

CHOBE BAKWENA LODGE



Bakwena Lodge is an intimate, privately owned (citizen owned) boutique lodge on the banks of the Chobe River offering a fully inclusive safari experience in an area which hosts a huge variety of bird species and with some of the finest game viewing to be had worldwide. 13 Standard Chalets, 1 Family Room and 1 Honeymoon Suite are all designed and decorated in a manner befitting our environment and offering a cool and comfortable escape. Bakwena Lodge's eco-credentials include a natural swimming pool filtered entirely by plants, employment policies, food choices, building methods and a host of otherwise unseen ways in which any negatives to the lodge surroundings or environment are addressed. Activities, all based in-house, are naturally focused on land and water safaris in the comfort of their game drive vehicles and boats - Bakwena owns their vehicles and boats and employs seven hand-picked professional guides. Other activities on offer include a guided Village Walk/Bicycle Tour and a sundowner cruise to the meeting place of four countries (the only one in the world!). Bakwena Lodge warmly welcomes you to immerse yourself in the beauty that is Chobe.

Rates in USD\$	Jan 2024 to April 2024				May 2024 to Oct 2024				Nov 2024 to Dec 2024			
	2 night package		3 night package		2 night package		3 night package		2 night package		3 night package	
	PPS	SINGLE	PPS	SINGLE	PPS	SINGLE	PPS	SINGLE	PPS	SINGLE	PPS	SINGLE
Total Rate Per Person	1080	1446	1596	2142	1266	1718	1857	2544	1080	1446	1596	2142
Rate Per Person Per Night	540	723	532	714	633	859	619	848	540	723	532	714

Rates are fully inclusive as follows:

Includes:

- Accommodation, all meals, laundry, levies & taxes
- Wine, beer, cider, soft drinks, water
- Two activities per day (e.g. 2 night stay = 4 x activities and 3 night stay = 6 x activities)
- Transfers to and from Kasane Airport (flying guests only) and to & from Zambia/Zimbabwe border (Botswana side only)
- Chobe National Park Fees

Excludes:

- Premium spirits and premium wines
- Collection of self-drivers from Kasane Airport or Kasane Town

Additions:

SHARED Transfers one way per person sharing (PRIVATE pay double)

Victoria Falls (kids < 9 yrs. @ 50%) \$75 & \$150 (Private)

Livingstone (kids < 9 yrs. @ 50%) \$90 & \$180 (Private)

PRIVATE ACTIVITIES (Game Drive / Boat Cruise)

Price per night per vehicle \$350

Honeymoon Suite SURCHARGE

Price per night \$100

Tour Leader / Guide Chalet

Per person per night* \$225

* Inc. meals, activities & excl. drinks & Chobe National Park Fees

Room Types & Policies

- All rooms are charged at the same rate except for the honeymoon suite (see rate on previous page)
- No triples available. All rooms are sold as either double or single occupancy except for the family room that sleeps four (parents + two children)
- Guests will be allocated a Standard Chalet unless the Family Room or Honeymoon Suite plus surcharge has been requested
- If one adult is sharing with a child under 11yrs, the adult will pay the per person sharing rate
- For longer than a 3 night stay, calculate the 3 night rate divided by 3 and then multiply by amount of nights staying
- We regret: No discounts for SADAC / 2 night minimum stay / fully inclusive rates only
- NB: Treetop Chalets staircases are not suitable for elderly guests over 70 years and those with mobility issues
- Changing of rooms on different nights is not permitted

Bringing the kids?

- Children of all ages are welcome
- **Rates:** Free for 0-2yrs, 3-11yrs pay 50% of adult per person sharing rate, 12+yrs full price
- Private activities are **compulsory** for families travelling with children 11 years & under
- Please enquire regarding available facilities

Other

- Check in time is 1pm and check out time is 11am
- To guarantee an activity on day of arrival guests must reach the lodge by **2pm**
- To guarantee an activity on day of departure guests must not depart before **11am**
- No need to pre-book activities, your itinerary will be discussed with your guide upon arrival
- No discounts for group bookings or tour leaders
- Educational visits are only awarded during low season
- Bakwena is located only 5 mins drive from Zambia & Zimbabwe border, so kindly arrange transfers directly to/from the lodge rather than requesting pick ups to/from Kasane Airport

Booking & Payment T's & C's

- Rates are inclusive of value added tax (VAT) which is 14%
- Provisional bookings are held for a maximum period of 2 weeks.
- 50% deposit required to secure the booking and full payment to be made 30 days prior to guest arrival

Cancellation Policy:

For all bookings cancelled:

- 60 to 30 days prior to arrival – **50% of total amount due**
- 29 to 15 days prior to arrival – **75% of total amount due**
- 14 to 0 days prior to arrival – **100% of total amount due**

When paying please use the Invoice number as your payment reference.

Payment options:

EFT (USD\$)

PLEASE NOTE - all bank charges are for the payer's account

Account Holder: Bakwena Lodge & Camping Pty LTD

Bank Name: FNB (First National Bank)

Branch Code: 285167

Cheque Account Number: 63016147802

Swift Code: FIRNBWGX

CREDIT CARD

Please email us to request a secure online payment link.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Wi-Fi complimentary and available in all rooms and in main area
- Good cell phone reception
- Air conditioners in all rooms
- Credit card facility available
- Adaptors available upon request
- It is customary to tip one's guide in person, otherwise there are Tip boxes available at Reception for guides and all staff.
- Limited facilities for the disabled – bookings will need to be approved on a case by case basis
- US20 Surcharge for storing luggage at Bakwena
- Sleep Apnea guests need not worry, we have power 24/7
- No pets allowed

Game Drives & Boat Cruises

We believe guests come to Africa to see wildlife and Chobe has the highest concentrations of game, unparalleled anywhere in the world.

We employ 7 specialist guides, handpicked by the owner (Adam) over a period of more than 20 years in this industry.

We own 7 game drive vehicles + 4 boats.

Because our activities are IN-HOUSE we are not bound by set times and activities are not limited to 3 hours. Our vehicles are consistently the only vehicles at both lion and leopard sightings.

Long-stay guests (4-nights +) are also offered a full day in the Chobe National Park with picnic lunch or a lunchtime boat cruise on the Chobe River.

Experience the Botswana Culture

- Guided or Unguided Village Tour (walking or by bicycle)
- Guided School Visit (walking or by bicycle)
- Guests also have the opportunity to bicycle ride to the Kazungula Bridge (4 km from Bakwena to the bridge / 8 km return)

It's not only the stunning game that we want you to get close and personal to – an unguided or guided bicycle tour or village walk offers you the chance to experience and understand the local customs and culture and take a little slice of village life back home with you. Please enquire with one of the Bakwena team so that a tour can be arranged for you.

A Typical Day at Bakwena

05h00: Personal **wake up** call

05h30: **grab a bite** of continental breakfast

06h00 – 10h30: **cameras at the ready** for morning activity – time of return to lodge dependent on game sightings

11h30 onwards: **Eat** lunch at leisure

12h30 – 14h30: **RELAX**, read, snooze, swim, wander, bird watch, lounge...

14h30/15h00: **TIME FOR TEA...** afternoon tea & light bites

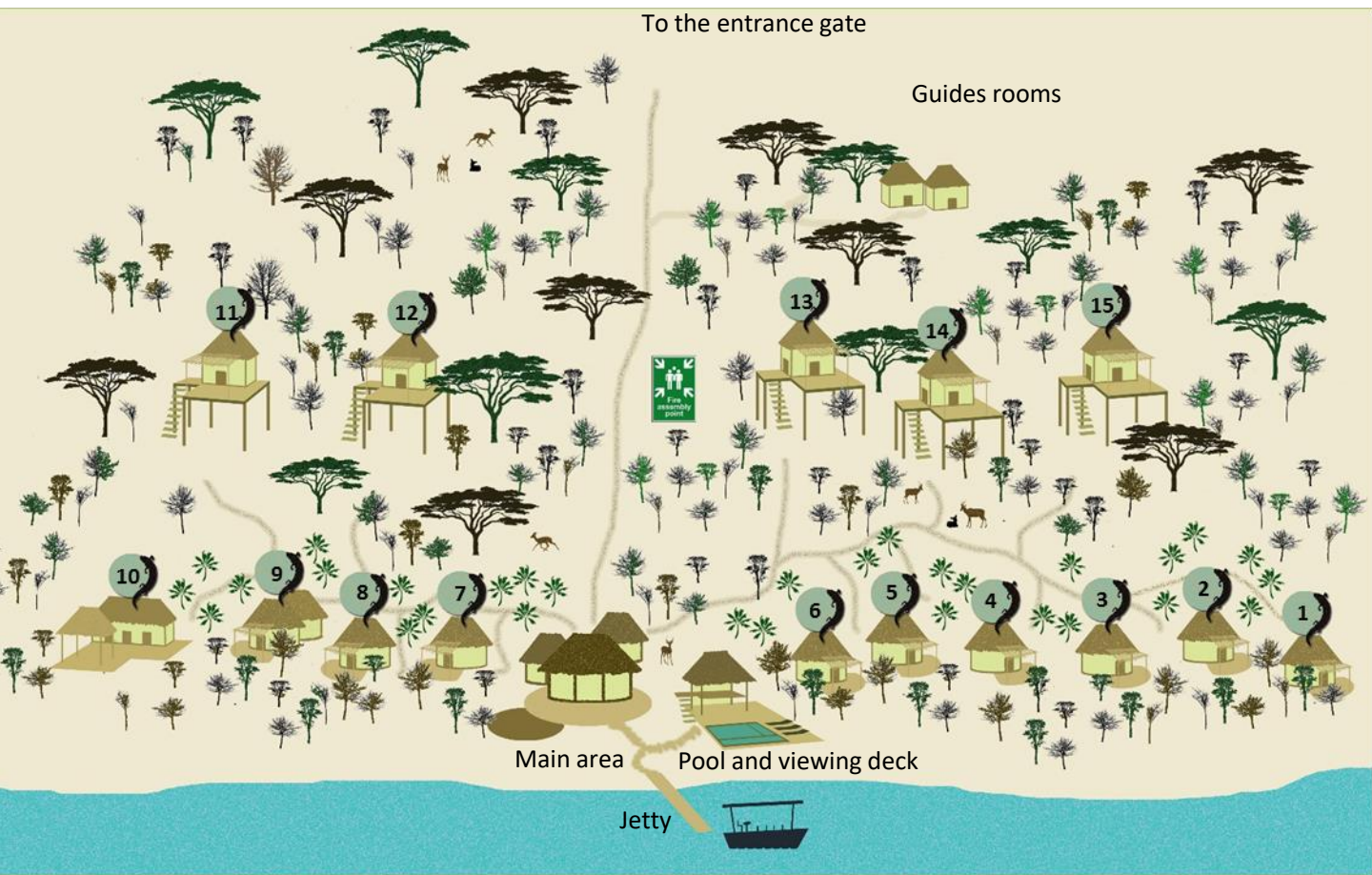
15h00 -18h30: more **GAME VIEWING** as the **SUN SETS** during your afternoon activity

19h00/19h30: **WINE & DINE** amid the sounds of the bush

Unguided Victoria Falls Day Trip

An optional paid for extra or you can exchange 2 x lodge activities for this trip. (3-night stays only).

A full day activity to experience the magic of the Falls in neighbouring Zimbabwe. You will be transported by air-conditioned mini-bus to the entrance of the National Park for a tour of the Falls. You will then be collected and transported to lunch, into town, to the local markets or for a spot of shopping, as you wish. *Please note although we will happily make suggestions this is an unguided activity and excludes park fees, visa fees (USD\$ cash only for park & visa fees) and lunch and the transfer may be shared with other guests)*



Rooms 1 to 8:

Room 9:

Room 10:

Rooms 11 to 15:

Standard Chalets: Twin/King

Family Room (Sleeps 2 adults and 2 children)

Honeymoon Suite

Standard Chalets Twin/King