



BOTSWANA

LITTLE VUMBURA

PURPOSE: The Vumbura Concession is leased from remote rural communities organised under the Okavango Community Trust. The result of this partnership includes socio-economic benefits, livelihood diversification, and benefits from training and skills development for the people of the villages – as well as more positive attitudes to tourism and conservation.

PLACE: Little Vumbura is situated on a wooded island and accessible only by boat, the epitome of island living in the midst of the Delta. Water-based activities are a focus, with mekoro and boats plying the channels. Wildlife viewing and birding is consistently good all year round via game drives through the savannah areas and walks around the islands.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Intimate, small “Swiss Family Robinson” traditional camp – with style.
- Diverse area with a range of activities to match.
- Best place to see sable and wild dog in the Delta.

ACCESS – FLY IN BASIS

Airstrip Name:	Vumbura Airstrip	
Duration to Camp:	Approximately 35 minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way) and 5 minutes boating into camp.	
Airstrip Coordinates:	S 18 57 Latitude	E 22 48 Longitude
Altitude/Elevation:	3 200 feet	
Runway Length:	1 000 metres	
Runway Heading:	15/33	
Airstrip Surface:	Calcrete	
Airstrip Services:	Little Vumbura and Vumbura Plains North and South.	

WILDLIFE: The annually flooded grasslands of the Okavango Delta surrounding Vumbura Plains are locally referred to as 'melapo' and offer good seasonal viewing of elephant, giraffe, impala, sable antelope, kudu, zebra, common waterbuck and reedbuck, tsessebe, wildebeest, red lechwe and Cape buffalo. Hippo and crocodile are common in the waterways. Predators include the African wild dog, several resident prides of lion, as well as leopard, cheetah and African wildcat. Birding is exceptional all year round.

ACTIVITIES

- Day and night game drives in 04 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers, night drives only possible in low flood. Hot water bottles, blankets and lined ponchos are provided.
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their cameras while on a game activity.
- There is a pair of Olympus binoculars in each of the game drive vehicles for guests to share amongst themselves whilst out game viewing.
- Private activities available on request (subject to vehicle availability which needs to be booked and paid for in advance).
- Water-based activities in 06 x 2-seater mekoro and 02 x 8-seater and 02 x 6-seater motorised boats (water levels permitting).
- 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, seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide.
- Birding around Little Vumbura is exceptional year round.
- Fishing on a catch and release basis (fishing is prohibited in Botswana in January and February for fish breeding purposes).
- Wilderness Safaris and Olympus Photo Hub experience.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Hot air ballooning (weather permitting and operational from 01 April 2019 to 07 October 2019 and from 19 April 2020 to 31 August 2020) with guest numbers as a minimum of 02 and a maximum of 06. Transfers to the launch site are done via helicopter flight ONLY, while the return to camp can be either a game drive or scenic helicopter flight at guest's choice.
- Scenic helicopter flights ranging in duration from 30, 45 to 60 minutes - with guest numbers as a minimum 02 and a maximum up to 05 or 06 depending on the helicopter used (via scenic helicopter flights only).

CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Main area encompasses bar, dining room and lounge under canvas on raised wooden deck.
- Traditional boma for dining under the stars.
- Fire deck.
- Bagola.
- Curio shop.
- Reading area with a selection of reference books.
- Pool in main area.
- Floating jetty.

ACCOMMODATION: Little Vumbura has six beautiful tented rooms, each with views over the waving grasses of the surrounding floodplains. A pool and reading area overlook the floodplains and a star deck leads off the dining area.

NUMBER OF TENTS: This camp can accommodate 12 guests and 02 children plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

- 06 x units in total comprising:
- 05 x twin-bedded tented accommodations each with two three quarter beds.
- 01 x family tent; with two three quarter beds in each bedroom (consisting of two inter-leading rooms, with their own bathroom and entrance, sharing a deck). While the main bedroom can be converted into a king-size bed, the second bedroom is a permanent twin.
- 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:

- 01 x twin-bedded tent with two single beds and shared en-suite facilities (not of the same standard as a guest room)

Little Vumbura can be sold in conjunction with her sister camp Vumbura Plains (please note however, that Vumbura Plains is a Premier camp and Little Vumbura a Classic camp and thus the amenities do differ) for larger groups.

TENT DESCRIPTION

- Canvas tented accommodation on a raised wooden deck, with sandy pathways on the ground. Each tent is landscape shaped offering views of the surroundings and has en-suite facilities (one unit has an indoor shower and outdoor bath), separate toilet, sunken indoor lounge area, easy chairs, mosquito net, tea and coffee making facilities (hot water will be provided in the morning or on request), an electronic safe, Olympus equipment (includes a camera and a pair of binoculars), a yoga mat, weights (2 x 1 kg and 2 x 2 kg weights) and resistance bands.
- No air-conditioning, however, wall mounted fan and a pedestal fan is provided in each tent.
- Complimentary in-Tent Wi-Fi.
- 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, tissue dispenser, laundry bag and umbrella are supplied in each tent.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER

- Camp has 220V generator powered electricity run in kitchen and main areas when guests are not in camp. When guests return from daily activities, generators are generally switched off (for peace in camp).
- 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).
- Thermodynamic Solar Energie geysers.

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 of 06 years and older are accommodated.
- For families travelling with children between 06 and 12 years, private activities need to be booked and paid for.
- Children between 06 and 16 years must share with an adult/s in the same room.
- The minimum age for boating activities is 06 years, while mokoro and walking activities have a minimum age of 13 years (seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide).
- For the hot air ballooning, the minimum age restriction is 07 years old and a parent or guardian must accompany any child under 16.

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 available in the tents or 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.
- Mokoro Paddlers – We recommend that each paddler receive US\$ 5.00 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.