Lelobu Safaris

Nxai Pan & Moremi Crossings & Bakwena Lodge

Experience the best of Botswana with Lelobu Safaris

2 Nights Nxai Pan + 2 Nights Moremi Crossings + 2 Nights Bakwena Lodge:

15/11/2023 – 31/03/2024: **USD4500.00 per person sharing (single supplement USD4807.00)**

01/04/2023 – 30/06/2023 & 01-14/11/2023: **USD4778.00.00 per person sharing (single supplement USD5085.00)**

01/07/2023 – 31/10/2023: **USD5132.00 per person sharing (single supplement: USD5915.00)**

3 Nights Nxai Pan + 3 Nights Moremi Crossings + 2 Nights Bakwena Lodge:

15/11/2023 – 31/03/2024: **USD5604.00 per person sharing (single supplement USD5911.00)**

01/04/2023 – 30/06/2023 & 01-14/11/2023: **USD5841.00 per person sharing (single supplement USD6149.00)**

01/07/2023 – 31/10/2023: **USD6282.00 per person sharing (single supplement USD7237.00)**

INCLUDES:

- **All transfers between camps/lodges Starting in Maun and ending in Kasane (or vice versa)**
- **Accommodation with all meals and beverages, (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) as well as daily laundry. Our alcoholic beverages comprise of South African wines and spirits.**
- **All game-viewing activities that are possible at that camp during that season.**
- **Emergency medical evacuation cover (all guests must have their own travel and health insurance).**

NXAI PAN

Starting from Maun Airport, you will depart by chartered flight to your first destination, Nxai Pan. Located on the western edge of the fossil pan from which the camp takes its name, the camp faces east over the open grasslands of the pans. The biggest draw to Nxai Pan National Park are the zebras that migrate by the thousands to the area – the second largest land animal migration in Southern Africa.

Day trips to Baines' Baobabs are highly popular and include a picnic lunch at the site. These age-old trees were immortalised in paintings by the artist and adventurer Thomas Baines in 1862. If you were to compare Baines' paintings to the scene today, you would find that after 150 years, the trees are nearly identical – testament to the age of these magnificent giants.

Another classic activity at Nxai Pan is a walk with one of the San bushmen trackers, an informative walk that takes place within the camp's footprint. Learn about how the San used to live nomadically: how they used to hunt, gather food, water sources, and which plants were used for medicinal purposes. Their wealth of true bush knowledge is unparalleled, and one of our guests' favourite experiences at our desert camps.

The Camp

The camp's nine tents face the waterhole, with the main area being the central best place for game viewing from the water hole. Frequent visitors to the water hole include elephants, cheetah, as well as the migratory herds of zebra (usually) from late December to early April, however this is entirely dependent on the summer rainfall in Botswana which affects the migratory cycle.

The minimalistic, white-washed design of the camp is in keeping with the surrounding white salt pans. Nxai Pan accommodates a maximum of eighteen guests in thatched units specially designed to provide a constant and comfortable temperature throughout the year, when seasonal temperatures can fluctuate from below freezing to well over 45 degrees Celsius.

The main areas of the camp include an expansive open-air lounge and dining area, with a bar, pool, and curio shop.

Nxai Pan is a 100% solar-operated camp.

Activities

As well as game drives, we offer a day trip to see the famous Baines' Baobabs – they are truly majestic, sentinels standing tall on the edge of the salt pan. As Nxai Pan is within a national park we must follow their regulations. The area is ecologically sensitive and as such we are not permitted to drive at night nor off-road. We do offer nature walks and star gazing here, in addition to the game drives. The nature walks are led by one of the Bushmen trackers. It is a fascinating experience where we take a step towards learning and understanding how it is possible to survive in such a hostile environment – we get a glimpse into the way of life and beliefs of the original inhabitants of the Kalahari Desert.

Moremi Crossing

After your time at Nxai Pan, you will take another chartered flight into the Okavango to stay at Moremi Crossings. Located near the most southern part of Chief's Island, Moremi Crossing is situated on a small palm fringed and treed island called Ntswi which is surrounded by the Moremi's game-rich seasonal floodplains.. As you fly over the Delta you can see the intricate twisting and turning of the waterways and the ever-changing colours where dry land meets Delta. In contrast to the northern Okavango Delta where the waters are fast-flowing and the channels and view is enclosed by high reeds and papyrus, the channels around Moremi Crossing offer far reaching vistas of the Moremi's floodplain, grasslands and marginal woodlands interspersed with Mokolwane palm islands.

Accommodation

Accommodation consists of 16 en-suite and spacious tents on raised decks, each with their own veranda overlooking Chief's Island. Tents have their own eco-friendly outdoor shower heated by solar power. We have both a Family Tent sleeping four (2 adults and 2 children) and a Honeymoon Tent with an outdoor bath.

Activities and Wildlife

Become part of the bustling river life along the papyrus clad banks of the Okavango Delta. Explore the wilderness with our game drives, guided bush walks, or sit back and absorb the scenery from a traditional 'mokoro' canoe. Another great way to explore the crystal-clear channels of the Boro River is by motorboat. Watch the sun set while drifting along a lagoon and sipping on sundowners. For the adventurous, we also offer a rustic island camping experience. Game drives will be available only when water levels are low. There will be no game drives when water levels are high as areas of the concession become inaccessible. Mokoros, boat cruises & fishing are also water level dependent.

Moremi Crossing being a water-based camp offers a wide variety of animal and bird species, the walks on Chief's Island give you the opportunity to get a better view of not just the big animals but the smaller insects and birds that contribute to the Okavango's vast ecosystem. Game which has been spotted on walks has been Lion, Leopard, Wild dog, Elephant, Giraffe, Zebra, Buffalo, Red Lechwe and many more. On the mokoro's you get to see the water birds like African Jacana's, African Fish eagles and if you look carefully, you will see the Malakite Kingfishers darting between the reeds, there is also a chance that your guide will find the rare Pel's Fishing owl.

Facilities

The main building consists of a large open plan deck that has a spectacular view over the Boro River onto Chief's Island. This crescent-shaped area is built on different levels to give you the feeling of space. The dining room, bar and lounge are covered by a large, thatched roof that hugs the tree line. Various small private lounge areas have been created for comfort, privacy, and spaciousness.

Chobe Bakwena Lodge

The Lodge

Another chartered flight from the Okavango will take you to Chobe Bakwena Lodge. Bakwena is an eco-luxury retreat on the banks of the Chobe River, located in the friendly town of Kasane right next to Chobe National Park, ideally positioned for the place where Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Botswana meet. This is where you want to go to for a truly heart-warming Botswana safari. The lodge is an oasis with excellent food (you will never forget their home-made bread), comfortable rooms, cosy nooks, and stunning views. But there is more: owners Jenny and Adam Young are deeply committed to responsible tourism and sharing their 'sanctuary' – as they like to call it – in the purest possible way. Bakwena Lodge is the only lodge on the Chobe River that was constructed according to eco-principles, with locally sourced materials and without any harmful chemicals. When in your room, pay extra attention to the carefully hand-selected furniture, all sourced from local craftsmen and vintage stores. Even the curtains are fair trade; they come from Madagascar to create employment there and are made from local cotton. Come here to immerse yourself in local culture and enjoy a natural safari in a responsible lodge, oozing with African authenticity.

Bakwena Lodge comprises ten rondavel style chalets, two of which are family units. All situated under the shady canopy of Acacia trees, each site has been selected for its river view and is surrounded by indigenous riverine bush. As mentioned before, the chalets are built according to both ecological and traditional African principles. The chalets boast a laid-back kind of luxury, which immediately unwinds your body and mind, especially after taking an outdoor shower under the African night sky: an absolute must-do. Each chalet has an interior bathroom opening on to an outside garden with an outside shower. Built-in daybeds offer ample opportunity to absorb the changing moods of the Chobe, take in an amazing sunset – with the biggest orange glowing ball you have ever seen – or peek at wildlife seeking refreshment in the river. Once settled in, the staff will be more than happy to guide you to the main area where you will find a lounge, restaurant – serving African fusion dishes inspired by traditional Setswana cuisine -, a Rain Tree Bar overlooking the river, and an inviting swimming pool where you can take a plunge. Also, do not skip the gift shop, one of the most thoughtfully stocked in Chobe

Activities

Chobe is home to Africa's largest elephant population. Every day, these magnificent pachyderms migrate from their foraging grounds in the Teak forests to the mighty Chobe to quench their thirst. A game drive in the early morning offers the best opportunities to spot some of the sheer big cats (and don't worry, you will get up without grumbling with so much natural beauty awaiting you), while an afternoon boat cruise is still one of the most serene ways to gaze at wildlife. Watch elephants romping and rolling in the water or hippos showing off their pink bellies. Besides drives and cruises, walking and biking (!) tours to the village are offered. Or, for the more adventurous, go on a walking safari in the nearby Lesoma valley or the surrounding forest reserves. To spot some impressive trees, venture out to Impalila Island and stand in awe before towering baobabs trees.

After all these activities, what could possibly be more satisfying than gathering around a crackling fire for a traditional 'boma' dinner? If you are lucky, they will serve traditional 'pap & wors': porridge and farmer's sausage. With a full belly and a full glass of wine, you will realise there is nothing left to wish for.

Instead of a game drive or boat cruise you may go on a guided bird walk at the Seboba Recreational Park, visit the Caracal World of Wildlife Centre, go fishing, or go on a Victoria Falls Day trip (excludes visa fee, fall entrance fee and lunch). You are also invited to go on a guided bicycle tour and village walk.

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