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A guide to your Safaris of Character

BOTSWANA ACTIVITIES

MAKGADIKGADI

ACTIVITIES: MAKGADIKGADI PANS & BOTETI RIVER

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF THE MAKGADIKGADI

This iconic and intriguing landscape, with its salt-baked earth and haunting desert silence offers adventure around every corner. With a wide range of activities to choose from, enjoy all the Makgadikgadi action on a thrilling desert safari like no other.



What can I do?

- Game Drives
- Zebra Migration
- Meet the Meerkats
- Bushman Experience
- Horse Riding
- Flamingo Migration
- Kubu Island Expedition
- Quad Biking
- Sleep under the Stars
- Fat Bikes
- Spa Treatments
- Swimming Pool
- Boating
- Helicopter Flights
- Viewing Hides

GAME DRIVES

*Jack's Camp, San Camp,
Camp Kalahari, Meno a Kwena*

Take game drives and night drives in custom built 4x4s to spot the unique desert wildlife that inhabit the pans, like the elusive brown hyena or Kalahari lion. Your experienced safari guide will help you discover a desert landscape, pulsating with life. Complete with bush picnics, morning coffees and chilled drinks.

- Families travelling with children aged 9 years and younger required a private vehicle.
- Duration: 2 - 3.5 hrs.
- All year round.

ZEBRA MIGRATION

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Witness the second largest migration in Africa. A stonking spectacle of black and white stripes as approximately 30,000 zebra and wildebeest migrate across the Makgadikgadi Pans, followed closely by stalking predators, waiting for the rich pickings of tired hooves. This is a wildlife explosion and an experience not to be missed!

- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Duration: varied.
- Seasonal:
Nov - Mar (Jack's, San Camp, Camp Kalahari)
May - Aug (Meno a Kwena)



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MEET THE MEERKATS

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Get up close and personal with our habituated meerkats, the cool cats of the Kalahari! Hanging out with them at their burrow is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. As they dig and play around you, your head could become the perfect look-out point and part of the fun and games. This is where you'll truly feel like one of the gang.

- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Duration: ± 4 hrs.*
- *All year round.*



BUSHMAN

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Discover the secrets of the pans with the Zu/'hoasi Bushmen on a fascinating bush walk. See this ancient desert landscape through their eyes. These skilled hunter gatherers will show you how to survive, using their extraordinary tracking skills to uncover a smorgasbord of culinary delights... from bulbs, to scorpions, to berries. Spending time with them is a very rare privilege.

- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Duration: ± 2 hrs.*
- *All year round.*



HORSE RIDING

*Jack's Camp, San Camp,
Camp Kalahari*

Saddle up to explore this wild, unspoiled area in the same way many of the earliest explorers, hunters and missionaries did – on horseback! You'll embark on an adventurous outride (for all level riders). This is an exhilarating way to spot wildlife, cantering along the crusty salt flats and following the animal highways that bring life to the Makgadikgadi Pans.

- *Children 8 years and older are welcome.*
- *Children 12 years and older who are experienced riders are welcome on the longer horse riding safaris.*
- *Duration: 2 hrs.*
- *All year round.*
- *At an additional cost.*

FLAMINGO MIGRATION

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The Makgadikgadi Salt Pans are one of the most important breeding sites in southern Africa for the lesser and greater flamingos. These flying flame birds, arrive in their millions during seasons of good rain, when millions of small shrimp and other crustaceans crack through the salty pan crust to spawn. The result, a pink extravaganza in the heat of the desert.

You can also heli to Sua Pan to view the flamingos in Mar - Apr (at an additional cost).

- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Duration: varied.*
- *Seasonal: Nov - Mar*

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“Explore this otherworldly terrain, from the granite rocks to the forty-six baobabs that grow on the island. Here, the adventure never stops!”



KUBU ISLAND EXPEDITION

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Hop aboard your quad bike and barrel across the expanse of scorched, white earth of the Makgadikgadi Pans to Kubu Island. Here you will sleep at the open-air fly camp. Explore this otherworldly terrain, in true desert adventure style. With nothing and no one for miles around. Three words...heaven on earth.

- *Children 12 years and older are welcome.*
- *Duration: 2-3 nights.*
- *Seasonal.*
- *At an additional cost.*

FAT BIKING

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Grab a fat bike and peddle around the Makgadikgadi Pans. This is a really fun activity for the whole family, and an ideal way to get some exercise. These bikes can easily cruise over the desert terrain, taking you along 4x4 tracks and around the crusty salt flats. Keep a look out for sightings of wildlife, while breathing in the beautiful scenery, alongside the desert silence.

- *Children 6 years and older are welcome.*
- *Duration: approx 1 hr.*
- *Seasonal.*

SLEEPOUT

Meno a Kwena

Enjoy a romantic sleepout on the Makgadikgadi pans, camping out in total desert silence. The sheer isolation will be an exceptional experience. Lie on your comfy bed, looking up at billions of stars, this is stargazing like nowhere else on earth. Waking up to a salt pan sunrise, on this lunar-like landscape, the sheer magnitude of where you are, will leave you awestruck!

- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Duration: min-3 night stay.*
- *Seasonal: May - Sep.*

QUAD BIKING

*Jack's Camp, San Camp,
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This is pure desert adventure! Take an exhilarating quad bike across the salt-crusted pans (all pan activity is weather permitting). You'll feel total freedom as you trek across this vast and ancient landscape, discovering so much about the remnants of this once super lake.

- *Children 6 years and older are welcome.*
- *Duration: approx. 2-3 hrs.*
- *Seasonal: Apr - Oct.*

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SPA TREATMENTS

*Jack's Camp, San Camp,
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If you are in need of some serious time out, then one of our spa treatments is your perfect escape. Our professional therapist will put you in seventh heaven. Book a back massage overlooking the Makgadikgadi Pans or enjoy a relaxing spa treatment from the privacy of your tent. Whichever you decide, you'll walk away feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

- *Adults only.*
- *Duration: varied.*
- *All year round.*
- *At an additional cost.*



“MORE SUITED, I WOULD SAY, FOR THE BETTER CLASS OF MAHARAJAH.”
Thomas Pakenham

SWIMMING POOLS

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There's nothing more enticing than a dip in a cold refreshing pool, in the middle of a desert. From our pool pavilions, to pool views overlooking the Makgadikgadi salt pans to plunging into a Flintstone-esque rocky swimming pool, watch the animals doing the same below you. We've got quite a few options to make a splash about.

- *All ages welcome.*
- *All year round.*



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BOATING

Meno a Kwena

Cruise along the Boteti River by boat (*water levels permitting*). The only source of water for miles around, you'll get to see bountiful animals and birds along the riverbanks. With wildlife coming to drink and bathe enjoy your afternoon watching the beautiful orange sunset while sipping on a sundowner as the world around you floats on by.

- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Children under 12 must wear a life jacket.*
- *Duration: approx 2 hrs.*
- *Seasonal.*

VIEWING HIDE

Meno a Kwena

Our viewing hide, on the Boteti River, offers guests an all-year round floating hide experience. Here we offer guests a close-up of wildlife activity from the vantage point of the river. With an abundance of wildlife and birdlife this is every photographer's dream. We provide picnic lunches and bar facilities for guests spending time here (by prior arrangement) – this hide will truly delight.

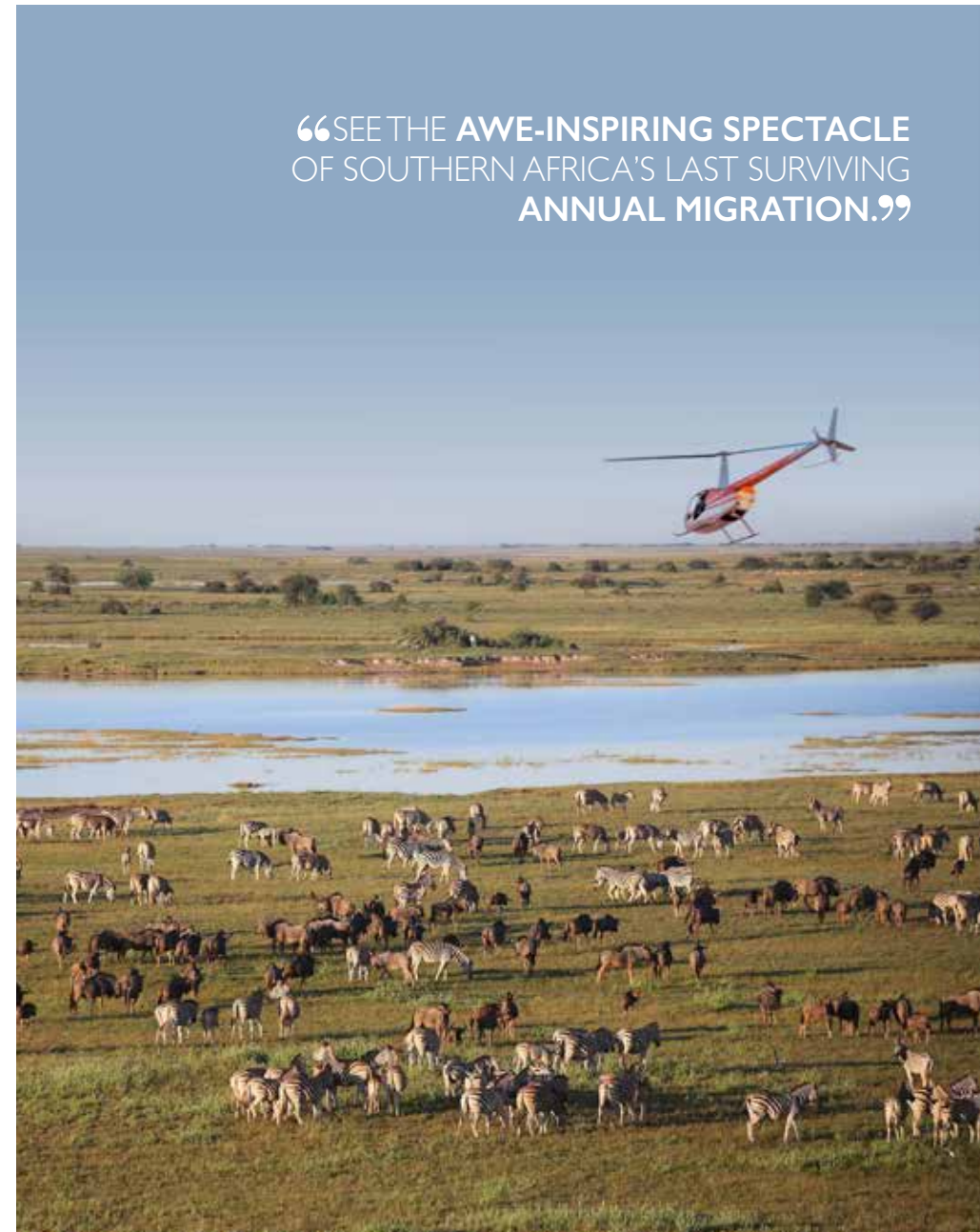
- *Children of all ages are welcome.*
- *Duration: 2 hrs.*
- *Seasonal.*

HELI FLIGHTS

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This really is an unforgettable experience. Enjoy a helicopter flight over the Makgadikgadi Pans, doors off (or on), to take in the vastness of this desert landscape. You'll go in search of the zebra and flamingo migrations (if timed correctly), get dropped on an island of baobabs for lunch, do a bit of sunset sky surfing as you follow the palm tree linings and tell all your friends about it all when you get home.

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- *Duration: varied.*
- *All year round.*
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