

**PURPOSE:** Chitabe is committed to raising the living standards of its employees to ensure that the whole family is raised out of poverty. As such, Chitabe won a Silver medal in the “Poverty Reduction” category at the African Responsible Tourism Awards 2016.

**PLACE:** Situated on a beautiful old tree-island in a prime wilderness locale in the south-east of the Okavango Delta, Chitabe Camp is built on raised decks to provide superb views across an expansive floodplain. Thanks to its mosaic of habitats, a plethora of plains game is seen on day and night drives as well as guided walks.

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Chitabe’s location on the periphery of the Delta offers exciting year-round game viewing.
- Individually-styled tented rooms portray a personalised touch.
- Good numbers of lion, hyaena, leopard, cheetah and wild dog.

### ACCESS – FLY IN BASIS

Airstrip Name:	Chitabe Airstrip	
Duration to Camp:	Approximately 40 minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way)	
Airstrip Coordinates:	S 19 27 Latitude	E 23 22 Longitude
Altitude/Elevation:	3 130 feet	
Runway Length:	1 000 metres	
Runway Heading:	12/30	
Airstrip Surface:	Soil calcrete	
Airstrip Services:	Chitabe and Chitabe Lediba	

**OVERVIEW:** The 28 000-hectare (69 000-acre) Chitabe Concession, situated in the south-east of the Okavango Delta, is separated from the well-known Moremi Game Reserve by the Gomoti Channel. This eastern half of the concession is characterised by grassy floodplains which separate the Channel from acacia and mopane woodland. The western half of the concession has as its boundary the Santantadibe River and here a variety of typical Okavango habitats – seasonal palm-dotted floodplains, to wooded islands, tranquil waterways and dry woodland – ensure a year-round variety of game viewing and birding experiences. It is this diversity and a mix of Okavango and Kalahari habitats that makes Chitabe unique and which allows good concentrations of all the larger predators – lion, leopard, spotted hyaena, cheetah and wild dog – as well as herbivores like giraffe, buffalo, lechwe, tsessebe, impala, zebra, hippo and elephant.

**WILDLIFE:** The area is a combination of open grasslands, acacia woodland and shallow waterways. Game viewing is varied from the lush green period after the rains to the dry winter months when plains game numbers peak. Buffalo, elephant, lion, warthog, lechwe, hippo, giraffe, leopard, cheetah and tsessebe are found throughout the year. Wild dog are frequently seen in the concession.

### ACTIVITIES

- Day and night game drives in 03 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Rovers - hot water bottles, blankets and lined ponchos are provided on game drives.
- A pair of Olympus binoculars is available in each of the game drive vehicles for guests to share amongst themselves whilst game viewing and may be requested from our guides.
- Private activities on offer (subject to vehicle availability which needs to be booked and paid for). Please note the private vehicle is only available to guests at Chitabe and cannot be booked by guests at Chitabe Lediba.
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on a game activity, as well as camera rests that mount onto the vehicle for added stability.
- Guided nature walks. A full team of qualified walking guides are available to facilitate walking requests all year round. During the transition season of March to June and dependent on annual rainfall, flora in the area flourishes, giving predators ample coverage and making walking conditions unfavourable. Requests are subject to the discretion of the Camp Manager.
- Birding, Internationally Recognised IBA (Important Birding Area).

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT AN ADDITIONAL COST

- Scenic helicopter flights ranging in duration from 30, 45 to 60 minutes - with guest numbers as a minimum 2 and a maximum up to 5 or 6 depending on the helicopter used; half day (morning or afternoon).
- Excursion to Tsodilo Hills (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to learn more about Botswana and the history of the San Bushmen.

## CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Lounge, library, dining and bar area on raised wooden platforms linking thatched communal area with guest tents. All Chitabe's communal areas have evaporative cooling systems.
- Satellite kitchen.
- Sunken fire deck.
- The pool area comprises a 10 meter lap pool, additional guest toilet, changing room with an outdoor shower and shaded lounge area.
- Curio shop.
- Traditional boma for dining under the stars.
- Guest toilets in main area.
- Gym with a treadmill, stationary exercise bike, a range of free weights and yoga mats.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Eight spacious tents with fine-art wildlife photographs are set on elevated wooden decks. The walkways and main area are was rebuilt, along with a new 12-metre lap pool and gym. In keeping with our light footprint, much of the decking and gumpoles will be reused and recycled in the new structure.

**NUMBER OF TENTS:** This camp can accommodate 16 guests plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

- 08 x units in total comprising:
- 08 x twin-bedded luxury canvas-style tented rooms each with two three quarter beds
- Mattress converters are available that transforms twin beds into king-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

- 02 x twin-bedded tents with two three quarter beds (four beds in total), shared en-suite facilities and an outdoor shower (same standard as a guest room and is located at and shared with Chitabe Lediba which is within walking distance).

## UNIT DESCRIPTION

- Canvas tented accommodations on an elevated deck, double sliding door entrance and with elevated wooden walkways.
- Each room is wheelchair accessible and comprises of en-suite facilities with indoor shower, outdoor shower, double vanity basin and separate toilet. Outdoor sitting area overlooking floodplains, writing desk and chair, mosquito net, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, electronic safe and individual security pouches with numbered tags, adaptor charging facilities, a yoga mat and weights (02 x 2.5kg weights).
- During winter months hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided.
- No air-conditioning, however, a water cooled pedestal fan is provided in all the rooms.
- Seasonal bathrobes, slippers, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellent, insect spray, mosquito coil, shower caps, vanity kit with cotton tip swabs and cotton wool pads, sewing kit (on request), tissue dispenser, liquid washing detergent (for smalls), laundry bag and umbrella are supplied in each tent.

## ELECTRICITY AND WATER

- 100% solar powered.
- Our hot water is heated by means of Thermodynamic Solar Energie units. This system uses very little energy and combined with the thermodynamic solar panel guarantees hot water.
- 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices. Additional charging facilities (available on request) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare batteries, charging unit and adaptors).

**EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY:** Morning wake-up and activity times vary according to the seasons, activities on offer and wildlife sightings.

- Early morning wake-up call.
- Light breakfast before departing on the morning activity.
- Return to camp for a meal and rest period.
- Meet for afternoon tea before departing on the activity.
- Return to camp – freshen up or meet for drinks, followed by dinner and thereafter, perhaps a nightcap.

## CHILD POLICY

- Children 06 years and older are accommodated.
- For families travelling with children between 06 and 12 years of age, private activities need to be booked and paid for.
- Children between 06 and 16 years of age must share with an adult/s in the same room.
- The minimum age for walking activities is 13 years (subject to season).

**LAUNDRY FACILITIES:** Laundry services are provided on a daily basis (weather permitting) and included on the FI rate basis. A mesh laundry bag is supplied for 'smalls' so that guests may place their underwear in this bag which will be machine washed and returned in the

mesh bag. Environmentally friendly detergent is available in the tents. Note that laundry services may be limited as a result of water shortages.

**GRATUITIES GUIDELINES:** We would like to reiterate that tipping is not compulsory. Please do not feel obliged to do so, tipping should be undertaken only by choice, subject to the service received. In addition, you may wish to add a nominal amount for incidentals, ranging between US\$ 15.00 to US\$ 30.00 per day (subject to personal budget choice) – i.e. if additional activities are booked once on your journey, if travel arrangements change for any reason, in acknowledgement of good service received in another area, etc.

- Guides and Specialist Guides – We recommend US\$ 10.00 per guest per day.
- The General Safari Camp Staff – We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day for safari camps. This should be placed in the communal tipping box to be distributed equally amongst all the staff.
- With regards to being hosted by Camp Management and/or Assistant Camp Management, tipping separately for said staff is purely optional and per guests' discretion.