the lodge does not support large hairdryers.

We have 3-point Type D plug sockets and 2-point plug sockets. We recommend guests bring their own converters and universal plug adaptors.

Comms at Moela

Wi-Fi internet connection is free and available in the lodge reception. There is no coverage in the common areas or the rooms. Mobile phone signal is available in some areas of the lodge (Mascom and BTC are best).

Moela Safari Vehicles

We have a fleet of customised 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers and Land Rovers for all game drives and closed shuttle 4x4's for transfers. Our safari cars are open sided for the best game viewing experience, each with a canvas roof for shade. Guests share vehicles with a maximum capacity of 6, unless exclusive use of a vehicle has been requested (US\$450 per night). Families with children 6 - 11 years of age are required to book/pay for a private vehicle.

Language

English and Setswana.

Responsible Tourism

At Moela we believe and invest significantly in community development and conservation.

We work hard to improve the living conditions for the Khumaga population of 2,000 people who own the Ngande Conservation Area. We provide them with income generated by tourism.

Responsible Tourism cont.

Sustainability

All of our camps are powered by solar hybrid system which incorporates both solar energy and a back-up generator.

All hot water systems are based on a Thermodynamic Solar Energy system, ensuring hot water generation from our sun, no matter the weather.

Traditional thatch and artistically designed clay made from sand, cow and elephant dung ensures that we utilize local expertise and materials which in turn minimizes our carbon footprint

Carbon Offsetting and Rewilding Project.

CO2 offsetting: We plan to plant 125,000 trees on the concession, offsetting approximately 50,000 tons (for a period of 20 years) of carbon emissions caused by our tourism operations.

Capacity building and empowerment of people: We working with the residents of Khumaga village to set-up and run a commercial seedball manufacturer, and to plant trees among other projects.

Our goal is to develop a sustainable conservation and reforestation plan consisting of further tree-planting and community development programs, including waste management and access to water.

Human wildlife coexistence

The main driver of animal population decline is habitat loss and exploitation of natural resources.

Our goal is to work with rural communities living on the edges of these great wilderness areas to promote biodiversity and a mutual respect for the lands and its inhabitants