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FACT SHEET

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**Chobe Mopani
Forest Lodge**

"Discover the African heartland"

SUN DESTINATIONS



INTRODUCTION

Chobe Mopani Forest Lodge overlooks a thriving waterhole in the remote Kasane Forest Reserve, a relatively unexplored concession bordering the Zambezi National Park in the northern stretches of Botswana. The closest safari tourist town is Kasane, which has an airport that is open to both domestic and international flights.

The lodge's claim to fame is its prolific elephant herds, many of which can be spotted congregating around the lodge's waterhole - it's not uncommon to spend evenings dining with elephants. In addition to Chobe Mopani Forest Lodge's enviable location, it is also fast becoming a sought-after safari destination for large groups seeking a lodge of superior quality with African inspired design.

Boasting 20 bedrooms that all face the waterhole (two levels), this secluded hideaway ensures every need is met in terms of accommodation. Fans, mosquito nets, safes, private balconies with seating, and butler's trays in each room provide a much needed sense of comfort. In addition to the luxury safari options, there are also 2 Meru style tents on raised platforms that cater for guests requiring something a little bit more luxurious.

The main area of the lodge is joined to the rooms by a quaint wooden walkway that meanders its way from the rooms to an expansive reception area housing a curio shop, and a further viewing deck overlooking the waterhole. There is also a massage spa being built, which will offer another dimension to the already sublime safari experience.

The two dining areas each have a small bar area, and like the rest of the lodge, overlooks the bustling waterhole. Safari goers can expect to dine in splendour, while being introduced a fusion of flavours during meal times. Dining at Chobe Mopani is a protracted affair, and great care is taken with the dishes served. Hospitality here is top notch.

For those needing a respite from the African heat, you'll be pleased to know that there is a swimming pool on-site, complete with a deck area with chairs and umbrellas. When you're not soaking up the tranquility of the bushveld at the pool's edge, spend time in the boma area where a crackling fire breaks the silence of the bushveld.

Included in your safari experience are two activities per day, which can include sundowner drives to the Kazuma Pan; a full day into the Chobe National Park for game drives and a boat cruise; cultural village tours; and day trips to Victoria Falls. These safaris open up a world of opportunity to view the high concentration of African wild dog, leopard, buffalo, elephant, lion, impalas, zebras, antelope, and plains game. Because the lodge is located between two parks – Chobe National Park and the Zambezi National Park – the game viewing is exceptional.

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AT A GLANCE

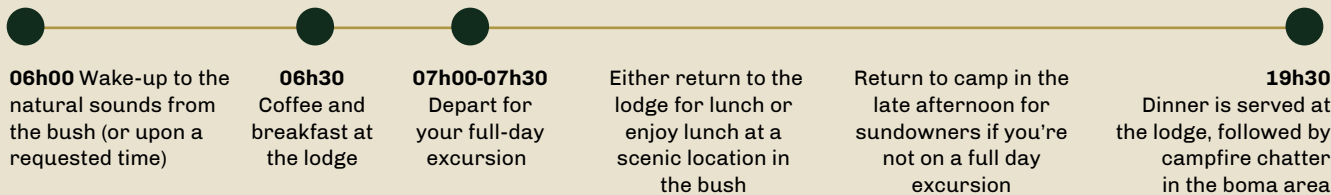
- 20 rooms, 2 Meru style tents
- Sandwiched between two wildlife rich parks (Chobe and Zambezi)
- The lodge is eco-friendly, designed with the environment in mind
- From rooms to the main area, all structures face the waterhole
- All rooms have private balconies where you can watch the action at the waterhole
- A new standard of simple safari luxury
- Complimentary WiFi - stable and fast
- Conveniently located close to the safari town of Kasane
- Attention to detail in decor and lodge design
- Simple and luxurious
- Owner constantly seeks to improve and up standards
- Exceptional hospitality
- Gourmet cuisine
- Two activities per day included in your stay
- A wealth of activities on offer
- The boma is the focal point of the lodge to watch sunsets and stargazing
- On-site, there's a high concentration of buffalo, elephant, sable and giraffe





A TYPICAL DAY AT CHOBE MOPANI FOREST LODGE

The timing of the daily schedule changes according to the season, and is flexible. Chobe Mopani Forest Lodge works according to guests' excursion requests, but the general itinerary follows the format below.



FACILITIES

LODGE

- Reception area with curio shop
- Spa treatment area on a private balcony overlooking the waterhole
- Swimming pool located a stone's throw from the waterhole
- Two dining sections (upstairs and downstairs) with a small bar area facing the waterhole
- Lounge area adjacent to the swimming pool
- Expansive boma area with fire pit on the deck area overlooking the waterhole
- Raised wooden walkways from rooms to the main areas
- Security on the property
- Sustainable methods used to run this eco-friendly lodge
- Children of all ages accepted
- Fast and stable WiFi (complimentary)
- Laundry service available upon request



ROOMS

- 20 extra length twin beds, all facing the waterhole (can be configured into a King)
- Rooms have an ensuite bathroom with shower hot/cold water, hand basin
- Overhead fans in each room
- Shower caps and bathroom amenities available
- Mosquito nets and insect repellent
- Safes in rooms with space for laptops
- Private balcony with seating area overlooking the waterhole
- Two blocks each with 10 rooms, split into 5 ground floor rooms and 5 elevated rooms
- An additional 2 Meru-style tented rooms on raised wooden platforms

ACTIVITIES

Two activities per day are included in the cost of your stay. Below are the available activities at the lodge:

Game drives into the Chobe National Park

Guided game drives into the game-rich Chobe region are either 3-hour morning drives or 6-hour full day drives. Drives take place in an open-topped 4x4 safari vehicle, and all full day safaris include a picnic lunch at a scenic location in the park.

Boat cruises along the mighty Chobe River

You can either do a short 3-hour sunrise or sunset boat cruise along the Chobe River, or combine it with a game drive to make it a full day land and water based safari. Brunch on the boat can be arranged upon request.

Day trip to the majestic Victoria Falls (*not included in the rate – can be booked additionally*)

For a full day out, a day trip to the world-renown Victoria Falls comes highly recommended. For this, you'll depart in the morning after breakfast and return late afternoon. You are free to experience the full spectrum of activities and shopping at leisure while visiting the falls.

Night drives on the concession (*not included in the rate – can be booked additionally*)

The Kasane Forest Reserve is home to abundant giraffe, buffalo, elephant and a host of other small creatures. Night drives will introduce you to unique landscapes of dense trees and open grasslands.

Cultural tours to the local village (*not included in the rate – can be booked additionally*)

Cultural tours are ideal for guests staying for more than a few nights. Get to know the local village of Lesoma when you travel to the nearest cattle post, and area filled with history.



LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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Located close to the major hub of Kasane, and cocooned between Zambezi National Park and Chobe National Park, makes the lodge easily accessible. Most safari goes fly into Kasane Airport, and arrange a transfer for their onward journey. The lodge is only 50 kilometers on the Kasane Pandamatenga tarred road from Kasane, and it's only 30 minutes to the Botswana Zimbabwe border. From the airport by road it will take roughly 50 minutes.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Weather

The climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods (September, October), and also very wet seasons (December-February). Winter (June, July, August) packs cold nights and mild, dry days, while November to February is hot and wet.

Temperatures in summer soar as high as 40°C bringing warm nights and humidity levels fluctuating between 50% and 80%. The average annual rainfall is 450mm and most of it falls between December and March in the form of heavy afternoon thunderstorms. The inland areas can suffer from extreme temperatures.

Wildlife

Botswana is a wildlife paradise, with elephants roaming in high numbers, hippos occupying every waterway, and

predators roaming the plains. From waterbirds to raptors and passerines, Botswana is a paradise for birders. The Kasane Forest Reserve is known for its prolific populations of buffalo, giraffe, and elephant.

Day trips into the Chobe National Park provide ample opportunity to spot predators such as African wild dogs, lions, leopards, and cheetah. There are four distinct wildlife regions in the area, each offering something rare to see.

Malaria

Before travelling, guests are encouraged to consult their local doctors about anti-malarial medication and preparation, however a repellent stick or spray is effective and should be utilised

What to Pack

The climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods and also very wet seasons. Winter (June, July, August) packs cold nights and mild, dry days. Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves. Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses.

Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings, especially in winter. Pack casual clothes for around the lodge, and bring comfortable shoes. Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings.

