

# HORSE RIDING SAFARIS & ACTIVITY - FACTS & INFORMATION

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# 5 NIGHT SET DATE DEPARTURE SAFARI OUT OF CAMP KALAHARI:

Minimum 2 Guest / Maximum 8 Guests.
Private groups of up to 12 will be considered.
A spectacular safari through the Kalahari combining three nights in Camp Kalahari with two nights fly camping in the heart of the Makgadikgadi Pans, including Xau Xai. Non riders can accompany the safari but they will be required to pay for a private vehicle and guide.

#### 3 - 4 NIGHT SAFARI:

Minimum 2 Guest / Maximum 12 Guests. Choose between 3 - 4 nights out of either Jack's Camp, San Camp and Camp Kalahari.

**3 Night Itinerary:** Three nights at the camp of your choice with daily and evening rides.

**4 Night Itinerary:** Four nights at the camp of your choice with daily and evening rides. We do consider 5 night itineraries.

#### 2 HOUR RIDING ACTIVITY:

Minimum I Guest / Maximum 8 Guests. 2 hour ride in the morning or afternoon through the grasslands and across the Pans. Expert guide is included. The riding activity is not included in the nightly rate. Guests booking this activity will forfeit one of the activities included in the nightly rate. Note: (incl 3-5 nights at lack's Camp only)

# **RIDING EXPERIENCE:**

**Safaris:** guests should have some riding experience and feel competent and be able to keep up with the pace. You should be riding fit and in good health to enjoy the long days spent in the saddle.

**2** hr Riding Activity: any level of rider is accepted. A riding questionnaire will be required to be completed at the time of the booking.

#### HORSES:

A suitable well cared for horse will be chosen from some 20 horses made up of cross breeds which include Shire/TB, Boerperd/TB, Friesian/BP, Arab crosses, Quarter horse crosses. They range in size from 14.3h to 16.2h.

#### **TERRAIN:**

Dry, firm pans are ideal for long fast canters. When the pans are wet, the adjoining grasslands with their network of wildlife paths offer ground for great riding. The Land of a Thousand Islands is one of the most beautiful and fascinating areas in Botswana.

#### WEIGHT LIMIT:

The maximum weight limit per rider in full gear is 95 kg. Heavier, experienced riders may be accepted but at the discretion of the company.



## HARD HATS & TACK:

For the 2hr riding activity there are hard hats available should you choose not to bring your own. Adults riding without helmets do so at their own risk and the company cannot be held responsible for any injuries sustained. There is a choice of well fitted English (Wintec) saddles and trail saddles. Each saddle has specially designed holders to carry 2 water bottles per rider. Guests are welcome to bring their own personal seat saver.

## **DISTANCES:**

Set Date Departure: We spend between 4-7 hours each day on the saddle. The longest day will be when we travel to Xau Xai fly camp, which will be up to 35 km.

Private Safari: Out of Jack's Camp, San Camp and Camp Kalahari distances can be agreed upon with the Guide.

2 Hour Riding Activity: Distance can be agreed upon with the Guide.

# AGE LIMIT:

Children should be accompanied by adults. We hold the right to assess whether younger riders may have to travel with an accompanying vehicle should they be unable to keep up with the group during the safari.

Set Date Departure: 12 yrs of age or older.

Private Safari: We welcome all ages if they are confident, competent and willing to spend long days in the saddle.

2 Hour Riding Activity: 8 yrs of age or older.

#### INSURANCE & SAFETY:

Riders must have full medical insurance cover — details of which they should carry with them on safari. It should cover horse riding as an activity as well as medical evacuation. Please check whether your insurance requires you to wear a riding helmet whilst on horseback. Each rider will be required to complete an indemnity form on arrival in camp during the safety briefing. All rides will be led by a professional experienced guide, who will be accompanied by an assistant back up guide. Both guides will be up to date on first aid training, carry a basic first aid kit and handheld radio in the event of an emergency.

#### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR:

- Riding Helmet: light weight ventilated of good quality is recommended. Insurance regulations insist on this requirement whilst on horseback.
- Riding gear: Jodphurs / Long trousers.
- Half chaps.
- Riding footwear: for long ride these should have heels and be comfortable and easy to walk in if required. For the riding activity preferably with a heel but trainers are acceptable.
- Socks: several pairs.
- Riding gloves.
- Long sleeved collared shirts in neutral bush colours.
- Buff / bandana (to protect face and neck from sun and dust).
- · Light weight warm fleece or jacket.
- Light weight waterproof windbreaker jacket.
- Dark sunglasses on a string.
- Waist pouch to carry lip balm, suncream, small camera and extra batteries and memory card.

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