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WELCOME TO BOTSWANA

Experience the breathtaking beauty and diversity of Botswana, from the vast, rugged plains of the ancient Kalahari to the sprawling Okavango Delta, a wetland wilderness dotted with grassy plains and islands amidst a labyrinth of channels. Botswana is a haven for wildlife and one of the most pristine wilderness areas on Earth.

Watch huge herds of elephants roam the plains, witness lions and leopards stalking through the long grass in search of prey. Stunning sunsets and the African night sky, with a million stars, will leave you mesmerised. Surrounded by the magic of these wild places and the wildlife that make it their home, you'll have an unparalleled safari experience.



OUR DESTINATIONS

KHWAI MOBILE TENTED CAMP

Travel time from Maun:

Helicopter from Maun to Khwai Airstrip	15 min
Light Aircraft from Maun to Khwai Airstrip	20 min
Road from Khwai Airstrip to Khwai Tented Camp	20 min
Road from Maun to Khwai Tented Camp	2h30*

FELINE FIELDS THE LODGE

Travel time from Khwai:

Road from Khwai Tented Camp to Khwai Airstrip	20 min
Helicopter from Khwai Airstrip to The Lodge	65 min
Light Aircraft from Khwai Airstrip to Gumare Airstrip	50 min
Road from Gumare Airstrip to The Lodge	1h10*

Travel time from Maun:

Helicopter from Maun to The Lodge	50 min
Light Aircraft from Maun to Gumare Airstrip	45 min
Road from Gumare Airstrip to The Lodge	1h10 min*
Road from Maun to The Lodge	3 hours*

Coming soon: Maun to Feline Fields The Lodge by Light Aircraft in 55 min via new airstrip 5 min from The Lodge.

* Travel time by road varies depending on season and road condition and will be confirmed at time of booking confirmation.



KALAHARI DESERT

The starkly beautiful Kalahari is an enormous wilderness area with a wide variety of habitats with flat bushveld, mopane forests to undulating sand dunes. This land is home to an array of wildlife including plentiful antelope, giraffe, wild dog, elephant, brown hyena, cheetah and more. The ancient Bushmen, or San, have inhabited this desert for millennia, roaming the area as nomadic hunters.



FELINE FIELDS THE LODGE

Your home away from home

In the midst of the endless Kalahari, discover a secluded retreat offering the finest levels of comfort and extraordinary warm service. Guests of The Lodge at Feline Fields are left in awe of the untouched beauty of its surroundings. Crafted from the Earth, this stylish home leaves its unforgettable mark on all those who visit.

This undiscovered region welcomes just a handful of visitors each year, making it an ideal destination for those seeking a very private and peaceful African escape. The main lodge boasts a contemporary lounge overlooking an inviting twenty-five meter pool. Designed without walls to bring the Kalahari closer, guests dine on the raised deck which frames uninterrupted views of the savannah. Indulgent meals created by the talented chef combine freshly prepared produce with a taste of Africa. The local wine selection is hand-picked by the owner. A welcoming bar, a library wing and decked lapa seating around a warming fire complete this desert haven.





POOL SUITES

Three luxury two-storey pool suites are built upon raised platforms, with a spacious upper deck offering all-encompassing views of the bush. Guests sleep cooled by the Kalahari breeze and wake to splendid African sunrises.

The lounge has a relaxing daybed which can be used as a further sleeping area for children, while the sumptuous bathroom is the perfect place to relax or refresh after a day in the savannah.

Relax and unwind from the intimacy of the suite's galleried lounge, whilst being cooled by a soft breeze.

A private pool completes these stunning homes away from home.



BUSH SUITES

The three spacious bush suites are light and airy, raised more than a metre off the ground on beautiful decks made from sustainable wood. The bush suites are located along the northern shore of a wooded island overlooking an ephemeral pan. Each bush suite has twin beds which can be made as a double bed in need and a luxurious en suite bathroom.



FAMILY VILLA

The very roomy family villa, perfect for a family getaway or even two couples, overlooks the pristine wilderness of the Kalahari savannah.

From inside the villa enjoy a panoramic view through the transparent netting which also creates a natural flow of air to the private lounge and bedrooms.

Under expansive canopies are two bedrooms each with twin beds which can be made as an extra king size bed. Each bed is surrounded by billowing linen mosquito nets.

There are also two en-suite bathrooms with double basins, massage shower and toilet. The villa boasts a huge deck made from sustainable wood where you can relax during the day or gaze up at the African night sky, ablaze with a million stars.



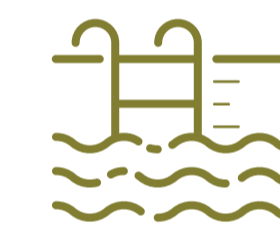


FACILITIES

A full range of sports and wellness facilities is available to guests at The Lodge. Invigorate the body at the open-air, well-equipped bush gym or dive into the refreshing twenty-five meter lap pool.

Alternatively, guests may take advantage of the tennis court crafted from old termite mounds, creating a red clay effect, or practice their golf swing on the driving range. Exploring the environment on a Shimana sand bicycle is also a must for a sense of adventure: these are available for every guest to travel on around The Lodge.

You can also relax on your rooftop lounge, cooled by a gentle breeze, and luxuriate in one of our special spa treatments or massages.



25m Lap Pool



Sand Bikes



Gym



En-suite Spa Treatments



Tennis Court



Bush Golf

ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE

Discover the wildlife surrounding The Lodge by open safari vehicles, partaking in thrilling game drives in the morning or evening at guests' leisure. The large variety of wildlife of the Kalahari includes the striking oryx and eland, the elusive leopard and the rare brown hyena. Majestic elephants visit regularly, meandering across the savannah. The unique creatures of the Kalahari can also be enjoyed on foot or by sand-bike, while the wide array of birds can be observed from the comfort of The Lodge. Enjoy the traditional trance dance of the San Bushmen and learn about their way of life in harmony with nature. Head out on foot to learn about their survival in the arid desert

environment, traditional natural medicines and healing, and the different roles within the tribe. Journey to the ancient Gcwihaba Caves, a World Heritage site, and the richest cave fossil deposit in Botswana. Accessible by staircase or cage lift, the caves are a cathedral of natural beauty with spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. On the way back stop for a bush picnic under shady trees. For the more adventurous, experience a real wilderness adventure, sleeping out under the African sky glittering with a billion stars.



Game Drives



Meeting the Bushmen



Guided Walks



Horseriding



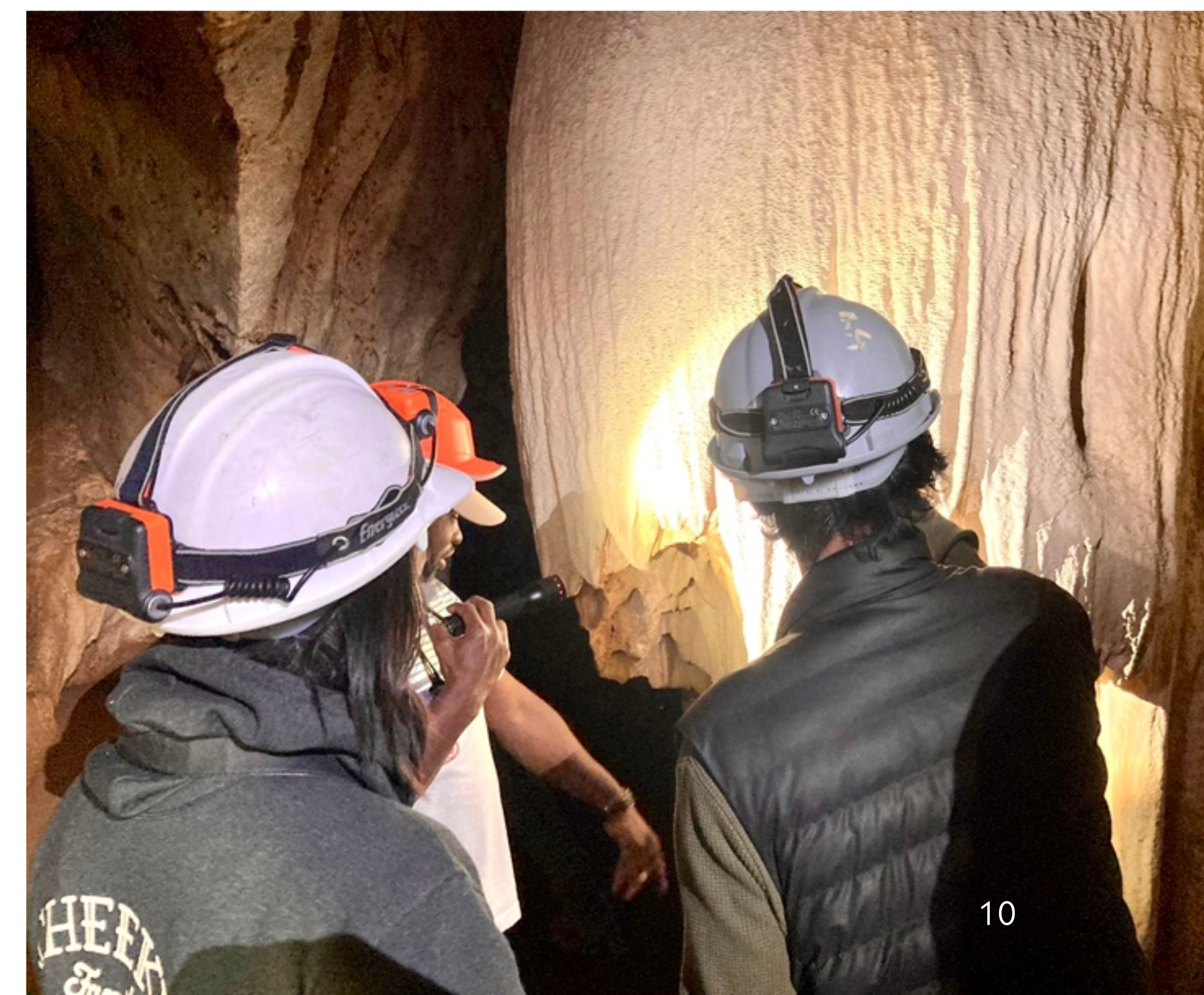
Biking



Dunes Sleepout



Cave Exploration



EXPLORE OPEN PLAINS WITH THE BUSHMEN OF THE KALAHARI

Strap on your walking shoes and roam back to the ancient San Bushmen!

Accompanied throughout by your translator guide, guests have the opportunity to meet the San people and witness their unchanged, nomadic way of life in harmony with the earth, as they tread along paths untamed animals roam free on.

Meeting the Bushmen is a unique opportunity to engage with them and learn all about their survival skills, food preparation and cultural norms. Follow these ancient nomadic hunters into the pristine and untamed Kalahari Desert and gain insight into the culture and time-honored traditions of the oldest inhabitants of Southern Africa.

A veritable step back in time, walking alongside the Bushmen is an authentic cultural journey in the heart of the Kalahari that reveals the untold world of these charismatic people.



SPEND A NIGHT UNDER A CANOPY OF STARS



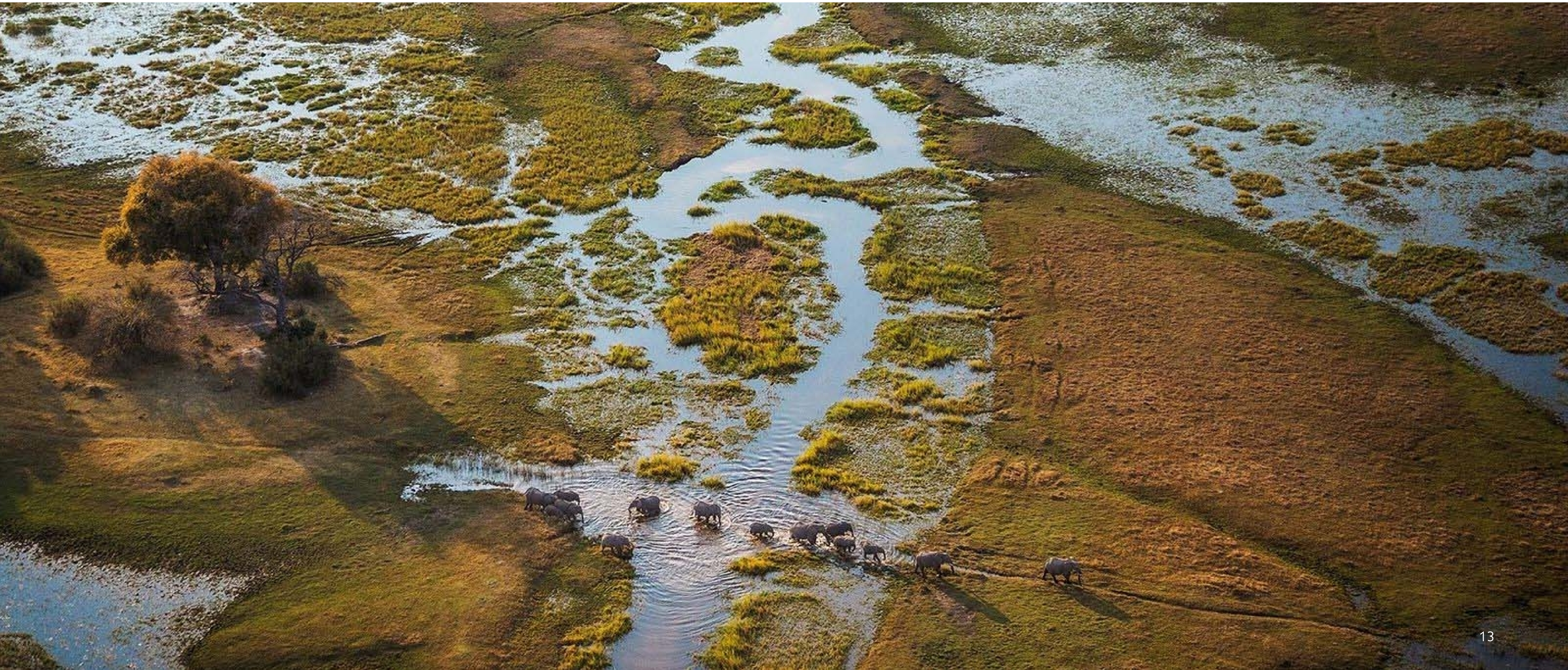
After a beautiful dinner lit by a roaring campfire, rest for the night in mosquito net tents kitted out with real mattresses and duvets.

Spending the night in the heart of the Kalahari, falling asleep admiring the stars nested in a comfortable bed, lulled by birdsong is the ultimate in romance. It is a unique and exhilarating experience that allows you to fully connect with Nature.

In the morning, as dawn approaches, the stars gradually disappear and the birds begin to stir as the first rays of sunlight appear over the Kalahari dunes, gently waking you up and realizing where you are.

KHWAI

The scenic Khwai Concession lies adjacent to Moremi Game Reserve along the banks of the Khwai River. The river, the only source of water, attracts wildlife from all around leading to superb game viewing. This community-run reserve enjoys a diverse ecosystem with lagoons scattered across the grassy plains and forest areas. Known for its high concentration of predators, Khwai also hosts elephant, buffalo, zebra, hippo, eland and much more.



FELINE FIELDS MOBILE CAMP

A private camp on the river bank

Featuring remote location, complete privacy and dedicated staff catering to all their needs, Feline Fields mobile camp provide the perfect setting for guests to connect with nature.

The focus is blending into the environment with the camp geared towards an eco-friendly use of the natural environment. Wildlife sightings are excellent with the wildlife being more comfortable around the smaller scale of a mobile tented camp.

The intimate bush camp allows you to immerse yourself in the African bush, uninterrupted by the distractions of the modern world. During the warm afternoons relax lounging on the floor cushions and carpets of the tea tent.

A luxury tented mobile safari in Khwai gives you the experience of the African bush like the explorers of yester-year.





SPACIOUS AND ROMANTIC TENTS

The seven spacious and romantic bell tents (5m diameter) have comfortable double or twin beds, with real duvets, pillows and mattresses.

Each tent is furnished with carpets on the floor, hanging canvas shelves and bedside tables with small solar lanterns. In winter, there is a small gas heater for chilly mornings.

All tents have an en suite bathroom with a copper basin, flushing toilet and a large bucket shower, filled each morning with warm water. In front of the tent is a seligna wooden deck, with two comfortable safari-style chairs.

A copper basin in front of the tent is filled in the early morning with warm water so you can refresh yourself before the early morning game drive.



ACTIVITIES AT KHWAI

The wildlife sightings at Khwai are truly extraordinary and is the focus of the Feline Fields mobile safari experience. A typical day starts by heading out for a morning game drive after an early breakfast. Return to camp for a freshly prepared brunch. After a bush tea, head out again for the evening game drive.

In the evening relax around the campfire with an aperitif before ending the day with a wholesome bush dinner. A highlight is exploring the Khwai River in a mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe. Spend two hours gliding along the river guided by professional polers. Fishing is also possible.



Game Drives



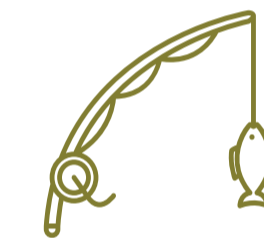
Mokoro Trips



Guided Walks



Birdwatching



Fishing





SAFARI TIME

While in Khwai, you'll discover the richest wildlife in Africa, including elephants, giraffes, leopards, buffaloes and wildebeest. We have among our team some of the best guides in the region. You will not miss any of the nature and wild animals that surround you.

A trip to Khwai also offers exceptional bird-watching opportunities, especially to see waterfowl and birds of prey. At dawn and sundown when the animals are still most active, you'll have the choice of viewing wildlife either from a 4x4 or by mokoro, all accompanied by rangers. Two totally different, yet equally memorable experiences.

KHWAI - KALAHARI JOURNEY

The perfect balance of adventure and luxury, the Khwai-Kalahari journey is the ideal way to experience the enormous diversity of Botswana. Travel from the lush Khwai River, teeming with wildlife, to the Kalahari, a starkly beautiful semi-desert where the ancient Bushmen live.

There are two exciting packages:

- 🕒 Six nights with three nights at Khwai and three nights at The Lodge
- 🕒 Seven nights with a choice of days in Khwai and at The Lodge



OUR ENGAGEMENT

In harmony with Nature

A Feline Fields' operation has been thoughtfully planned to be as environmentally sensitive as possible.

The Lodge operates in harmony with its surroundings with architecture designed for energy and ecological conservation, materials from low energy and renewable sources coupled with operational practices for efficient energy and water usage.

In keeping with Feline Fields' objective of reducing energy consumption and fossil fuel use, the very latest in solar energy technology has been installed. Grey water is treated and used for the bird baths and waterholes. Water is filtered by a UF system which enables zero waste water.

Khwai Camp has been designed to have the lightest possible footprint on the ecosystem. The natural environment is left untouched and undisturbed with zero pollution - everything is taken away after each safari. Lighting is provided by lanterns powered by bio paraffin or solar energy.



HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS?

The Lodge was built from the ground as an «open space» connected with the surrounding nature, making it an ideal ventilated space for dining in safety or enjoying a drink at the bar. The restaurant, gym, and rooms are wide open, with mesh covered windows, ventilated by the soft Kalahari breeze. Your health and that of our employees remains our utmost priority, this is why we take measures to ensure that.

OUR 8 PREVENTION MEASURES TO MAKE SURE OUR GUESTS AND STAFF ARE SAFE:

Good hygiene



Our staff have been trained on best hygiene practices and protocol in respect of social distancing.

Safe dining



Tables are placed at least 2,5 m from one another and guests can also have their diner and lunch “al fresco” on the pool deck.

Tables and bar side will be thoroughly disinfected between meals.

On Safari



We are allocating a maximum of 6 guests per safari vehicle.

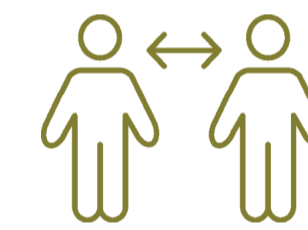
One car for each private group.

Medical partners



A clear procedure has been defined with our local medical emergency partners on what to do in the event of a suspected case.

Social distancing



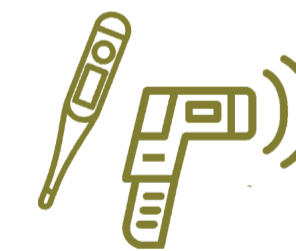
No more than 15 people will be in any given space, including staff and guests.

Hydroalcoholic gel



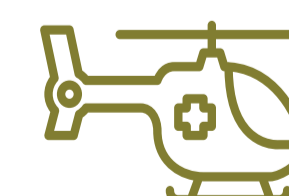
Hydroalcoholic gel will be available in all rooms, in safari cars, in the gym as well as in the dining areas.

Thermometer



A thermometer will be available in every room for guests to check their temperature if they wish to do so.

Helicopter rescue



In case of emergency, we have a clear procedure with our helicopter service provider. We are less than an hour flight from an hospital.

PRIVATE FLIGHTS FROM EUROPE



You can now travel in peace directly from Europe to Botswana, up to 16 people.

Flights can depart from the customers home airport and major cities such as Paris, London and Brussels. You will enjoy a VIP experience all along the flight with an exceptional flight crew to assist you.

Upon arrival at destination the jet will be parked at Maun airport during your entire stay, while you are enjoying your safari and admiring the exceptional fauna and flora of Botswana.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

POWER

There is solar electricity throughout the lodge. To charge any devices at The Lodge, an adaptor for a round 3 pin plug is required. If you are on a mobile safari expedition, bring a 12 volt car charger.

HEALTH

There is malaria in Botswana so we recommend precautions be taken. Please consult your doctor. Be mindful of the fact that some medications can cause reactions to the sun. The water in Botswana is safe to drink. Filtered and bottled water is provided by The Lodge.

There are basic first aid kits in the lodge. We have medical evacuation insurance in case of emergencies.

GRATUITIES / TIPPING

Tipping is by no means compulsory, however if guests do wish to tip for good service the staff are always grateful. We recommend the following (as a guideline):

For camp staff: US\$10.00 per person, per day. To be given to the manager, hostess or guide for distribution.

For your guide: US\$10.00 per person, per day.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please inform Feline Fields of any dietary requirements and allergies before travel. Please confirm these with the manager in camp.

WILD ANIMALS

Our safaris may bring you into close contact with wild animals, and whilst attacks are extremely rare, we encourage you to listen to your guide and take the necessary precautions.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

All visitors should carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance. We have to charge cancellation fees as per our stated policy, no matter the reason for the cancellation.

VISAS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visitors from the European Union, most Commonwealth countries and the USA do not require visas for a stay of less than 90 days. All visitors are required to carry a passport that is valid for six months beyond the intended length of stay, with sufficient blank pages for entry stamps.

WEATHER

While weather is becoming increasingly difficult to predict, below are some guidelines:

January to March: Summer. High rainfall and high temperatures.

Highs range from 35°C to 45°C. Lows around 18°C.

April to May: Autumn. Dry and warm. Cool evenings and mornings.

June to August: Winter. No rainfall. Cold nights and early mornings. Days are sunny and generally warm. Temperatures range from 15°C to 30°C. Nights can drop below freezing in some areas.

September to October: Spring. Dry and warm. October can be extremely hot.

November to January: Summer. High rainfall and high temperatures. Highs range from 35°C to 45°C. Lows around 18°C.



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