

RESERVATIONS

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LOCATION

Kubu Lodge is situated on the banks of the Chobe River (2 km upstream from the confluence with the Zambezi River where 4 countries meet – Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia) in the northern Botswana village of Kazungula. The property covers 30 hectares of land (Forest Reserve), mostly undeveloped and is a sanctuary for the Chobe Bushbuck. The entry gate to the Chobe National Park is a mere 12km away.

RATES POLICY

Rates are quoted inclusive of 10% VAT and Government Bed Levy. The “Inclusive” Rate excludes bar & curio shop purchases and gratuities. These should be settled direct at the lodge. Visa, Mastercard, traveler cheques, all major foreign currencies or Botswana Pula are accepted.

No children under 4 years accepted.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A deposit of the first night’s accommodation is required on confirmation of the booking. Full payment is required 6 weeks prior to arrival date.

Cancellations Fees apply as follows:

10 – 21 days – 50% cancellation fee

0 – 10 days – 100% cancellation fee

SEASONS AND WEATHER

Lodge Operation Dates: 3rd March 2009 – 31st December 2009 and 2nd – 14th January 2010)

Weather: November to April - high temperatures average 30C to 35C and lows averaging 18C and rain particularly between December and March.
May to August - daytime temperatures average 23C with lows averaging 5C.
Days are dry with clear, sunny skies.
September to November – hot to very hot, average 39C lows average 21C.
Days are dry and sunny with occasional strong winds.

HEALTH & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

All dietary requirements are catered for (intolerances or vegetarian). Please advise us at time of booking of any such requirements. All Guests should consult their doctor for appropriate malaria prophylactics and vaccination requirements.

INSURANCE

Guests should hold comprehensive travel insurance including medical, lost luggage and cancellation cover.

ACCESS

Air: Kasane International Airport, Botswana; Victoria Falls Airport, Zimbabwe, and Livingstone Airport, Zambia. Road transfers from all these arrival/departure points can be arranged at time of reservation.

Road: Easily accessible on tar roads via Ngoma Gate from Katima Mulilo Namibia; Kazungula Road Border from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; Kazungula Ferry Border from Livingstone, Zambia; Francistown & Maun via Nata. Access from Maun, via Savuti (Chobe National Park) & Moremi Game Reserve, is strictly with 4-wheel drive vehicle.

LODGE INFORMATION

CHALETs:

11 Wooden, thatched chalets, elevated on stilts each with a balcony. All are set on expansive lawns beneath giant ebony and wild fig trees along the banks of the river. Please note the lodge is not wheelchair friendly.

ACCOMMODATION:

3 Double Bed Chalets (with a twin bed in as well)

2 Double Bed Chalets

4 Triple/Twin Chalets (3 twin beds)

1 Twin Chalet (2 twin beds)

1 Family Quad Chalet (2 twin beds and 1 bunk bed for children 4 – 11yrs)

FACILITIES:

Full en-suite, hot (electric) and cold running water, shower, flush toilet, hand basin, hairdryer and plug point for electric shaver. A ceiling fan, tea/coffee machine and mosquito net over each bed are provided.

POOL:

Set down by the river with pool loungers under the trees. Towels are available from reception.

MAIN AREA:

The restaurant consists of an indoor dining room, with an upstairs lounge and bar. A two tier wooden verandah allows for meals to be set outdoors. A separate “braai” (barbecue) area leads to a small boma that is available for private dinners. When not in use, the boma may also be used by guests to enjoy their tea/coffee around the fire.

SUMMERHOUSE/READING LOUNGE;

Situated behind chalet 7, the reading lounge has some comfortable chairs, magazines, books and board games as well as a writing desk to use for writing the postcards. A nice cool spot on a hot summer’s day.

KWA MANINGI HEALTH & BEAUTY SPA:

For that special treatment like a facial, back massage or manicure. Appointments can be made at reception.

MEALS:

Table d’hote: breakfast (a full English breakfast is available); lunch and a three-course dinner. Special meals and diet requirements are catered for on request.

SHOPPING:

Curio Shop is available in the reception.

LAUNDRY:

Laundry is done daily – FOC to “Inclusive” guests.

A nominal fee is charged for all other guests.

ACTIVITIES

GAME VIEWING:

“Inclusive” rates include two activities per day. Guests may choose from 3 game drive activities per day: dawn 06h00 – 09h00am; mid morning 09h30 – 12h30 (summer) and 09h00 – 12h00 (winter); afternoon 15h00 – 18h00.

There are also 2 boat cruise activities per day: mid morning 09h30 – 12h30(summer) 09h00 -12h00 (winter), and afternoon 15h00 – 18h00.

Additionally the lodge offers a short boat cruise from Kubu Lodge to the confluence of the Chobe & Zambezi Rivers

OTHER:

Fully guided fishing trips can be arranged. Either short trips from the lodge, or longer trips on the upper Chobe (above the rapids).

Day Trips to Victoria Falls can also be booked on request.

Self guided “Nature Trail” on the property of Kubu Lodge, a guide list is available from the front desk.

Visits to a working Crocodile Farm and a Reptile (snake) Park are also available on request.

BOTSWANA GENERAL INFORMATION

With a surface area of 581 730km², Botswana is roughly the size of France or Texas & is entirely landlocked. Botswana is a semi arid country with 84% of it covered by the sands of the Kalahari (Kgalagadi) Desert. The total population in 2006 is estimated at 1.85 million people, most of who are settled in the east and southeast of the country. The age structure is weighted towards the younger age group with about 43% being younger than 15 years of age. Over 50% of the population is settled in urban areas. Batswana (the citizens of Botswana) are the most numerous people in the country, with two related tribes (Batawana & Bamangwato) forming about 50% of the population. Six other smaller tribes make up 45%, and the balance is a mix of other ethnic groups. The oldest ethnic group is the Basarwa (or San bushmen). The official language is English and Setswana, which is used in government and business affairs. Setswana is the National language and widely spoken. The currency of Botswana, the Pula (= 100 thebe), means “rain” and is also a local greeting.