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# Chobe National Park

# A vast and remote wildlife paradise



Covering almost 11 700 km<sup>2</sup> (4 517 mi<sup>2</sup>) of pristine, natural wilderness bordering on the Chobe River, Botswana's renowned Chobe National Park was the country's first national park and is home to the biggest concentration of wildlife in Africa.

# Why visit Chobe National Park?

Among Africa's great game reserves, Chobe National Park is a must-see wildlife destination that includes the Savute Channel and Linyanti River.



## 1

### A DESERT OASIS

In addition to the vast floodplains that occur along the Chobe River, Chobe National Park also offers tracts of dry savanna while dense teak woodland provides thick cover in the north-eastern parts of the reserve.



## 2

### RARE SIGHTINGS

Blessed with a wealth of wildlife species, Chobe National Park is renowned for its large concentration of elephant and buffalo, as well as the two antelope that cannot be encountered anywhere else in Botswana, the puku and Chobe bushbuck.



## 3

### PROLIFIC BIRDLIFE

An African fish eagle is perched on what seems like every tree while wire-tailed swallow hunt and swoop above the river waters. African darter dry themselves on dead logs at the water's edge, and endangered African skimmer glide across the waterline.



## 4

### ADVENTURES FOR ALL

Chobe National Park offers explorers a plethora of adventures suited to all interests; from land and water safaris to private river cruises and exceptional photographic opportunities.

# Why travel with &Beyond?

## 1 TRAVEL WITH HEART

Our core ethos of "Care of the Land, Wildlife & People" drives all that we do. When you travel with us you make a meaningful contribution to the preservation of our world's cultures and wildlife, and leave with an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in some of our conservation and community initiatives.

## 2 IN OUR HANDS

We are on call 24/7 to assist you throughout your journey. Over 2 000 &Beyonders, including guides and ground logistic teams on three continents, means that you are in our hands from the moment you arrive to the moment you leave. Additionally, we offer a personal concierge service that is only a phone call away should you require any assistance at any point during your trip.

## 3 FINEST GUIDES

We operate three ranger training schools and are renowned for having the most highly trained, professional and knowledgeable guides, rangers, naturalists and trackers, who offer intriguing cultural insights as well as interpretive wildlife experiences.

## 4 TRAVEL EXPERTS

Big or small, we are all about tailoring trips around your specific interests and expectations. Our expert travel specialists are able to personalise a range of experiences for individual travellers, groups, families, and special interest groups.

## 5 PERFECT MOMENTS

With journeys lovingly crafted of perfect moments, you will return from an &Beyond adventure feeling that nothing will take your breath away quite like this ever again. Our collection of signature experiences is often exclusive to &Beyond, ensuring a unique adventure.



**Our trip was amazing. We have no words to describe it – only good and unforgettable experiences were had, filled with memories that will last a lifetime.** ”

&BEYOND GUEST

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# Travel Botswana and beyond

Travelling to Botswana requires careful consideration and attention to detail as there are a multitude of different transport methods to get to and around the country. Contact your preferred Travel Specialist to assist with your travel plans.



## GETTING TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Daily scheduled flights to Kasane Airport, followed by a game drive transfer to Chobe Under Canvas.

SA Airlink offer daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg (South Africa) to Kasane (Botswana).

Scheduled flights from Maun and Kasane (Botswana) to Savute Airstrip in Chobe National Park followed by a game drive transfer to Savute Under Canvas.

As per national park vehicle restrictions, it is not possible for guests to self-drive to the Chobe Under Canvas camps.

### TRAVEL TIMES

JOHANNESBURG		CAPE TOWN		VICTORIA FALLS		KASANE		MAUN	
✈️	14hrs 14mins (1 397,8 km) 2hrs 10mins	✈️	14hrs 17mins (1 197 km) 1hr 40mins	✈️	13hrs 47mins (1 189,1 km) 1hr 50mins	✈️	12hrs 18mins (1 123,8 km) 1hr 50mins	✈️	14hrs 14mins (1 397,8 km) 2hrs 10mins
✈️	Not recommended 2hrs 50mins	✈️	Not recommended No direct flight	✈️	Not recommended 2hr 35mins	✈️	Not recommended 2hr 35mins	✈️	Not recommended 2hr 50mins
✈️	1hr 9mins (81,9 km) 20mins	✈️	8hrs 43mins (680 km) No direct flight	✈️	6hrs 25mins (607,6 km) 1hr	✈️	1hr 9mins (81,9 km) 20mins	✈️	1hr 9mins (81,9 km) 20mins

*Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops, and scheduling is a guideline. Times will vary. Above times are based on best-practice logistics.*

**Access to our camp:**

Scheduled flights to Kasane Airport, followed by a game drive to the camp, with game viewing en route.

Airlink have a flight from Johannesburg to Kasane.

Game drive to the camp location within Chobe National Park

## &BEYOND LODGES

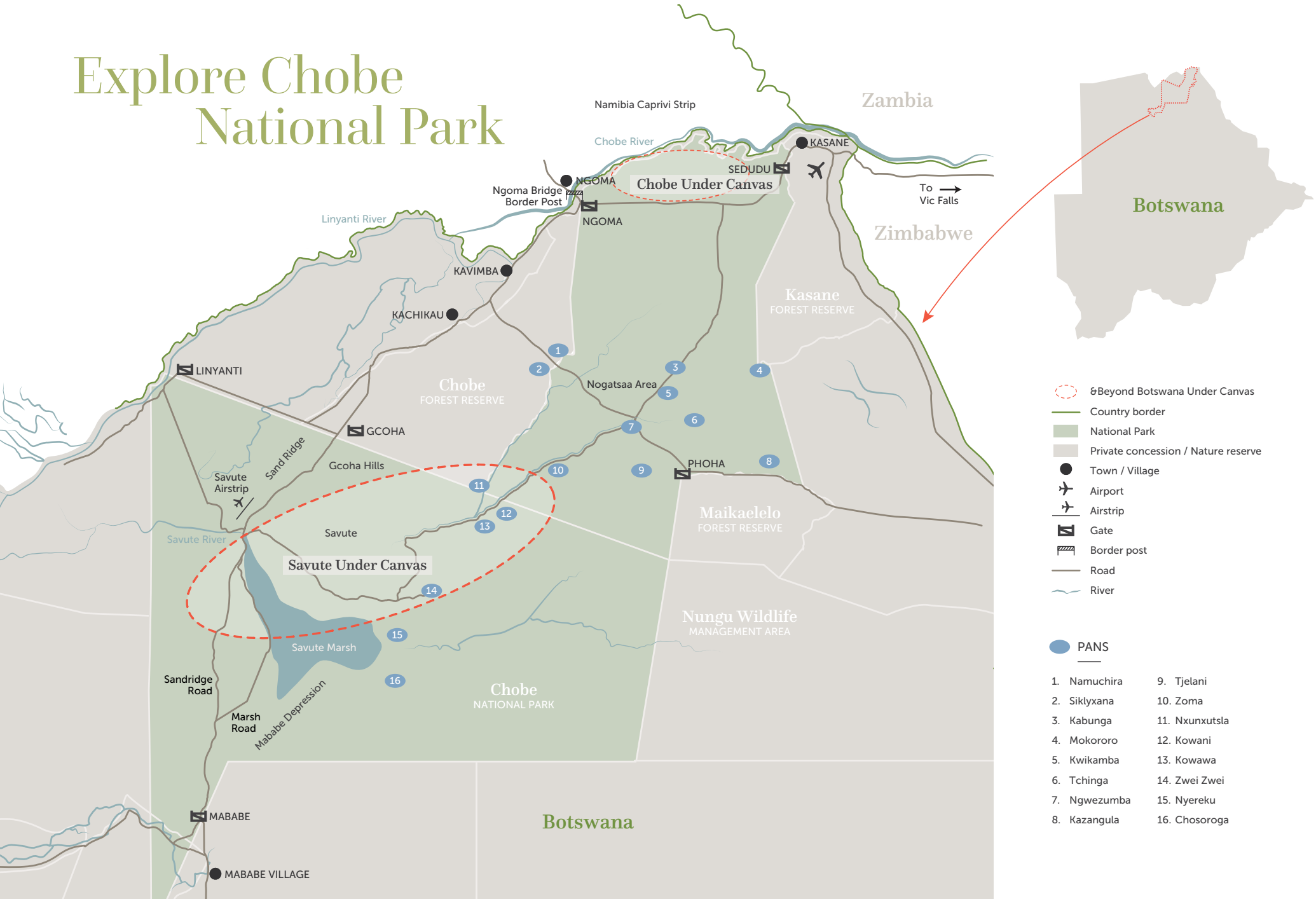
### OKAVANGO DELTA

- 1 Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge
- 2 Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp
- 3 Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp

### CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

- 4 Chobe Under Canvas
- 5 Savute Under Canvas

# Explore Chobe National Park



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# Regional information

Altitude	931 m (3 054 ft)
Malaria area	Chobe National Park is situated in a malaria area – necessary precautions must be taken
Airstrip / Helipad	Kasane Airport or Savute Airstrip (depending on campsite)
Best time to travel	Year-round
Weather	Botswana has hot, wet summers (October to April) with warm days and cool evenings. Winters (May to September) are dry and cool, but temperatures are known to drop dramatically at night.
Rainfall	Rainfall typically occurs during the summer months, from October or November until March. Rainfall is sparse and sporadic, with an average of 85 mm (3 in) per year. The average rainfall varies according to area with less than 50 mm (2 in) along the coast and 350 mm (13 in) in the central region. The rains come in short, sharp thunderstorms that lead to rapid run-off and miniature floods, followed by a profusion of grass growth.
Average temperatures	Summer: Average of 18 °C to 32 °C / 64 °F to 90 °F, although temperatures can rise to over 40 °C / 104 °F Winter: 8 °C to 21 °C / 46 °F to 70 °F; temperatures can drop to 0 °C / 34 °F at night and in the early mornings

**We witnessed an incredible array of wildlife, from giraffe and elephant to lion, all gathered at the Chobe River. It was unbelievable.** ”

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# Adventures of a lifetime

Chobe National Park offers travellers an array of private and specialist experiences, including safari game drives, river cruises, birdwatching, and photographic opportunities.



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Adventures of a Lifetime

# Experiences and highlights

With an array of captivating safari excursions on offer, create your very own tailor-made wildlife adventure, ensuring a truly incomparable, interpretive wilderness experience.



## 1

### SAFARI GAME DRIVES

Enjoy twice-daily game drives exploring the wildlife-rich landscape. Professional &Beyond guides lead travellers on interpretive drives tailored to their preferences, whether that is tracking a particular species or unpacking the region's bountiful vegetation. Home to one of the largest concentrations of elephant in Africa as well as the puku and Chobe bushbuck found nowhere else in Botswana, appreciate up-close-and-personal views of wildlife unique to the park.



## 2

### BIRDWATCHING

With over 450 recorded bird species, most of which are indigenous, the region is teeming with feathered inhabitants. Keep your binoculars at the ready for incredible sightings of broad-tailed paradise whydah, orange-winged pytilia, slaty egret, three-banded courser, white-fronted bee-eater, and marabou stork, amongst many other equally impressive findings.



## 3

### PHOTOGRAPHIC BOATING SAFARI\*

Tailored for both photography enthusiasts and wildlife admirers, the Pangolin Voyager photographic safari river boat is custom-built with eight individual 360°-rotating chairs, each fitted with a camera mount for longer telephoto lenses. Accompanied by a professional photographer and guide, this complimentary specialist-guided half-day adventure offers an incredible visual advantage as well as the unique opportunity for close-ups of the magnificent fauna and flora of the Chobe River.



## 4

### STARGAZING

The evening skies above Chobe National Park are some of the continent's clearest, boasting exceptional stargazing opportunities. Immerse yourself in the Southern Hemisphere's night skies in complete awe, taking a closer look at the planets and constellations with your guide at the campsite.

*\*This experience is only available if guests are staying for two or more consecutive nights at &Beyond Chobe Under Canvas.*

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# Lodge overview

Chobe National Park is home to two &Beyond under-canvas mobile safari camps; Chobe Under Canvas and Savute Under Canvas.

A photograph of a mobile safari camp in Chobe National Park. The scene is set under large, leafy trees. In the foreground, a dark canvas tent is partially visible on the right, with a table and chairs underneath. In the middle ground, two more canvas tents are pitched. A staff member in a white uniform and hat stands near one of the tents, and another staff member is visible further back. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden light and long shadows on the ground.

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Accommodation Overview

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# Our camps in Chobe National Park

Entrenched in solitude and comfort, with the lightest of footprints, get as close to nature as possible, with only the walls of your tent separating you from the unrefined marvels of Botswana.

### &BEYOND CHOBE UNDER CANVAS

Set in the remote northern reaches of the Chobe National Park, our exclusive semi-permanent campsites are carefully positioned near the iconic Chobe River. Watching elephant drink and bathe in the river is an unforgettable sight, all the more impressive when herds of buffalo, rafts of hippo and gigantic Nile crocodiles are part of the scene. Moving every few days to a new campsite, our semi-mobile &Beyond Chobe Under Canvas camp boasts five canvas safari tents, each featuring a comfortable double or twin bed, an ensuite bathroom with a separate flushing WC and steaming hot bucket shower.

### &BEYOND SAVUTE UNDER CANVAS

Savute, a remote and wild corner of Chobe National Park, stretches from the park's northern boundaries to the Linyanti River. It is named after the enigmatic Savute Channel, which flows and dries up intermittently, seemingly unrelated to rainfall. Our exclusive semi-permanent campsites are ideally based in the expansive Savute corner of the park near the Savute Channel. Moving every few days to a new campsite, our &Beyond Savute Under Canvas camp features five canvas safari tents, each with a comfortable double or twin bed, an ensuite bathroom with a separate flushing WC and steaming hot bucket shower.



TEA TIME AT CHOBE



GUEST TENT AT SAVUTE

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# Sustainability initiatives

In partnership with Wild Impact\*, our long-standing community and conservation development partner.



## CARE OF Land

- 155 856 plastic water bottles eliminated per year in Botswana as a result of on-site lodge and camp bottling plants
- Hybrid solar power plant systems in operation at our Botswana lodges and camps have the capacity to supply up to 80% of the lodges' energy requirements
- All our Botswana lodges and camps have sophisticated, environmentally friendly, above-ground wastewater treatment systems
- Progressive reduction of our direct carbon footprint through a system of Group goals, measured by annual lodge audits



## CARE OF Wildlife

- Long-term support of the WildCRU Trans-Kalahari Predator Programme, based out of the University of Oxford, which aims to identify and protect wildlife corridors in Botswana
- Support of the Botswana Predator Conservation Trust with their African Wild Dog Dispersal Study – a project that is fundamental to the management and conservation of this endangered species
- Rhinos Without Borders – a collaboration between ♻️Beyond and Great Plains Conservation – translocated 87 rhino from South Africa to Botswana. The significant number of calves born to these new source populations is testimony to the success of this conservation initiative



## CARE OF People

- 94% of our staff complement are local Botswana citizens
- 100 training interventions held on average annually
- 89% of our Botswana camp and lodge operational expenses support local business
- The phased development of the Sexaxa Primary School from 2012 to date has been a long-term commitment by Wild Impact and ♻️Beyond to a community-identified project
- Wild Impact's CLEF (Community Leaders Education Fund) tertiary bursary programme was introduced in 2019, with six bursaries granted to five rural students by 2020
- Two new boreholes established, providing a stable source of clean water to the isolated communities of Gogomoga and Tsutsubega

\*Formerly Africa Foundation

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# Camp comparison

A quick reference comparing Chobe Under Canvas  
and Savute Under Canvas - each offering their own  
unique location and wildlife highlights.



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# Camp comparison

## OVERVIEW

## CHOBE UNDER CANVAS

## SAVUTE UNDER CANVAS

Location experience

Situated in the park's northern reaches, ideally positioned close to the iconic Chobe River

Stretches to the boundary of the Linyanti River, well-known for the enigmatic Savute Channel and massive baobab trees

Wildlife experience

The Chobe River is celebrated for its large concentrations of elephant and buffalo, as well as lion and hyena frequently spotted on the floodplains where red lechwe, puku, zebra, sable and roan come out to graze

The Savute region is known for its open plains with vast herds of plains game including zebra, sable, red lechwe and wildebeest as well as a healthy population of lion, which have become known for hunting elephant. Other special sightings include the elusive leopard and rare African wild dog

Camp experience

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Maximum number of guests

10

10

Number of rooms

5

5

Room types

Tents

Tents

Family accommodation

No

No

WILDchild programme

No

No

Distance between rooms

Tents are located to optimise space available per campsite

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## FACILITIES

Power

12V charging units and USB ports on 4x4 safari vehicles  
Solar lamps in tents

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Solar lamps in tents

Internet access

No

No

Wine store or cellar

No, but the camp has a well-stocked bar

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Outdoor dining

Yes

Yes

Wheelchair accessibility

No

No

Laundry service

No, however, guests are provided soap suds to do their own laundry

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Beyond Safari Shop

No

No

# Accommodation comparison

## CHOBE UNDER CANVAS

## SAVUTE UNDER CANVAS

Tent size	Approx. 19 m <sup>2</sup> (204 ft <sup>2</sup> )	Approx. 19 m <sup>2</sup> (204 ft <sup>2</sup> )
Room configuration	Double or twin bed with ensuite bathroom, separate flushing WC and steaming hot bucket shower	Double or twin bed with ensuite bathroom, separate flushing WC and steaming hot bucket shower
Personal bar	No, but the camp has a well-stocked bar	No, but the camp has a well-stocked bar
Overhead fans	No	No
Mosquito nets	No, however, tents are fully netted and insect-proof	No, however, tents are fully netted and insect-proof
Bath	No	No
Indoor shower	Yes, bucket shower with steaming hot water on request	Yes, bucket shower with steaming hot water on request
Seperate WC	Yes, separate flushing WC	Yes, separate flushing WC
Internet access	No	No
In-room safe	No	No
Plug type	No electricity in tents, 12V charging units and USB ports on safari vehicles	No electricity in tents, 12V charging units and USB ports on safari vehicles
Triple bed option	No	No
Twin bed option	Yes, however, beds are within the same bedframe All double tents can be converted to twin	Yes, however, beds are within the same bedframe All double tents can be converted to twin
Double bed option	Yes	Yes
Wheelchair accessibility	No	No



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