



# NGOMA SAFARI LODGE

CHOBE FOREST RESERVE  
BOTSWANA

## NGOMA SAFARI LODGE AT A GLANCE

### ABOUT NGOMA SAFARI LODGE

This boutique lodge, an oasis in a wildlife wonderland, offers unrivalled panoramic views over the game-rich floodplain and Chobe River. It is on the doorstep of Chobe National Park, also known as the 'Land of the Giants,' as it is home to the largest population of elephants on Earth. Expect a vast and diverse array of wildlife as knowledgeable guides take you on safaris through the Chobe National Park, lazy afternoons by the pool and stunning dinners under African stars.

### WHERE IS NGOMA SITUATED?

Ngoma Lodge is situated in the Chobe Forest Reserve on a magnificent ridge which overlooks the vast span of the Chobe River flood plains and the Caprivi strip of Namibia. The Forest Reserve is an enclave largely surrounded by the Chobe National Park. To the northwest of it are seasonal marshes, Lake Liambezi and eventually Namibia. It is 154 500 hectares. The lodge is a short 10-minute drive from the entrance to the Chobe National Park where all game drives are enjoyed. It is a 45-minute drive from Kasane where guests get to experience a boat cruise on the Chobe River.

### NGOMA LODGE STYLE

Ngoma is a small boutique lodge set on a plateau, overlooking the Chobe River and floodplain. All 8 thatched river-facing suites have spacious internal and external living areas, a large luxury bath, an inside and outside shower, air conditioning, overhead fans, mini bar, tea/coffee facilities including a Nespresso machine. In addition, each suite has a private 'refresh and relax' pool conveniently located in the external living area. All rooms are equipped with three-quarter beds that can be converted to a king size bed.

Two of the eight suites have sofa beds and may be used as triples. The sofa beds are recommended for children between 10 and 11 years. Each of the suites have a view of the river and offers the opportunity to see the famous Chobe elephants, migrating zebra or buffalo grazing on the floodplain below.



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### INCLUDED & EXCLUDED IN OUR RATES?

Rates are fully inclusive of accommodation, all meals, laundry, up to four activities per day, return vehicle transfers from Kasane Airport or Kazangula Border, all local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, National Parks fees as currently legislated, Wi-Fi, Conservation Levy.

Activities include game drives, boating & walking

Additional cost activities include, day trips to Vic Falls , Fishing on the Chobe and Mokoro Safaris on the Chobe (Local community initiative)

### FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT NGOMA SAFARI LODGE

- 5-star bush lodge with eight individual spacious suites
- Panoramic views overlooking the Chobe River and floodplain
- Private 'refresh and relax' pools located in the external living area of each suite
- A newly built Boma dining area located 150m from the reception
- Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- The central guest area overlooks the Chobe River and incorporates:
  - Reception, dining area and bar
  - Internet and communication facilities
  - A swimming pool, sundeck and viewing platform
  - 220-volt mains plus backup generator

### GETTING TO NGOMA SAFARI LODGE

Flights via Kasane Airport - Botswana, Victoria Falls Airport - Zimbabwe or Livingstone Airport - Zambia  
Road transfers are approximately 1 hour 15 minutes from the Kazungula border with Zambia, 1 hour from Kazungula Border with Zimbabwe, 45 minutes from Kasane Airport and approximately 3 hours from Livingstone or Victoria Falls airports

### GPS CO-ORDINATES

- -17° 56' 58.03" S
- +24° 41' 35.57" E
- Elevation: 945m

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## NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION

- 8 thatched river-facing suites
- Children 10 years and above accepted

## NOTES ABOUT SHARING AND CHILDREN

- Two of the eight suites have sofa beds and may be used as triples. The sofa beds are recommended for children between 10 and 11 years.

## WHAT GUESTS CAN EXPECT TO DO AT NGOMA SAFARI LODGE (SOME ACTIVITIES WILL BE AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE)

- Enjoy the scenery and wildlife from the privacy of your balcony.
- Optional breakfast and lunch cruise from the new jetty at Ihaha, located in western Chobe. (Seasonal rain dependent)
- A full day safari incorporating a cruise on the Chobe River, a game drive in the Chobe National Park (which has over 75 species of mammals) and a picnic lunch.
- Night game drives: these are available in the Chobe Forest Reserve.
- Visits to the local school, the clinic and the village.
- Bird Viewing - there are over 450 species to be spotted in the region.
- Victoria Falls Tour (Either on the Zambian or Zimbabwean side)
- Fishing on the Chobe (Seasonal)
- Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ngoma Safari Lodge is a joint community and privately-funded project in association with the Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust (CECT). Through its socially responsible programmes, the lodge enriches the lives of those living within this community. From day one CECT has benefitted directly from a land lease fee and bed levy, as well as employment.

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## WHAT TO PACK

Clothing on safari should be comfortable and colours should blend in with nature as much as possible. Beige, greens, browns, tan and khaki coloured clothing is advisable. Evening dress is 'smart casual', no formal wear required.

## YEAR ROUND

- Layers – the best way to dress on safari, due to fluctuating temperatures. We recommend cotton. Long sleeves and trousers will protect from both sun and insects.
- Fleece/warm sweater or warm jacket for morning and evening game drives
- Hat – broad brimmed for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses – dark ones to cut the glare.
- Light cotton shirts and T-shirts; Blouses or shirts
- Shorts, trousers and chinos
- Shoes – good, comfortable sturdy closed shoes/boots and socks for walking.
- Flip flops/thongs
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip salve.
- Binoculars – each person should have their own so as not to miss out on any sightings.
- Camera with spare batteries, memory sticks, film, and the correct charging apparatus.

## SUMMER

- A kikoi or light sarong has a multitude of uses.
- Light, compact jacket (windcheater) for the rainy season.
- Swimwear

## WINTER

- It gets very cold in the evenings and early mornings, and quite hot during the day – so layers are essential.
- Warm leggings and thick socks – good to wear during cold weather.
- Hat – woollen beanie for warmth.
- Gloves & Scarf

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## A TYPICAL STAY AT NGOMA

(Times change during seasons)

## A TYPICAL 2-NIGHT STAY AT NGOMA

### ARRIVAL DAY

- 12h00 - 15h00 Lunch at the main lodge
- 16h00 Afternoon game drive (in Chobe National Park)
- 19h00 Return from game drive
- 20h00 Dinner under the stars (weather permitting)  
Optional after dinner night drive

### DAY 1

- 07h30 Breakfast at the lodge
- 08h30 Depart the lodge in a transfer vehicle for a full day safari
- 09h30 Arrive at the Chobe River to enjoy a guided boat cruise, followed by a picnic lunch in the Chobe National park, then a game drive back through the park to finish off at the lodge late afternoon
- 19h00 Drinks at the bar before dinner (optional)
- 20h00 Dinner under the stars (weather permitting)

### FINAL MORNING

- 05h30 Wakeup call
- 06h00 Coffee at the lodge and then depart on early morning drive (alternatively coffee is available in the rooms)
- 09h00 Return to lodge for breakfast
- 11h00 Check out of room (departure from lodge transfer time dependent)

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## A TYPICAL 3-NIGHT STAY

### ARRIVAL DAY

12h00 - 15h00	Lunch at the main lodge
16h00	Afternoon game drive (in Chobe National Park)
19h00	Return from game drive
20h00	Dinner under the stars (weather permitting) Optional after dinner night drive

### DAY 1

07h30	Breakfast at the lodge
08h30	Depart the lodge in a transfer vehicle for a full day safari
09h30	Arrive at the Chobe River to enjoy a guided boat cruise, followed by a picnic lunch in the Chobe National park, then a game drive back through the park to finish off at the lodge late afternoon
19h00	Drinks at the bar before dinner (optional)
20h00	Dinner under the stars (weather permitting)

### DAY 2

05h30	Wakeup call
06h00	Coffee at the lodge and then depart on early morning drive (alternatively coffee is available in the rooms)
09h00	Return to lodge for breakfast
11h00	Visit to the local village which includes a visit to the school, basket weavers and general village life (Optional)
12h00 - 15h00	Lunch at the main lodge
16h00	Afternoon game drive in the Chobe National Park
19h00	Return from game drive
20h00	Dinner under the stars (weather permitting) Optional after dinner night drive

### FINAL MORNING

05h30	Wakeup call
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Ngoma Lodge has steps to different areas of the lodge and stairs up to the bathrooms in the rooms and is not wheelchair friendly (Room 4 has no steps to the bathroom). Room 4 & 5 can be converted to triples
- Because Botswana is a malaria area, precautions are recommended. All travelers coming from or going through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever upon arrival into Botswana.
- We are trying to preserve the environment, so we have moved away from Plastic Bottled water. We have a water system from which we bottle still and sparkling water for the lodge. It goes through a filtration system and is safe to drink. Lodge bottled water is provided in rooms, on game drives and at the lodge.
- Ngoma Lodge has 220V plug points in all the rooms which can be used to charge batteries and sleep apnea machines. A shaving point is available along with USB points located next to the bed. There is an international plug point at the vanity and additional adaptors can be provided (if stock is available)
- We do have mini safes in all the rooms.
- All Rooms are airconditioned and have ceiling fans.
- There is wifi at the main lodge and in each individual room.
- No children under 12 allowed to participate in Mokoro.
- There are small plunge pools at each room and a larger pool at the main lodge
- All transfers are conducted in closed vehicles.
- All game drives are conducted in open sided vehicles with a canvas roof.

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