

The newest member of the award-winning Roots and Journeys collection is Great Tsau Hill, situated in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR). The largest most remotely situated reserve in Southern Africa, and the second largest wildlife reserve in the world, encompassing 52 800 sq kms. Within this epic wilderness area Great Tsau Hill is fortunate enough to have at its disposal, a 400 square kilometre private concession.

LOCATION

Great Tsau Hill is situated at the base of its namesake hill within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, in the northwestern part of this extraordinary environment.

GPS Coordinates: S -21.262753° E 22.800101°

ACCESS

Great Tsau Hill is currently accessible by road and by helicopter. Helicopter transfers land less than a kilometre from Great Tsau Hill. We will gladly book these flights for guests.

By Road: An easy 240km drive from Maun to Great Tsau Hill. A vehicle with high clearance / 4WD is needed. Approximately half of the route is through wilderness areas with opportunities to spot game. The drive takes approx 3,5 hours. Detailed directions are available. A 4WD is needed to drive from Kuke Gate to the lodge. Road transfers can be arranged from Maun, or guests can be collected from Kuke Gate and transferred in.

MERU TENTS AND SURROUNDINGS

The CKGR is a delicate and harsh environment and in order to protect the sensitive Eco-system Roots & Journeys have chosen the route of least impact by developing a semi-permanent camp.

Offering **10 tented rooms** (Meru style), which accommodate up to 2 guests. Size: 31sqm, inclusive of bathroom and outside seating area.

There are small ensuite bathrooms with a bucket shower and WC. There are also larger ablutions with showers available for use during the day. All rooms have a private veranda, with views of the bush.

All beds have a mosquito net, and insect repellent spray is available in the rooms.

GUEST SPACES

Great Tsau Hill's shared guest spaces include a boma area where meals are served, a canvas mess tent, and a large pool deck poised up the hill, overlooking the CKGR.

POWER

Great Tsau Hill is solar powered.

DIGITAL DETOX

Wifi is not available.

MOBILITY

Great Tsau Hill is not suited to travellers that require a wheelchair. For less mobile travellers, we will gladly assist to make the guest's stay as comfortable as possible. Please contact us to discuss the traveller's requirements.

MEDICAL

Great Tsau Hill is situated in a malaria area. Please seek advice from your Doctor or medical practitioner regarding malaria prophylaxis.

SEASONS

Dry Season: May to September, also our cooler months

Rainy Season: December to March, our summer season

Very hot during October - December, but January through to April is a great time to visit. During the rainy, 'green season' the beautiful interdune valley becomes lush with vegetation, attracting thousands of springbok and gemsbok (oryx), a good number of ostriches, herds of wildebeest as well as giraffes. The green season also signals the calving season where hundreds of newborns come into the world, making for some truly exciting predator-prey interaction and great photographic opportunities.

CHILD POLICY

Great Tsau Hill welcomes families with children of all ages.

Private vehicles must be booked for families with children under the age of 12.

Some rooms are closer together and will be offered to families with children.

Note: There are no fences around Great Tsau Hill.

Children's experiences: Children's ages will be taken into account and appropriate experiences will be recommended. They could include nature walks, animal tracking, birding, survival training, bush olympics.

EXPERIENCES

This incredible part of our planet has many lessons to teach us. Share in its fascinating history and marvel at nature's ability to adapt and survive in these harsh conditions. Every month brings a new surprise, season changes are remarkably evident in your surroundings and animal behaviour. Experiences included in the rate:

Game Drives (day and night) – Drives are tailored to the guests needs, animal sightings and weather conditions.

Bush Walks – The bush holds many secrets if you know how and where to look! Your Nature Host will point out tracks and signs of animals, insects, birds, trees and many other fascinating aspects of this unique environment, with the potential of big game sightings in the company of an experienced guide. Approx. 2-3 hours. (Children 12 years and older).

Nature walks – Nature Hosts share their passion for nature in search of the area's smaller natural miracles. Suitable for the whole family. Approx. 2 hours.

Stargazing – The Kalahari is the perfect place to enjoy a 'Safari of the Stars'. The area has zero light pollution and Nature Hosts take you on a galactic journey while you lie perfectly still with the heavens as your roof. Meet a San family – Walk with some of the last remaining descendants of our planet's first people, the San Bushmen. Approx. 3 hours. (One outing included per stay).

eBike Safari– Feel the freedom of the wind through your hair as you silently glide through the bush. Duration: 2-3 hours. (One outing included per stay. Children 12 years and older. Participants skills levels will be assessed prior to departure).

Sky Walk – This experience takes you on a walkway onto Great Tsau Hill. Have your breath taken away by the panoramic views with the sheer expanse of the CKGR at your feet. Best time to experience this is before sunset to get you in the perfect spot to share sundowners with nature.

Optional extras (at additional cost):

Additional eBike Safaris – Cycle through the open pans, and get close up to wildlife on this silent safari. Duration: 2-3 hours. (Children 12 years and older - Participants skills levels will be assessed prior to departure.)

Full Day with the San – Spend the day getting to know and learning more about the family's daily routine. This could include spoor identification, animal tracking, food gathering, trapping, hut building, craft making, games, making fire and finishing the day experiencing a trance dance. Planning these experiences are done at the lodge taking into account the San Family's daily routine.

Fly Camps – Spend a night or two camping out in our large private concession. The mobile camp is set up just for you. Sleep in dome tents and enjoy meals around the fire. Go for a walk during the day or simply enjoy the natural environment. (Book in advance. Multiple night stays are available. Available from August 2022).

Scenic Helicopter Flights: Explore this vast and amazing wilderness area from the air. Duration of flights start from 30 min. (Book in advance. We can tailor-make tours combined with other experiences and transfers). Rates can be found under "Heli Experiences".