

Belmond Safaris introduces Kosher Safaris in Botswana

Kosher travel demands a level of catering that needs to meet rigorous and precise specifications. In the past this has proved particularly challenging when Kosher guests are on safari in remote locations, where all the ingredients are flown or trucked in and where there is a lack of required equipment, or Kosher kitchens in lodges, as well as the lack of true understanding of how complex the logistics are in order to provide Kosher catering and supervision in countries without any significant Jewish population.

The only means of offering Kosher catering on safari in Botswana had been to arrange prepacked meals that were flown up commercially and then into the lodges. This process resulted in the offering not being as fresh as it could be, and the prepacked meals would often need to last as long as ten or twelve days! Ultimately, this has meant that we have not been able to accommodate Kosher requests at the Belmond level of luxury.

But this has now changed. Belmond Safaris is now able to provide fresh Kosher meals (prepared by our lodge teams) across all three of our lodges, offering a much sought after and valued service to our Kosher Jewish guests.

Currently we are able to offer what we classify as 'Kosher Light', which is our entry level Kosher offering. ** Please note that if clients are strictly Kosher then this service will not be suitable.

We offer a segregated kitchen area where we separate the Kosher food, cutlery, kitchen utensils and wash up areas. The kosher equipment is locked away separately and all eating and serving utensils are wrapped and secured individually.

In the dining area there will be a table reserved for our kosher guests and the buffet will be separate to the buffet for the other guests. We only buy Beth Din approved products. Kosher guests are able to liaise with our Executive Chef on a daily basis to discuss the catering as well as preferred menus and dishes.

Rates from U\$ 150 (nett) surcharge per person <u>per night</u> applies and is based on 2 guests staying at the Belmond Safari Lodges for a minimum of 2 nights.