



BOTSWANA

CHITABE LEDIBA

PURPOSE: Alongside its sister camp, Chitabe Lediba is committed to raising the living standards of its employees through higher-than-inflation annual salary increases, annual school education donations and generous profit-share pay outs.

PLACE: Chitabe Lediba is located on the same island as its sister camp, Chitabe. The main area and pool enjoy glorious views over the surrounding floodplains and small lediba (remnant lagoon waterhole), where a variety of game comes to drink during the day. The area, with outstanding wildlife, is explored on guided walks or day and night game drives.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- A quiet, smaller camp – perfect for groups or families.
- A mix of Okavango and Kalahari habitats results in excellent diversity of predator and prey.
- Classic safari experience with year-round variety of game and bird viewing.

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) - note that the private vehicle at Chitabe Lediba cannot be booked for guests staying at Chitabe.
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on a game activity.
- Guided nature walks (on request and seasonal (during the transition season of March to June, flora in the area flourishes, giving predators ample coverage and making walking conditions unfavourable), as well as subject to the discretion of the Camp Manager.
- Birding (Internationally Recognised IBA – Important Bird 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 San Bushmen.

CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Small private camp. Lounge/dining and bar area on raised wooden platforms linking the thatched communal area with the guest tents.
- Pool in main area.
- Evening camp fire.
- Traditional boma for dining under the stars.
- Curio shop.
- Reading area with a selection of reference books.
- Collection of children's books and activities.
- Guest toilets in main area.
- Wheelchair friendly main area.

ACCOMMODATION: Five canvas tented-style rooms are built on raised decks with luxurious and tasteful interiors. The en-suite bathrooms have double vanity basins and indoor and outdoor showers offering spectacular views. There are two family units, one (for older children) with an adjoining front deck and the other (for youngsters) with an adjoining corridor; each family room has its own en-suite facilities.

NUMBER OF TENTS: Camp can accommodate 10 guests and 04 children plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

- 05 x units in total comprising:
- 03 x twin-bedded luxury canvas tented rooms each with two three quarter beds
- 02 x family luxury canvas tented units each consisting of 02 rooms, with their own bathroom and entrance, separated by a board walk and sharing a deck.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

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

TENT DESCRIPTION

- Luxury canvas accommodations on a raised wooden deck and elevated wooden walkways.
- Each tent is wheelchair friendly and comprises of en-suite facilities with indoor shower, outdoor shower, double vanity basin and separate toilet. Mosquito net, writing desk and chair, colouring books and pencils (for all ages), reading glasses, electronic safe and individual canvas bags with padlocks (keys remain with guests) are supplied for valuables which are then stored in a central safe, tea and coffee making facilities (hot water will be provided in the mornings and on request), hairdryer, multi-plug adaptor charging facilities with USB ports, a yoga mat and weights (02 x 2.5kg weights) and a veranda with deck chairs overlooking the floodplains.
- No air-conditioning, however, ceiling and a water cooled pedestal fan are 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, 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.
- 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 and availability of a qualified walking guide).

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 rooms or can be provided on request. 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.