

CHOBE
WATER VILLAS

OPENING
July 2015



Chobe Water Villas, on the banks of the Chobe River

WELCOME

“The adventure is getting there; the romance is being there .”

Chobe Water Villas, an exclusive and intimate “boutique” Lodge is located in Namibia at the eastern tip of the famous Caprivi Strip now known as the Zambezi Region.

The Lodge is privately situated in the 150km² Namibian Kasika Conservancy directly on the banks of the Chobe River, opposite the renowned Chobe National Park and the Safari Town of Kasane in Botswana. It affords unobstructed views into the Chobe National Park and over the world-renowned Sedudu Island.

This island boasts the greatest density of wildlife of any river system in the world including Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Hippo, Crocodile and 460 bird and waterfowl species. Chobe National Park itself is home to Giraffe, Wild Dog, Leopard, Cheetah, Jackal, Hyena , numerous antelope species and one of the greatest Zebra migrations after the Masai Mara or Serengeti.

The 117,000km² Chobe National Park’s wildlife statistics confirm that it is home to 160,000 Elephants along with some 164-mammal species representing one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Antelope species include Roan, Sable, Lechwe, Waterbuck, Kudu, Eland, Puku, Gemsbok, Springbok, Klipspringer, Impala and the occasional rare Sitatunga.

Located at the confluence of the legendary Chobe and the mighty Zambezi Rivers where the borders of four Countries meet; Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Keen fishing enthusiasts will be challenged by the greatest of all fresh water fighting fish, the powerful and energetic Tiger Fish along with Nembwe and the delicious Three Spot Bream

This spectacular location ensures amazing views of an untamed Africa, available from the Lodge and all of its 16 exclusive Water Villas.

Chobe Water Villas nestles quietly under magnificent shading Acacia Trees and exclusively hosts only 32 guests in its uniquely positioned luxurious Water Villas, Lounges, Bar, Restaurant, Infinity Pool, African Boma and Pool Deck.

The Architectural and Interior Design ethos adopted, provides all Guests with a genuine “sense of place” experience whilst delicately and tastefully presenting Africa in a stylish, sophisticated and contemporary manner, blending nature’s magic in profusion, ‘framing’ this picture rather than ‘dominating’ it and HOSTING all Guests in a tranquil and informal manner as enjoyed when visiting friends in their luxurious vacation homes in Africa.

Accessible by boat only, a 15-minute leisurely Safari-Boat transfer from Botswana’s Kasane affords one a unique arrival experience, cruising across the Chobe River amongst some of the rivers residents, Hippo, Elephant, Buffalo and Crocodile. Welcomed upon arrival by a warm and genuine Namibian SMILE and a cool, refreshing beverage

**“ A Paradise 160,000
Elephants call Home and
two mighty
African Rivers meet.”**



Elephants enjoying a bath in the Chobe River

FACILITIES & SERVICES

- Complimentary Internet Wi-Fi in all Public Areas, around the Pool and in all Water Villas
- Infinity Pool
- Conversation View-Pits perched on the river bank with open fires
- Pool Deck with Lounge, Dining and Sunbathing Areas and sunken Conversation Pits with open fires
- Outdoor Day Bed Gazebos
- Indoor/Outdoor Dining
- Indoor Cocktail Bar and Lounge
- Indoor Library Lounge
- Activity & Adventure Desk
- Private dual purpose 16-seat Photographic Review or Board Room with Large Screen TV and 170+ Channel Cable TV
- 24 hour Laundry Service

- Curio & Logo Shop
- Professionally guided Game Safaris on land and water
- Cultural Village Tours
- Birding Safaris in traditional Makoros – hand hewn wooden canoes
- Professional Fishing Charters and Photographic River Cruises in specifically built boats

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES & SERVICES

- Chauffeur driven transport services between Chobe Water Villas and the nearby 4 “gateway” Airports serviced by various IATA Airlines: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Livingstone (Zambia), Mpacha (Katima Mulilo in Namibia) and Kasane (Botswana). See GETTING THERE below
- Medical Doctors, Nurses and Clinic across the Chobe River in Kasane, Botswana



Chobe Water Villas overlooking the River



Leopard taking an afternoon walk

CHOBE WATER VILLAS' FULLY INCLUSIVE RATES INCLUDE

- 15% VAT + 1% Tourism Levy
 - Accommodation in Luxury Water Villas
 - Breakfast, Lunch and 3-course Dinner or African Boma "Braai" (BBQ)
 - Afternoon High Tea & Coffee
 - All day complimentary Tea & Coffee Butler Station
 - All Beverages including selection of Beers, Wines, Soft Drinks, Local Spirits and Bottled Water
 - Stocked Mini-Bars in Villas
 - Return Road Transfers (5 minutes) to/from Kasane Airport and Kasane Immigration Point (Botswana)
 - Return Boat Transfer (15 minutes) across Chobe River to/from Kasane Immigration (Botswana) and Kasika Immigration at Chobe Water Villas (Namibia)
- IMPORTANT: Opening hours of Immigration Offices – Daily from 07:30 to 16:30
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access in all rooms and throughout Lodge's Public Areas
 - Choice of two (AM and PM) motorized activities per night booked (see ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS below)
 - Emergency medical evacuation

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

Activities included in daily Room Rate:

Choices of the following four activities (two per night booked) are included in the daily room rate:

- Morning 4 to 5 hour open 4x4 Game Drive Safari into Chobe National Park (08:00 to 12:00/13:00) including Park Fees, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits or Rusks and Bottled Water.
- Morning 3 to 4 hour Chobe River Safari Cruise along the banks of the Chobe National Park (08:00 to 11:00/12:00) including Park Fees, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits or Rusks and Bottled Water.
- Afternoon 3 hour Chobe River Safari & Sunset Cruise along the banks of the Chobe National Park (15:30 to 18:30) including Park Fees, Snacks, Soft Drinks, Local Spirits, Beers, Wines and Bottled Water.
- Afternoon 3 hour Cultural & Sunset Boat Cruise on both Chobe and Zambezi Rivers (15:30 to 18:30) including the historic Kasai Channel and renowned Impalila Island along the shores of Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. Includes Snacks, Soft Drinks, Local Spirits, Beers, Wines and Bottled Water.



Fishing on the Chobe

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Apart from activities included in Room Rates the following excursions can be reserved at the Lodge's ADVENTURE & ACTIVITY DESK located in the Library Lounge. All below based on minimum of 2 passengers unless otherwise stated

Subject to availability, the choice of four activities included in the daily Villa Rate (two per night reserved - see above) can be exchanged for A, B and C below or their value can be credited against D, E, F, G and H below. Prices for all below activities available from the Adventure & Activity Desk:

- Cultural Tour** a 3-hour Namibian Village Tour to Kasen Village at Kabulubula in the Caprivi – a boat cruise along the Chobe River following the Namibian shoreline to this typical village built around an ancient Baobab tree. Includes Soft Drinks and Bottled Water.
- Cultural Tour** a 3-hour Impalila Island Cultural Village Tour – a boat cruise in the opposite direction towards the Zambezi River to this Namibian Island with a colorful and interesting history at a location where 4 countries meet – Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana. Includes Soft Drinks and Bottled Water.



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- C) **Mokoro excursion** a variety of 2-hour excursions by traditional “Mokoro” (a hand hewn wooden canoe) into the Chobe river pushbacks and waterways. Ideal for Bird watching – 460 species recorded in this area. Includes Soft Drinks and Bottled Water.
- D) **Victoria Falls** a full day 6-hour tour by road to Victoria Falls. Includes all transfers, tour of the Falls, Lunch at the Falls Restaurant and visit to the Craft Market. Excludes drinks at Lunch and Visa Fees. (Minimum 4 passengers)
- E) **Flight of the Angel’s** a full day 6-hour luxury scenic flight and full day tour to Victoria Falls by private air-charter. Includes scenic flights over the Chobe National Park and Victoria Falls – “Flight of the Angels” -Lunch at the Falls Restaurant, visit to the Craft Market, tour of the Falls and scenic return flight along the Zambezi River and Airport Departure Taxes. Excludes drinks at Lunch and Visa Fees. (Minimum 4 passengers)
- F) **Fishing Charter** specialized and tailored 3 hour Fishing charters using custom designed fishing boats and guided by river/fishing professionals. Includes Soft Drinks, Bottled Water and Fishing Tackle. Lost / damaged tackle to be paid for. A Maximum 3 passengers or Rods per boat.
- G) **Photographic River Safaris** Specialized and tailored 3 hour Photographic River Safaris using custom designed photographic boats guided by internationally renowned photographers. Includes loan Cameras, free 4GB card, Park Fees, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water. A maximum 8 passengers per boat with a total of 16 in 2 boats.
- H) **Scenic Flight** 20-minute scenic flight over Chobe National Park and the Chobe River. Total tour including all transfers is 90

minutes. Includes transfers to and from Kasane Airport, Airport Departure Taxes and bottled water. A maximum 7 passengers.

- I) **Star Gazing Evening** at the Lodge conducted by one of our Game Guides. (Complimentary activity)

NOTE: Activities and Tours provided by an outsourced supplier, Flame of Africa (PTY) Ltd.

GOOD TO KNOW

- A. Chobe Water Villas is Wheel Chair friendly
- B. The Lodge welcomes young adults 13 years and above
- C. Check in time is 14:00
- D. Check out time is 10:00
- E. No pets allowed with the exception of Guide Dogs
- F. **IMPORTANT** Access to Chobe Water Villas is only via the town of Kasane in Botswana. Special attention needs to be paid to the operating hours of Immigration/Customs Offices in both Botswana and Namibia.

OPENING HOURS are 7 days a week from 07:30 to 16:30

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOPS & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Chobe Water Villas features a dual purpose 16 seat Photographic Review or Board Room ideal for Photographic Workshops or intimate and exclusive Executive Meetings. It is equipped with a large screen TV for digital photographic reviews or presentations and features 170+ channel cable TV.





Chobe River safari by boat

ACCOMMODATION

16 Luxury Water Villas

The Luxury Water Villas all feature a guaranteed 180° degree unobstructed view of the Chobe River and into the Chobe National Park. Perched on stilts over or at the water's edge the Villa's elevated view includes the world-renowned Sedudu Island

These junior suite-type Villas offer 85m² of living space featuring an open plan lounge and bedroom area, include a 19m² front terrace facing the Chobe River with Sun-Loungers and a built in day-bed and a 12m² rear terrace facing the natural bush and spectacular sunsets. The generous bathroom features a double vanity and separate bath, shower and toilet. The open-plan bedroom and lounge face the spectacular Chobe view through floor-to-ceiling glass doors which fold back completely along the entire width of the Room and onto the front terrace. Each Villa offers a mattress/bed configuration of either extra-length "soft-top" King or 2 x ¾ beds

Amenities include free Wi-Fi, Intercom Phone, Air-Conditioning, Tea/Coffee- making stations, stocked Mini-Bar, Hairdryer, Electronic Safe, Linen Bathrobes & Slippers and Writing Desk/Ladies Dresser with multi 220v and 110v plug points for South African, UK, European and USA plugs.

1. All Villas feature

- En-suite Bathrooms with double Vanities and separate Baths, Showers and Toilets
- Air-Cooling over Beds
- Security Door Locks
- Mosquito Nets
- Hairdryers
- Bathroom Amenities
- Torches
- Multi 220v and 110v Plug Points
- Linen Bathrobes & Slippers
- Room Safes
- Intercom Phones
- Tea/Coffee Stations
- Stocked Mini-Bars
- Complimentary Internet Wi-Fi access
- Front and Back private Terraces
- Outdoor Sun-Loungers with river views
- Each Water Villa is privately set in its own building on stilts over or at the river

2. Pilot or Tour Guide Rooms

Standard Twin rooms with spectacular sunset views from a private terrace featuring a separate bathroom with single vanity, shower and toilet. These 34m² rooms are comfortably furnished with 2 x single beds which can be converted into one King size bed. Furniture includes a desk, reading armchairs and coffee table

Amenities include free Wi-Fi, Intercom Phone, Air-conditioning, and Tea & Coffee making stations, Mini-fridge, Hairdryer, Electronic Safe, multi 220v plugs



Relaxing sundowner on safari boat



Inside Luxury Water Villa with spectacular 180° view



85 m² of indoor and outdoor luxury



Reception and Activity desks

WINING AND DINING

Chobe Water Villas is exclusively reserved for residents only to ensure peace and privacy and is not open to the general public.

FACILITIES INCLUDE

Indoor Wining & Dining

Under thatch and partially open to the gardens the Main Lodge building overlooks the infinity pool and pool deck with Chobe River views. It features an intimate 36-seat Restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, a cozy Cocktail Bar & Lounge as well as the private Library Lounge with its complimentary all day Tea & Coffee Butler Station.

Outdoor Wining & Dining

Nestling in the gardens and flowing seamlessly from the main lodge building is Chobe Water Villas' spectacular infinity pool and relaxing pool deck with its amazing and unobstructed views of the Chobe River, Sedudu Island and Chobe National Park.

The pool deck is sculptured to feature areas for Dining, Lounging, Sunbathing or Socializing around open fires according to a true African tradition – the Safari Campfire. Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon High Tea, and Sun-Downer Drinks, Dinner and Night-Caps or 'One for the Road' can be enjoyed outdoors whilst viewing wildlife along the Chobe River. Its special feature is Conversation Pits, each with an open fire and facing the Chobe River view.

The African Boma

The African Boma is derived from an age-old African tradition. The Boma is an area protectively enclosed by a circular wall of tree trunks

and/or tall reeds traditionally used to protect both man and livestock, especially at night, from marauding predators.

Today it has become a traditional "place of eating"; open to the night skies where guests enjoy a traditional dinner consisting of a "Braai" (BBQ) prepared over coals and served around a large crackling open camp fire.

Meals Served

Passionate Chefs prepare meals and dishes which tastefully fuse African and European cuisines whilst others allow guests to savor renowned Namibian beef and venison/game flavors.

Breakfasts A combination of a cold continental buffet and cooked breakfast selections from the kitchen.

Lunches Alfresco hot & cold buffets presenting a fusion of Afro- Mediterranean light, healthy and delectable dishes.

Dinners A set menu, 3-course plated and served elegant, candle-lit affair or traditional 3-course African Boma "Braai" (BBQ) – a variable dinner program as set by the Lodge.

Afternoon High Tea is a selection of teas and coffees served with cakes, scones, pastries and savory snacks/sandwiches.

Meal Times

- Breakfast: 06:30 – 10:00
- Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00
- High Tea: 15:00 – 16:00
- Dinner: 19:30 – 22:00
- Bars & Lounges: 11:00 – 23:00



Restaurant, Bar and Lounge Garden Terraces at Pool Deck



Bar & Lounge

GENERAL INFORMATION

Climate

January – April:	19 – 31 °C
May – August:	11 – 27 °C
September – December:	17 – 34 C

Time zone

In Namibia
 1st Sunday in April to 1st Sunday in September GMT+1 (winter)
 1st Sunday in September to 1st Sunday in April GMT+2 (summer).

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that whilst Chobe Water Villas is located in Namibia it remains all year @ GMT+2 thus following Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa time zones.

Communications

Cellular, Landline (at Reception only) and Internet Wi-Fi communication exists.

Forms of payment

Credit Cards: Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa Credit Cards.

Cash Currencies: Namibian Dollar \$, Euro, US \$, GBP and South African Rand.

Dietary requirements

At time of reservation please stipulate any special dietary requirements.
 We cater for diabetics, vegetarians, vegans and lactose intolerant guests.

Operating hours 24/7

Reception: 06:00 - 19:00

Duty Manager: 06:00 – 23:00
 Night Manager: 23:00 – 06:00

Electricity

Electrical supply provided is 220V and 110V. International (South African, European, British, North American) plug points are available in all Villas.

Emergency supplies

Emergency guest supplies (night-kits/male & female) are available. A basic medical aid kit is available on the premises. Other medical assistance is available in Kasane from 07:30 to 16:30 (Immigration operating hours) or later by special arrangements and ONLY in case of severe emergencies.

Laundry

Laundry and valet with 24 hour turn around service, 7 days a week.

Languages

Languages spoken are English, German and Afrikaans.

Safety & Security

Each Villa is equipped with a safe and security door locks. The fact that access to the Lodge is only by boat across the Chobe River and only during daylight hours adds much to the safe and secure location of Chobe Water Villas. Walkways from each Villa to the Main Lodge are elevated thus providing further safety to all guests from any "visiting" wildlife especially at night.

Pool towels

Pool towels are provided in each Villa for use on the Sun-Loungers on the private terraces. Further towels are provided on the pool deck at the infinity pool.



Chobe Water Villa Restaurant

LODGE LAYOUT:



LODGE DIRECTIONS AND ACCESS

Access to Chobe Water Villas is only via the town Kasane in Botswana and is easily accessible by both road and air.

There are four regional airports serviced by IATA Airlines:

- Kasane – BBK - (Botswana)
- Victoria Falls – VFA - (Zimbabwe)
- Livingstone – LVI - (Zambia)
- Mpacha – MPA - (Katima Mulilo - Namibia).

All main access roads to Kasane in Botswana are tarred National Roads of a high standard (from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia).

By Scheduled IATA Airlines

- A.) From Cape Town (South Africa):
 - * Via Maun to Kasane
 - * Via Johannesburg to Kasane
- B.) From Johannesburg (South Africa):
 - * Direct to Kasane
 - * To Victoria Falls and by road to Kasane
 - * To Livingstone and by road to Kasane
- C.) From Windhoek (Namibia):
 - * To Katima Mulilo (Mpacha) and road to Kasane
 - * To Victoria Falls and road to Kasane
- D.) From Harare (Zimbabwe):
 - * To Victoria Falls and by road to Kasane
- E.) From Lusaka (Zambia):
 - * To Livingstone and by road to Kasane
- F.) From Gaborone and/or Maun (Botswana):
 - * Direct to Kasane

By Private Air Charters

Numerous private Air Charter Companies fly directly into Kasane from many Airports including:

- Victoria Falls
- Windhoek
- Swakopmund
- Livingstone
- Maun
- Lodges in the Okavango Delta (Botswana) or Zambia, Zimbabwe and Caprivi (Namibia)
- Johannesburg
- Cape Town... And many others

By Road

Drive to Kasane (Botswana) Immigration Office (GPS: 17 47 54.82 S 25 8 59.89 E) and by private Lodge Safari Boat to Chobe Water Villas (15 minutes) across the Chobe River into Namibia. There is an opportunity to view wildlife along the route especially Elephant, Buffalo, Hippo and Crocodile. The Namibian Immigration Office is located at Chobe Water Villas.

NOTE: Immigration Offices are open 7 days a week from 07:30 to 16:30.

Chauffeur Driven Airport Lodge Transfers

Chobe Water Villas will arrange Transfers from 4 Airports serviced by IATA Carriers to Kasane (Botswana Immigration Point) and then by private Lodge Safari Boat to Chobe Water Villas across the Chobe River into Namibia (15 minutes), offering the opportunity to view wildlife along the route especially elephant, buffalo, hippo and crocodile. Namibian Immigration Office is located at Chobe Water Villas.

Vehicles Available

- 7 seat Toyota Regius (non-private Mini-Bus)
- 22 seat Toyota Coaster (non-private Coach)
- 4 seated Mercedes 4x4 ML 320 (private SUV)
- 4 seated Toyota Land Cruiser (private SUV)

Travelling times and distances

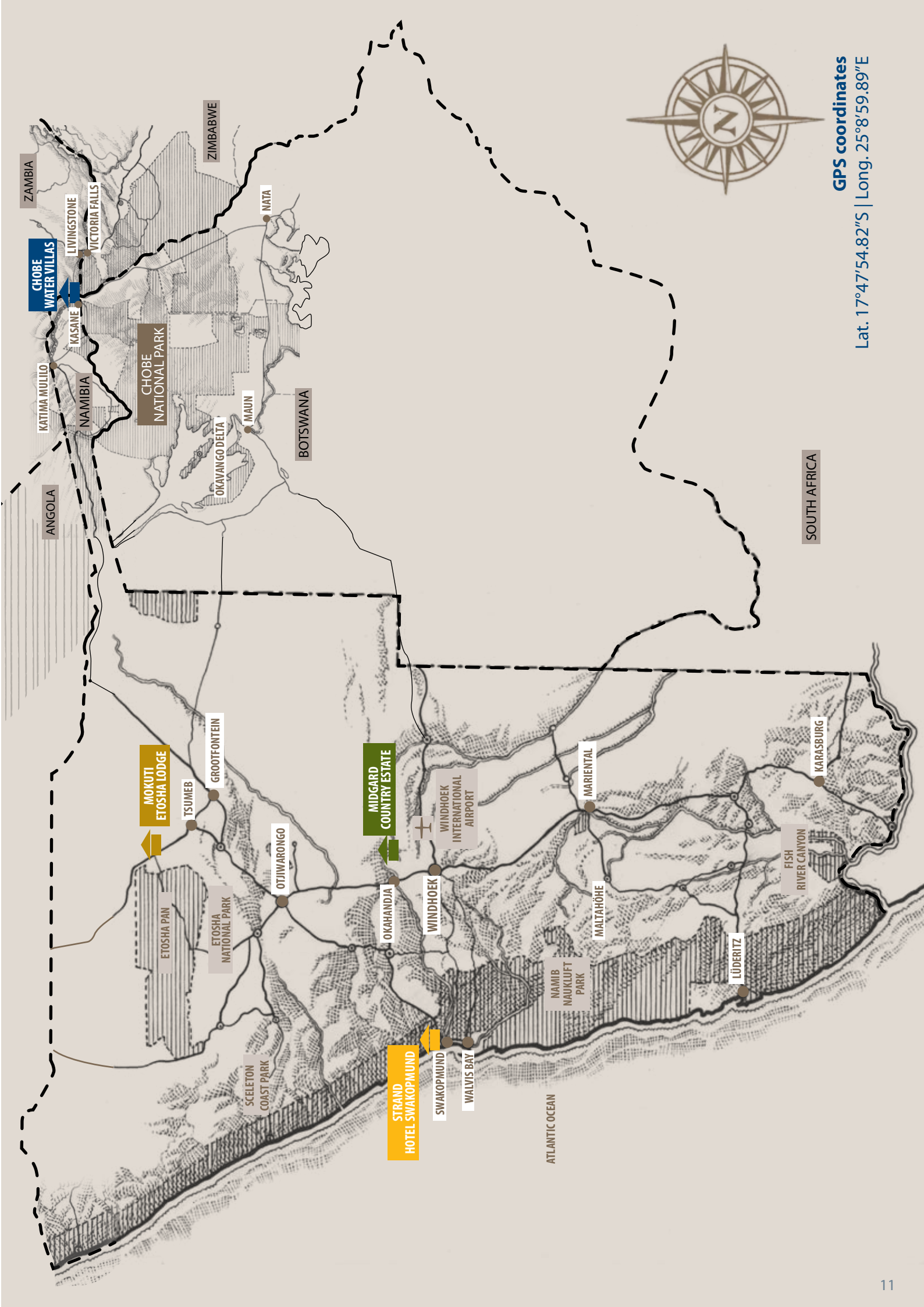
NOTE: All times stated are from the Airport mentioned and to Chobe Water Villas including Border formalities.

- 1.) VICTORIA FALLS AIRPORT (VFA) Zimbabwe
(2 hours) – 104 km's (65mi)
- 2.) LIVINGSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LVI)
(2 hours) – 85 km's (50mi)
- 3.) KASANE AIRPORT (BBK) Botswana
(25 minutes) – 5 km's (2mi)
- 4.) MPACHA AIRPORT (MPA) Katima Mulilo - Namibia
(2.5 hours) – 140 km's (87 mi)

IMPORTANT – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

The only access to Chobe Water Villas is through Kasane, Botswana and into Namibia across the Chobe River.

Both the Namibian and Botswana Border Post and Immigration Offices operating times MUST be adhered to. These are 7 days per week from 07:30 to 16:30.



GPS coordinates
 Lat. 17°47'54.82"S | Long. 25°8'59.89"E

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