

# DUBA PLAINS SUITE

DUBA PLAINS CONCESSION | NORTHERN BOTSWANA

GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS

ESTABLISHED IN 1991

**The Duba Plains Suite, an exquisite two-bedroom tented suite, is located on the 33,000-hectare private Duba Plains Reserve ensuring an exclusive Botswana safari experience.**

Tucked into the pristine Okavango Delta wildlife habitat with views across floodplains filled with iconic African wildlife species, there is simply no other private Botswana safari experience like this in the Okavango Delta.

The perfect partner to the 2-bedroomed Dhow Suite at Zarafa or Selinda Suite, the Duba Plains Suite is raised on recycled railway sleeper decking and offers guests fabulous views and a steady stream of wildlife parading past. This 2-bedroomed Suite has a wrap-around private verandah complete with private plunge pools. The heart of the Suite is an indoor lounge and dining area. Each sleeping area offers guests beautifully appointed en-suite facilities, including indoor and outdoor showers and a luxurious bath. Standing fans and a solar-powered air-conditioning system over the guest's bed area ensure that the tent's design maintains a comfortable climate.

Guests of the Duba Plains Suite automatically enjoy the services of a private vehicle, guide, private host and chef. The entire space has a luxurious yet distinctly African feel and has no equal environmental credentials and thoughtful appointments.

The Duba Plains concession prides itself on offering extraordinary Botswana luxury safari wildlife experiences, and many consider this region Botswana's Okavango Delta's Maasai Mara because of the sheer volume of wildlife. Great Plains Conservation owners, National Geographic filmmakers and conservationists Dereck and Beverly Joubert chose this area as their home base. Great Plains Conservation is the only operator on the concession, thereby offering guests the ultimate opportunity for private wildlife sightings.

Duba Plains has developed a model that creates maximum benefit for the community nearby with lease funds, jobs and other projects like our Big Cats Caring for Communities, Lamps for Learning (solar jars) Conservation Camp for Kids. This partnership ensures that these communities receive tangible and substantial benefits from wildlife conservation.

Duba Plains offers extraordinary wildlife experiences and intimate up-close exposure to the best of the best wildlife, from lions and leopards to elephants and buffalo and everything in between.

The Duba Plains Suite is a proud Relais & Châteaux member property along with Duba Plains Camp and our Selinda Reserve camps – Selinda Camp, Selinda Suite, Zarafa Camp and The Dhow Suite at Zarafa in Botswana.



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## CAMP FEATURES:

### Total Number of Bedrooms:

The Duba Plains Suite is a private 2-bedroom suite and can accommodate four adult guests sharing or a family of five with two adults sharing and three children under 16 years old.

### Type of Lodge

Réserve Collection Safari Camp

### Lodge Season & Opening

Year Round

### Ideal length of stay

3 - 4 Nights

## CAMP CO-ORDINATES

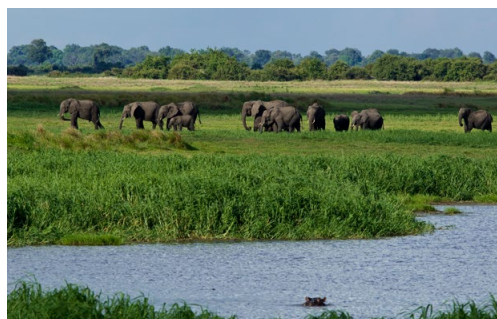
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## ACCESS DIRECTIONS

- Light aircraft transfers from Kasane (1hr 25 mins) and Maun (40 min) airports;
- Private Air charter access available;
- The Duba Plains Suite is a 5-minute drive from its airstrip;
- Airstrip co-ordinates are: S19° 1' 3.45" E22° 42' 11.90;
- Airstrip length: 1000m

## ACTIVITIES

The Duba Plains Suite offer complete flexibility with your own private guide and vehicle.



## Safari Drives

Early morning, late afternoon/ evening or even full-day safari drives occur in some of Botswana's best-adapted vehicles. Duba Plains Camp's Toyota Land Cruisers are uniquely designed to traverse the floodplains. Our vehicles also have fridges stocked with drinks and snacks, ready for longer days out if the wildlife viewing is exciting and just too hard to leave.

Every day is different on safari. Safari Drives often start at sunrise, returning to camp for a late breakfast and departing again mid-afternoon after tea before returning just after sunset. However, guests can often spend the entire day out in the veld with a packed breakfast, lunch, and beverages if they wish. Our safaris will often continue into the night in search of nocturnal species. Night drives are incredibly prolific, and while they take patience, sightings commonly include lesser-known nocturnal mammals and even lion and hyena hunts.

Our schedule is flexible, and guests are encouraged to create their own itinerary according to their interests with guidance and recommendations from our professional guides.

## Guided Walks

Our guides are keen walking and birding specialists and therefore encourage guests to experience everything we have to offer.

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## Photography

- There is a custom-built Land Cruiser specially designed for our conditions and photography (fold-down screens and raised roofs) with six individual bucket seats.
- Custom built boat offering fixed camera mounts and swivel chairs specifically allowing for enhanced wildlife photographic opportunities from the water channels.
- Because we focus on photographic safaris, Duba Plains Suite has two professional camera sets, including two camera bodies with two 100-400mm lenses and one wide angle lens. Photos will be downloaded to a USB flash stick on guest's departure. Each suite comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use as well.

## Boating

The flat-bottomed, aluminium boat at Duba Plains allows guests to explore the papyrus flanked channels of the Okavango Delta. Enjoy the amazing birdlife seen, or the occasional elephant or other wildlife seen on the banks. Marvel at the clear, cool water flowing under you and marvel at the journey that this life sustaining liquid undertakes. It has been said that a splash of Okavango Delta water unlocks unknown flavours and aromas from one's favourite whiskey. Boating is seasonal and subject to water levels.

## Fishing

A rod/reel kit is available for those who want to try their cast in the Delta between March and December on a catch and release basis - water level dependent.

## Mekoro

Explore the Okavango Delta's permanent channels by mekoro (when water levels allow). This is truly a refreshing yet peaceful experience allowing for wildlife and bird viewing from a unique perspective.

## Private vehicle option

Available as standard.

## Scenic Flight and Champagne Stop

Enjoy an aerial viewing experience with great scenery across the northern part of the Okavango Delta. Add a 15-minute champagne stop on palm island en route. Must be booked in advance and is subject to extra cost and availability.

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## CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Main area centrally located indoor dining area, and two lounge areas;
- Coffee/tea station;
- Fridge with drinks of choice;
- Large wrap around deck outdoor dining space and fire pit with seating;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique (at Duba Plains Camp) selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Okavango panhandle. The Boutique also stocks the d&b clothing line: Dereck and Beverly Joubert have inspired this bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, and which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced. Visit [www.greatplainsconservation.com/safariboutique](http://www.greatplainsconservation.com/safariboutique)

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Our world-class meals are Relais & Châteaux recognised;
- All meals included and prepared by our Executive Chefs and their teams;
- All drinks and beverages are included, including imported spirits and champagnes;
- A la carte dining in the privacy of the Duba Plains Suite;
- Indoor and outdoor dining;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children - prior notice required;
- We are extremely flexible on timings. Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norm due to very active safari drives, often delivered to the bush!

## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

### Bedroom features

- The luxurious Duba Plains Suite is a 2-bedroom private accommodation unit with private pools;
- The Suite is built on a raised, wrap around railway sleeper private deck and under light coloured canvas, offering guests a total footprint of approximately 607m<sup>2</sup>;
- Oversized double beds with mosquito nets and well as mosquito netting on all bedroom sides;
- Environmentally friendly air-conditioner over the guest's bed area;
- Standing fan;
- Bedrooms can be configured as double or single accommodation.

### Bathroom features

- En-suite bathroom in each guest bedroom with flush toilet, shower (indoor and outdoor), double basins;
- Luxury baths;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and hairdryers provided.

## ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- We look forward to having children stay with us that are 6 years and older;
- The Duba Plains Suite can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;



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- Scheduled wildlife viewing activities, including safari drives, guided walks, and power boating, are available to guests from 6 years when accompanied by their parents or guardians. Where available, canoe and mokoro activities specifically welcome guests aged 8 years and above;
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is open with high predator densities in and around camp and there is water surrounding camp. The camp also features raised decks and pools which are not covered;
- Great Plains Young Explorers program – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.

## SPA TREATMENTS

In-room massages are available at an additional cost.

## FITNESS

- Yoga mat, light weights available in The Duba Plains Suite;
- Stationary exercise bike on request.

## LAUNDRY

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



## POWER AND COMMUNICATION

### Power

- The camp is solar powered with generator back-up;
- The system produces 220V, 24-hour electricity to the suite and main area;
- Plug points available in the Duba Plains Suite;
- Type of plug: South African round and international plug adapters are also available in the suite.

### Internet & Mobile

- Wi-Fi is available in the Duba Plains Suite;
- No mobile reception.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Health

- Malaria: Minimal exposure risk– Malaria prophylaxis are recommended if guests are concerned; however, this is a remote area with little occurrence;
- 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.

### Possibility of Disabled access

The Duba Plains Suite layout is not conducive to wheelchair-bound guests.

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## Safety

- This remotely located camp is unfenced to wild animals that do move through the property especially at night;
- Fire extinguishers in every suite.

## MONEY MATTERS

### Safes

Provided in The Duba Plains Suite.

### Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid by credit card or in Botswana Pula, South African Rands, US Dollars (2004 bills or later only) or GB Pounds;
- Guest extras and curio sales can be settled by Visa and MasterCard credit cards (No Amex or Diners).

The Team

Lodge Owners

**Great Plains Conservation**

## FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

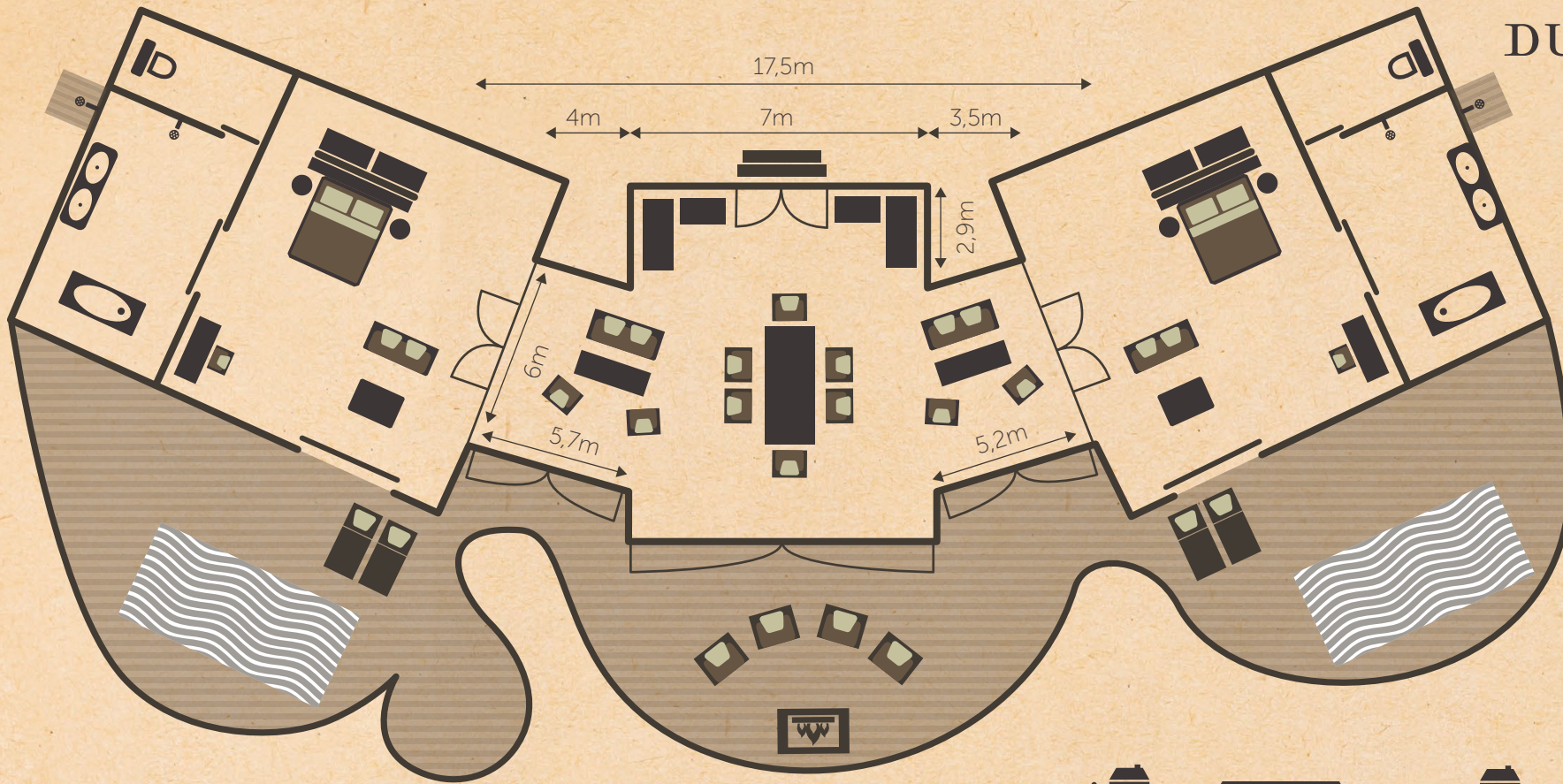
### Rhinos Without Borders

In 2015, a rhino was poached every 6.3 hours in South Africa. In response to this crisis, Great Plains Conservation rallied various travel industry stakeholders to join forces with us and primary partner, andBeyond, to commit to increasing the Botswana population by 100 rhinos from poaching hot zones in South Africa to safe havens in Botswana. By moving 87 rhinos in and with the 63 additional calves born we exceeded expectations and achieved our goal. Now we must protect them, so we have made a transition from relocating rhinos to monitoring and protecting them in the face of a new wave of poaching continent-wide. Learn more about our efforts to save some of the last 20,000 rhinos left on the planet:

[www.greatplainsfoundation.com](http://www.greatplainsfoundation.com)

In addition to our own programs Great Plains Foundation keeps a list of school needs in the countries where we work. Needed items can be hand-carried by travelers or we can help purchase them locally. To learn more or to help support students and educators as part of your trip please reach out [info@greatplainsfoundation.com](mailto:info@greatplainsfoundation.com)

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*Namibia*

*Bwabwata National Park*

*Mudumu National Park*

Kasane

*Chobe Forest Reserve*

Selinda Explorers Camp

Selinda Camp & Selinda Suite

Zarafa Camp & The Dhow Suite at Zarafa

*Chobe National Park*

*Selinda Spillway*

Okavango Explorers Camp

Sitatunga Private Island & Sitatunga Private Island Suite

Duba Explorers Camp

Duba Plains & Duba Plains Suite

Moremi Game Reserve

*Okavango Delta*

*Botswana*

Maun

*Nxai Pan National Park*

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GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION STRIVES TO FIND THE RIGHT FORMULA OF CONSERVATION, COMMUNITIES AND COMMERCE THAT MAKES A LASTING, SUSTAINABLE DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD'S ICONIC WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESSES.



### BOTSWANA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	ZARAFA CAMP & THE DHOW SUITE AT ZARAFA	SELINDA CAMP & SELINDA SUITE	DUBA PLAINS CAMP & DUBA PLAINS SUITE	SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND & SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND SUITE
Camp Classification	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Plains Concession	Sitatunga Private Reserve
Size of concession / reserve	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	33 000 Hectares / 81 500 Acres	Not relevant
Number of Suites / Tents	4 Suites	3 Suites	5 Suites	2 Suites
Family Accommodation	The Dhow Suite at Zarafa	The Selinda Suite	The Duba Plains Suite	The Sitatunga Private Island Suite
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes (Included for Dhow Suite)	Yes (Included for Selinda Suite)	Yes (Included for Duba Plains Suite)	Private boating
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (*water level dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (*water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	Mekoro	*Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and *water level dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes (In-room only)	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	Gym & In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ACTIVITY	SELINDA EXPLORERS CAMP	OKAVANGO EXPLORERS CAMP	DUBA EXPLORERS CAMP
Camp Classification	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Plains Concession
Size of concession / reserve	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	33 000 Hectares / 81 500 Acres
Number of Suites / Tents	3 Tents	6 Tents	5 Tents
Family Accommodation	1 Family Tent	n/a	n/a
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes	n/a	Yes
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (water level dependent)	Canoeing	Canoeing	Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and water lever dependent)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Main Swimming Pool	n/a	Main Swimming Pool
Shower	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor
Bath	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mosquito Nets	On All Tent Sides	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fitness	Yoga Mats	Yoga Mats	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	n/a	n/a	Yes