



MOELA SAFARI

Boteti River Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, Botswana

Moela Safari is a luxurious, beautifully crafted lodge in Botswana's Boteti River Valley, where the Okavango Delta drains into the Kalahari Desert, in the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Moela sits in the 700ha Ngande Private Reserve, a community owned, exclusive use concession within the National Park boundary. 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 seasonally productive wildlife regions in Africa.

The eight open plan, thatched villas are perched on the Boteti cliffs with spectacular panoramas over the bustling valley. Each villa is equipped with an elegant viewing deck from which to sip a cold gin and tonic, while enjoying the endless streams of wildlife drinking from the water below.

The large thatched living area includes an open plan dining room, a well-stocked library, bar, beautiful swimming pool furnished with daybeds and multiple 'chill' areas to relax after your long flight or safari.

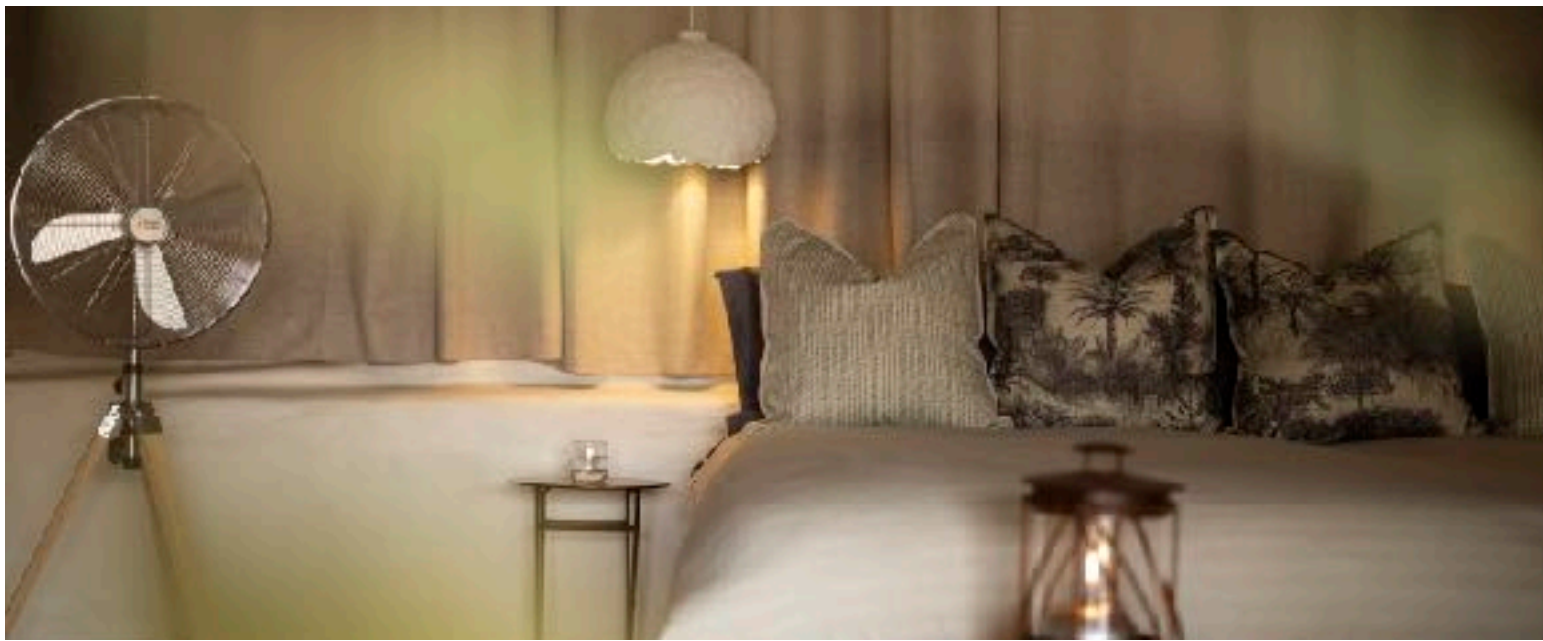
Wildlife viewing is productive all year. In the dry season, Moela safari lodge enjoys 6 months of migratory Zebra and Wildebeest without having to get in a safari car. Throughout the year, Impala, Kudu, Giraffe are a plenty and it's not uncommon to have groups of over a hundred Elephant in the valley below. The large number of herbivores attracts predators such as Lion, Leopard, Wild Dogs and Hyaena.

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 women from the village.

Freshly made, western cuisine with a Botswana safari twist. 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. Our guests can learn first-hand about their fascinating customs and their ancient





Accommodation | Experience

Accommodation

Rooms 1,3,6

Twin/double rooms - sleeps up to 3

- Private wildlife viewing deck
- 1x bedroom, ensuite bathroom and living area
- 1x additional bed can be added for children under 16 years old
- Daily laundry

Rooms 2,4,7

Permanent double rooms - sleeps up to 3

- Private wildlife viewing deck
- 1x bedroom, ensuite bathroom and living area
- 1x additional bed can be added for children under 16 years old
- Daily laundry

Room 5

Family villa - sleeps up to 6

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

Room 8

Family villa - sleeps up to 4

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

Experience

- Day and night guided game drives
- Guided walks
- San Bushman walking and animal tracking
After dark drives and walking in 700ha private concession only
- Bush meals and sundowners
- Birdwatching
- Large swimming pool with a view
- Wellness Spa
Wellness Spa - booking upon arrival, payable directly at the lodge
- Cultural visits to local village & community
Cultural visits must be pre-booked
- Scenic helicopter excursions with posh-picnics and Helicopter Transfers
Helicopter activities & transfers upon request at additional cost
- Weddings & Blessings (payable extra)
- Day Trips to Nxai Pans National Park & Baines Baobab
Nxai Pan day trips upon request and additional cost

Moela Safari is a fully inclusive lodge: all third-party activities must be booked in advance



6 Reasons to visit The Boteti River Valley, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

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.

2. Armchair Safari

Fantastic views, options for light nature walks right from the lodge, vast numbers of wildlife coming straight to the camp and good transport links. Moela is the ideal location to relax and enjoy the idyllic surroundings after a long journey to Africa as your first stop or to bolt on the end of a safari to bask in the magic of the Boteti.

3. Location, Location, Location!

Moela Safari is located on the cliffs of the Boteti River Valley on a private 700ha reserve. This allows our guests to enjoy exclusive use on nature walks with San bushman and game drives in our private reserve. Here we search for more unusual species such as Genets, Porcupines, Aardvarks and Brown Hyaena while making our way to or from the river valley.

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.

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 flips for a posh picnic under ancient baobab trees. From relaxed afternoons watching thousands of animals coming to drink at the lodge to walks with the ancient San people.

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 Batswana craftspeople and artisans from the local village using locally sourced materials. The rooms have been carefully designed, sensitive to the ecology to maximise your experience of the abundant wildlife coming to drink at the waters edge below.



Important Information

Getting Here

Road Access

Maun - Moela Safari: In-house shuttle transfer, 2 hours on good roads from Maun Airport:
Departs Maun 13h00–14h00 to accommodate all guests.
Departs Moela Safari 10h00 to accommodate all guests

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 map & directions:

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 villas 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 office. 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).

Activities

Included fully inclusive activities:

Game Drives in the private concession & Makgadikgadi National Park
Bushman walking and animal tracking
Guided nature walks
Makgadikgadi Salt Pan sleep outs (min 3x night stay)

Additional activities at extra cost.

Nxai Pan day trips
Heli flip with posh picnic
Wellness Spa
Multi-day camping trips in Makgadikgadi, Nxai Pan and Central Kalahari

Moela Safari Cars

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\$720 per day).

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 .

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 utilise local expertise and materials which in turn minimises 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, to plant trees, and implement associated community development projects.

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

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.