

# KHWAI VILLAGE VISIT

TULUDI | SABLE ALLEY | LITTLE SABLE | HYENA PAN

BOTSWANA . KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE



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# 09H00: KGOTLA

Guests will arrive at the Khwai Kgotla (meeting place in the village) where they will hear about the purpose of the Kgotla and the history of the Khwai village by the community liaison officer.

Please note – to show respect to Botswana customs and the elders, it is suggested that male guests wear long pants and no hats, and female guests wear a skirt or dress (can also use a kikoi wrap to wrap around them) and cover their hair when entering the Kgotla. Batswana are not allowed to enter if they do not follow these guidelines.

## 10H00: MARIA RAMSDEN LEARNING CENTRE

Guests walk or drive around to the Maria Ramsden Learning center where they will meet the teachers and children and hear about the involvement of Natural Selection in the community.

#### **IIH00: TRADITIONAL HEALER**

The guests will visit Kachokachoka who is a traditional healer and learn about traditional medicine and beliefs. The guests can also have a paid consultation if they wish to, which will be paid directly by the guest to the traditional healer, approximately USD 5. After visiting the traditional healer, guests will head back to their camp.















#### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

- Available from all four camps in the reserve and managed by the camps on the ground, this is an additional activity that can be requested in advance or booked directly in camp, with all payments made directly.
- · Village visits are scheduled for the morning where possible and are therefore not recommended on the day of arrival.
- The village visits are generally conducted during the week as the school and the Kgotla are closed over weekends. Likewise, on Botswana public holidays. However, it may still be possible to visit the village and meet with the traditional healer over a weekend. Camp will confirm this at the time of travel.
- · Times are a guideline only. Guests will either head back to their respective camps in time for lunch, or they can opt for a packed lunch if preferred.
- The relevant fee is USD 200 per vehicle visiting the village (whether 2 pax or 6 pax). Of this, USD 100 is used for community projects and will go directly to the village. The other USD 100 covers vehicle and diesel costs.
- If guests have booked and paid for a private vehicle and they wish to do the village tour, only the contribution that goes directly to the village will apply - USD 100.
- The transfers by road are approximately 45 minutes from Little Sable or Hyena Pan, and I hour from Sable Alley.
- For Tuludi specifically, it is a 2-hour drive, one way, to the village. The recommendation therefore is that Tuludi guests rather do a helicopter transfer (10 minutes one way) - USD 325 per person, return. The fee of USD 200 for the tour still applies (donation and vehicle costs) - as the helicopter will land about 10 minutes' drive from the village, and guests will be met by a vehicle and guide for the tour.
- · Should guests ask whether they can bring anything with them, funding is preferred so that funds may be allocated where they are most needed.
- Over and above the contribution to the village visit, additional funding can be facilitated via the Natural Selection Foundation: www.naturalselectionfoundation.org.
- · Alternatively, Pack for a Purpose www.packforapurpose.org facilitates the provision of supplies that will have a meaningful impact on communities.

#### NOTE

- The grass cutting season on the Khwai Private Reserve is usually between mid-July and the end of October, which means the village will generally be quiet.
- If guests are interested in a cultural aspect of their stay over this period, our recommendation is that they visit the grass cutting camps and see how they harvest grass and everything that goes along with it.
- · There is no extra cost to visit the grass cutting sites, as it is on the concession, and can be incorporated with their game drives.