



## FACT FILE DUBA PLAINS CAMP NORTHERN BOTSWANA



The renowned Duba Plains Camp sits in the heart of classic Okavango Delta habitat. A matrix of palm-dotted islands, flood plains and woodland, the 77,000-acre private concession typifies the region's unique landscape. Located here, exclusively, is the six tent Duba Plains Camp, a wildlife connoisseur's getaway. Built on a wooded island, connected to the prolific wildlife area by an elaborate set of bridges, the camp is the base of many famous wildlife documentaries by National Geographic filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert. It is the only camp on the concession, thereby offering guests the ultimate opportunity for private sightings.

Duba Plains Camp, and the Kwedi Reserve, where it is located, is part of a joint venture partnership between Great Plains Conservation and the Okavango Community Trust, the representative body for five villages in the Okavango Panhandle. This partnership ensures that these communities receive tangible and substantial benefit from using their ancestral land for wildlife conservation. Botswana is a leader in such partnerships, and Duba Plains is a long-standing example of success in this area.

The intimate camp consists of six traditional-style tents on raised decking, each with views of the surrounding floodplain. Each tent has a small desk and private verandah plus en-suite facilities consisting of flush loo, double basins and indoor shower. Ceiling fans and careful design maintain comfortable climate for rest and relaxation. The main area is under thatch and consists of a large raised dining room, cozy bar and comfortable lounge. Extending from this main area is a raised wood deck with pool and a dining area, where brunch is often served under the shade of large African ebony trees. In the evenings, the fire pit is always a popular spot to enjoy an Amarula and recount the day's events.

Duba Plains prides itself on its extraordinary wildlife experiences, and rightly so. The mammoth interaction between large buffalo herds and Duba's lion prides retains its lure, but with the increase in water in the last decade, this homogenous experience is now complemented by reliable sightings of a diverse range of species, including large herds of Red lechwe along with Blue wildebeest, Greater kudu, tsessebe and usually a rare visitor to Duba, but now more common, giraffe. Of course, elephant and hippo trudge through the swamps happily, and are regularly seen. Leopard, and some nocturnal species, can be sighted as well. Wildlife is a regular sight right in camp, or even from the outdoor showers! Birds abound, and the area is reputed as a birdwatcher's paradise. Okavango 'specials' include the rare Wattled crane, Pel's Fishing owl, White-backed Night heron and Marsh owl.



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### ACTIVITIES

Game drives (day & night) take place in some of Botswana's most coveted vehicles. Three of Duba's Toyota Land Cruisers are aptly named 'Swamp Vehicles' due to their extra-high suspension and absolutely huge tyres uniquely designed to traverse the floodplains. These are, of course, open-sided, canopied and customised for photographers (fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, multi-plug invertors). With just four to six guests each, the Cruisers are fully stocked with drinks and snacks.

While the focus remains on the most comfortable times of day (early to mid-morning and late afternoon to evening) for drives, it is not uncommon to spend full days out in the field, having brunch or even dinner delivered to the vehicles. Our schedule is extremely flexible and guests are encouraged to create their own itinerary according to their interests. Very often, our safaris will continue into the night in search of nocturnal species.

While Duba Plains is primarily a land-based camp, it is also possible to explore the Okavango Delta's permanent channels by powerboat, water level dependent. This is truly an invigorating, yet peaceful experience, with wildlife viewing and birding or fishing from the boat. Guided game walks with licensed and armed guides are available and these can be combined with a boat cruise or game drive.

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Total Number of Bedrooms:	6 double or twin configuration tents & 1 guide room. Triples for children sharing with adults can be arranged upon request.
Type of Lodge:	Safari Camp
Lodge Season & Opening:	Year Round
Ideal length of stay:	3/4 Nights



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### GEOGRAPHY

#### ACCESS DIRECTIONS

- Light aircraft transfers from Kasane (1hr 20 mins) and Maun (40 min) airports.
- Private Air charter access available.
- Duba Plains Camp is a 7-minute drive from its airstrip, called Omdop.
- Co-ordinates are: S19.01.39, E022.41.59.

### TENT DETAILS

#### BEDROOM

- Wood-framed double doors lead to mid-sized tented rooms
- Private verandah with views of floodplains.
- Canvas is green, with netted windows and wood-framed doors.
- Either twin or double bed configuration.
- Honeymoon tent is Tent 6. Tent 1 is closest to main area.

#### BATHROOM

- En-suite with flush toilet, shower (indoor and outdoor), double basins.
- Hot and cold running water.
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and hairdryers provided.

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Canvas tent on raised wooden decking.

#### TEMPERATURE CONTROL

- Overhead ceiling fan

### MOSQUITO NETS

- Fly netting on all tent sides and over beds as well as ultrasound repellent device.

### FOOD & DRINK

- All meals included. All drinks and beverages are included with the exception of imported champagnes and spirits.
- Excellent: Three delicious meals a day are provided. We are extremely flexible on timings. Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norm due to very active game drives, often delivered to the bush!
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children, prior warning requested.

### USUAL BOARD BASIS

- Full board

### DINING STYLE

- Group meals and/or individual tables, a la carte (menu options)

### DINING LOCATIONS

- Indoor and outdoor

### ROOM SERVICE

- No



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### EXTRAS

#### POSSIBILITY OF DISABLED ACCESS

- The camp layout is not conducive to wheelchair bound guests due to dirt pathways and uneven terrain
- For the walking impaired, Tent 1 is in close proximity to the main area with minimal steps.

### LAUNDRY

- Included in nightly tariff - next day service, weather permitting

### CENTRAL FACILITIES/ COMMON AREAS

- Main thatched structure with lounge, dining room, bar
- Large deck leading to a raised deck with additional outdoor dining space and fire pit with seating
- Central swimming pool
- Curio shop
- Coffee/tea station
- Massage room

### SHOP/BOUTIQUE

- Selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Okavango panhandle.

### SPA/GYM

- Yoga mats and bands are provided in each suite.
- Massage is available at additional cost.

### EQUIPMENT

- Swarovski 8x42 binoculars in every guest tent.

### PRIVATE VEHICLE

- Available at additional cost, based on availability. Required for all families with children ages 6-11.

### CHILDREN

- We look forward to having children stay with us that are 6 years and older.
- Families with children 6-11 will never be accommodated in the same vehicle as other guests.
- Children under 6 will be considered, if the group books the entire camp on exclusive use.
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is open, with high predator densities in and around camp and there is water surrounding camp.
- Children must be a minimum of 12 years old to participate in extensive walking activities (kid's program excepted).
- Kid's program – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.

### POWER & COMMUNICATIONS

#### SOURCE

- The camp is run by a combination of solar and generator power.
- The system produces 220V, 24-hour electricity to the tents and main area.
- Plug points in each tent.
- Type of plug: South African round.

### INTERNET & MOBILE

- Neither is available.



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### HEALTH & SAFETY

#### MALARIA

- Minimal – Malaria prophylaxis are recommended if guests are concerned but this is a remote area with little occurrence.

#### MEDICAL CARE

- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance.
- Senior staff all has first aid training.
- Nearest decent medical facility is in Maun, and then Johannesburg.

#### RISK OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS

- Moderate – high predator density area.

#### SECURITY MEASURES

- None. There are no populations nearby, and no uninvited guests.

#### FIRE SAFETY

- Fire extinguishers in every tent.

### MONEY MATTERS

#### SAFES

- Safes are provided in every room.

#### ACCEPTED PAYMENT ON LOCATION

- All-inclusive. Staff gratuities can be paid in Botswana Pula, South African Rands, US Dollars (2001 bills or later only) or GB Pounds.
- Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted (No Amex or Diners).

### THE TEAM

#### LODGE OWNERS

Great Plains Conservation

#### KEY PERSONNEL

Camp Manager: Keoagetse Otlwaetse ("OT")

Front of House Manager: Pierre Van Zyl

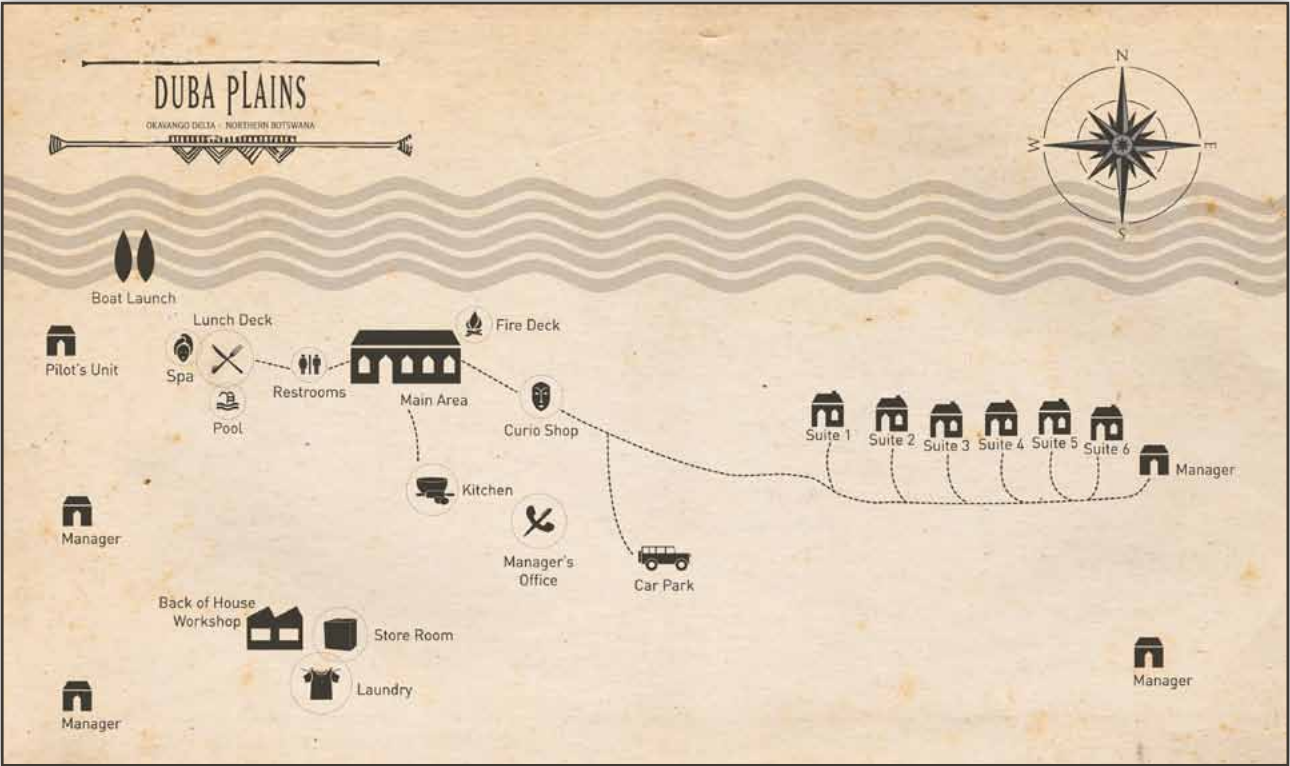
Chef: Antoinette Oosthuizen

Guides: James, Piet, Moses & Spike

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## CAMP LAYOUT



# GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION

## QUICK CAMP FACTS



ACTIVITY	BOTSWANA CAMPS					KENYA CAMPS			
	ZARAFA CAMP	SELINDA CAMP	DUBA PLAINS	SELINDA EXPLORERS	SELINDA CANOE TRAIL	OL DONYO LODGE	MARA PLAINS	MARA TOTO	RIDE KENYA
Day Drives	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Night Drives	•	•	•	•		•	•		•
Guided Walks	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Boating	•	•	•						
Mokoro									
Canoeing				•	•				
Main Swimming Pool		•	•			•			
Private Plunge Pools	•					•			
Horseback Riding						•			•
Cultural Interaction *						•	•	•	•
Hot-Air Ballooning *							•	•	
Spa/Massage *	•	•	•			•			
Gym	•								
Fishing [Seasonal]	•	•	•	•	•				
Mountain Biking						•			
Hide		•				•			

(\*) This activity is available at a fee.