



## LOCATION:

Jumbo Junction is situated in a remote area on the northern fringes of the Okavango Delta. The camp is situated in NG12 a 120,000 hectare concession with iconic landscape and a variety of wildlife



## GPS CO-ORDINATES:

S 18° 49'31.94 E 22° 36' 21.0

## THE OKAVANGO DELTA:

Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta consists of floodplains, savannah, islands a maze of lagoons and channels covering an area of over 16,000 square km in flood and shrinking to less than 9,000 square km in the dry season. Trapped in the parched Kalahari sands the fresh water oasis attracts a variety of wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique wilderness.

## SEASONS :

*Winter. April - September*

In the Okavango Delta winter occurs from April to September. Days are generally dry, sunny, clear and cool to warm whilst in the evening temperatures can drop sharply. During the day temperatures generally reach 25 degrees Celsius and evening temperatures can be as low as 2 degrees Celsius. In some dry areas the temperature can plummet below freezing. Virtually no rainfall occurs during the winter months.

*Summer. September - April*

In the Okavango Delta the summer starts with temperatures building in October and ends in March with the onset of the dry season. In October before the rains, days are hot and with dry temperatures soaring up to 40 degrees Celsius or more. Cloud cover, coinciding with the arrival of the first rains towards the end of November or in early December, reduces the temperature considerably, albeit only for a short period. During the rainy season, which usually lasts until the end of February, the days

are hot and sunny in the mornings with thunderstorms, usually in short, torrential downpours during the late afternoon. Temperatures during the day can rise to 38 degrees Celsius and night time temperatures can drop to around 20 degrees Celsius. Rainfall is erratic, unpredictable and highly regional. Heavy downpours may occur in one area while 10 or 15 kilometres away there is no rain at all. Showers are often followed by sunshine so a great amount of the rainfall does not penetrate the ground, as it is lost to evaporation and transpiration.

The Okavango Delta is best known as a photographic safari destination and offers some of the best unspoilt vistas in Africa. With a variety of habitats and ever abundant water, the Okavango Delta provides the photographer with a wealth of photographic subjects, dramatic landscapes, herds of plain's game and spectacular birdlife.

#### TEMPERATURE (0°C)

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
19/32	19/31	18/31	14/31	9/28	6/25	6/25	9/28	13/33	18/35	19/34	19/31

#### RAINFALL (mm)

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
110	80	70	25	7	3	0	0	0	30	50	95



#### GAME VIEWING :

All game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced professional guides who will navigate guests while they explore the Okavango by canoe (mokoro), motorboat and game drive vehicles.

##### *Switch off and Tune In*

Being on an African safari is the perfect time to disconnect from the busy lifestyle you lead at home and fully embrace being in one of the last Edens in Africa. You will embark on an early morning game drive where you can take some time out to listen to the sounds that surround you and breathe in the scent of the bush. We recommend tuning out completely and turning your phone onto airplane mode, making use of your camera function only throughout your trip.

##### *When and What Game Drive to do*

As animals stick to their own schedules, the best game viewing is either at first light and around dusk. Even if you're not a morning person, it is always good to motivate yourself to wake up early for a game drive as this is often the best time of day for sighting predators.

##### *Safety and Security*

Our professional and knowledgeable guides have the experience to not only spot animals but to keep you safe and out of harm's way at all times. We ask that you pay attention to your guides safety briefing and refrain from leaning over the sides of the vehicle or leaving the vehicle at any time, unless given instructions by your guide. Remember to keep your voice tones down so as to not disturb animals and other guests.

##### *Pack Right*

Being comfortable on your game drive is important as it can last for up to 5 hours or more.

- We suggest having the following on hand whilst on safari:
- Neutral colour clothing to fit in with your surroundings.
- A warm layer for the early morning and late evening drives. Blankets are provided in the early mornings to keep you warm, but we do suggest you dress accordingly too.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Head protection in the form of a wide brimmed hat in the summer and a warm hat or beanie in the winter.
- Sun block and sunglasses to protect your face from the African sun.
- A good camera with a spare pack of batteries, just in case.
- Good quality binoculars ideally one pair for each person (there is a lot to see)
- A bag that can seal to hold all your belongings on the drive.
- Bring own head lights and flash lights for night drives

### *Teaming up with your Guide*

Feel free to engage with your guide at any time and to ask as many questions as you would like to. Point out anything you may see when you're on the move as your guide will be focused on the road. Whilst on safari, nothing is too much trouble for our guides who love meeting new guests and sharing their wildlife experiences with them. They will be happy to help you check off "The Jumbo Junction Species Checklist" which features all the bird and wildlife in the area.

### *Be Patient*

The Okavango Delta is famous for its large elephant population, buffalo herds, painted dogs, lions, leopards and the occasional cheetah and much more. However, no game drive guarantees you will see everything, and this is part of the experience. Our guides will use their tracking skills and do their best to find the animals you wish to see, whilst you enjoy the scenic landscapes.

### *Communication*

A game drive takes place in a wild and foreign environment and it can be a little scary on your first drive. If you have any concerns that you think may impact your experience, it is best to communicate these to your guide or the camp manager. They will change things if needed to ensure you feel comfortable throughout your stay at the camp.





## **BUSH WALKS:**

Walking in the bush that the very creatures you are observing is as enlightening as it is exciting, and there is much to observe. Follow your guide in single file on your walk. Along the way, you will get the chance to learn about the smaller details in the environment and the smaller creatures that are often overlooked when on a game drive. Although though less ground is covered on foot, you still stand a chance of seeing elephants, antelopes and other wildlife.

There are five simple rules that we talk guests through before each walk.

### *Single file*

Walk in single file - this means that both the lead and back-up guide have gone before the guests and should spot any danger that may be ahead. It also means that we are seen as one mass unit rather than a herd that can easily be split.

### *Safety*

Stay behind the guides at all times. I often get asked why we walk with both guides at the front. Simply put, this is where the danger is most likely to come from. With this in mind, it's useful to have an extra pair of eyes and a rifle up front rather than at the back.

### *Silence is golden*

Walk in silence. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the bush. The quieter you are on a walk, the more likely you are to see animals, and it's important so that you can hear any danger that may be up ahead.

### *Listen and obey*

Obey the guide's commands immediately.

### *Never run*

Whatever you do, don't run. Running in an encounter is the worst thing to do. Even unthreatening situations can be escalated as soon as somebody runs, by running you will be identified as prey by predators.



### **MOKORO ACTIVITIES:**

All guides have a valid specialist guide's licence . In addition, they have grown up in the Delta and have years of experience negotiating the Delta waters and a good knowledge of the wildlife and the area. The Head Poler will give the guests a detailed brief on safety and what to expect on the trip. The Head Poler will take the lead, and will not put you in a dangerous situation. If you encounter elephants, hippos or other potentially dangerous animals remember your poler will provide the animal enough space to ensure the animals comfort zone is not compromised.



### **FISHING:**

The Okavango Delta provides delightful fishing between the months of March and September. Try your hand at fly fishing for Tillapea and African Pike.



## HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHT:

Our scenic/ photography flights are an opportunity not to miss. Moments after departing you'll enjoy the breath-taking views seen only from a helicopter. Experience the crystal-clear water channels meandering their way through lagoons, while journeying deep into the lush green flood plains to explore the abundant wildlife of the Okavango region. We take the doors off for an even better photographic experience while flying over some of the most remote, uninhabited and wild areas of the Okavango Delta. Scenic flights are conducted any time of day, with keen photographers usually preferring the early morning or late afternoon. While some guests prefer flying during the siesta period in order to not miss other camp activities. We have a designated landing area on the outside, northern edge of the camp, and we offer scenic chopper flights with Helicopter Horizons. Our guides have been briefed on the safety protocols of approaching the helicopter.

**Landing Zone Safety**

- Always get permission from the pilot or on-board crew before approaching aircraft.
- Always approach from the front and have eye contact with pilot or crew.
- Do not go near the tail boom when the aircraft is running.
- Do not stand or take any position under the rotor tip path.

Make eye contact

**Rescuer Safety**

Never walk up slope!

- ❗ If you see a problem or if you think something dangerous is about to happen, say something!
- ✓ Be aware of the rotor tip path at all times.
- ✓ Do not try to talk a pilot into doing something he doesn't think is within his or the helicopters capabilities.
- For load calculations, average flight weight is your normal weight plus 35 lbs. (16kg).
- Eye protection should always be worn around helicopters.
- The LZ control officer and the longline litter attendant should wear a flight helmet with radio interface if available.
- Whenever operating near a running helicopter (especially when under the rotor) maintain constant eye contact with pilot or crew chief so that you will not miss an important signal or sense of a problem.

## ACCESSIBILITY:

### *Air Transfer:*

Seronga Airstrip

Elevation: 3,240 ft / 988 m

Longitude/Latitude: 18°49'25"S / 22°25'25"E

Surface: Gravel

Length: 1100m / 3609ft

Direction: 12/30

Guests will have a 25min vehicle transfer to camp.

Flying Times:

To/from Maun: 45 minutes

To/from Kasane: 90 minutes

### *Heli-pad*

Elevation: 976m

Longitude / Latitude : 18°49'27.03"S / 22°36'13.15"E

Surface – Gravel

Length: n/a

Direction: n/a

### *Boat Transfer:*

Self Drive to Sepupa. 1hr to 1,5hr boat transfer from Sepupa across the panhandle of the Okavango to Seronga, where you will be collected with a 25min transfer to camp.

### *Self Drive:*

4-5hr Drive from Maun to Shakawe, over the newly built bridge, with a 2hr dust road back south to the camp. Sign boards down to the camp.

## CAMP DESCRIPTION:

The accommodations are hidden in the tree line along a channel with flood plain views for each unit.

### *Accommodation:*

Chalets & Luxury Safari Tents consisting of:

- 2 Luxury Family Chalets – Double / Twin Bed (with two stretchers and bed rolls for children), en-suite bathroom, shower only.
- 7 Luxury Tented Rooms – Twin /Double Bed with en-suite bathroom, shower only.
- The camp can accommodate a maximum of 18 guests



### *Guest Room Details:*

- Chalets built with brick and mortar. En-suite bathroom, single shower, basin and toilet.
- Comfortable Meru Style Safari Tents on raised platforms, with en-suite bathroom comprising of a double shower, basins and toilet
- 220V Plug points for charging equipment
- A range of soaps, conditioning shampoo, hand wash, body lotion with insect repellent and shower

- caps are supplied in each room
- A safe is available in the office for valuables

### *Main Lodge Building:*

Features a dining area, a bar, a lounge and library under a large thatch and wooden pole structure overlooking a nearby lagoon. A plunge pool for cooling off during the hot midday hours. An open air boma where you can enjoy a sunset drink around the fire and later some night sky star gazing.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- Mokoro (canoe)
- Motorised boating trips
- Fishing
- Game drives
- Guided nature walks
- Exceptional bird watching opportunities
- Conservation Tours (CLAWS & ECO-EXIST)
- Village Tours
- Helicopter Flights (not included in FI packages)

### **SUGGESTED DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:**

#### *Winter & Summer*

*Suggested Daily Activity Schedule – can / and will be changed to tailor the needs of our guests.*

05H30/06H00 – Early Morning wake-up call with coffee and rusks

06H00/06H30 – Leave for morning activity – approx. 5-6 hours – Mainly Game Drives

09h30 – Packed Breakfast with team and coffee on Game Drive

13H00/13H30 – Lunch in camp. If guests are on full day activity, lunch will be prepared in the bush.

15H30/16H00 – High Tea in Dining Area

16H00 /16H30 – Afternoon activity for about 2hrs – generally boat cruises, mokoro trips, bush walks.

18H00/18H30 – Arrive at lodge

19h00/19h30 – Dinner in Dining Area

### **ELECTRICITY & WATER:**

Jumbo Junction operates on AC 220V solar power which is available day and night.

Guest accommodation is equipped with 2 x 220-volt AC plug which is suitable for the recharging of camera and video batteries.

The generator is only used to supplement the Solar system when sufficient energy has been supplied to the batteries due to cloudy conditions.

### **WATER SOURCES SURFACE WATER:**

Water reticulation through the camp and for guest use is pumped from the adjacent lagoon. There is sufficient surface water during the flood season.

### **WATER SOURCES BOREHOLE OR GROUND WATER:**

During the time of the year when the flood has subsided, we pump water from shallow well points.

### **WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS:**

During the redevelopment of the camp, we conducted water tests to ensure the water is safe for reticulation through the camp and for guest use. We do conduct an Annual water tests. Treating the water before reticulation to guest rooms and staff accommodation is mandatory (unless water results indicate that the water is safe to drink directly). The quality of the water at Jumbo Junction is safe to drink, we do however offer a cooler with reverse osmosis water in the common area.



## **FILTRATION:**

### *Primary Filtration*

The simplest treatment is an activated carbon and sand filter, which is the most common form of treating drinking water. The sand filter removes particulate matter, whilst the charcoal/carbon filter removes some particulate matter and absorbs dissolved organic and inorganic constituents. After the charcoal and sand filters, chlorination should follow if required depending on the quality of the water, so as to reduce the bacterial loads in the water. Chlorine does pose a negative impact on natural systems and so newer technologies that do not use chlorine should be investigated and preferably used. With the above mentioned system using chlorine is a last resort. Jumbo Junction does not need to use Chlorine because of the good quality of the water.

## **RETICULATION:**

A detailed map of the water reticulation map for the camp is available in the office. It includes positions of all pumps (from source to storage and reticulation to camps and staff accommodation), valves, t-pieces and unions. This will allow for better maintenance and improved understanding of the water reticulation system in place when new staff joins the camp. Monthly checks are to be made along the reticulation routes so to ensure no leaks occur. Monthly checks on the water consumption will also help in identifying possible leaks due to unusually high-water use. During the dry season we look for green areas along the reticulation route as they may indicate a leak.

## **REVERSE OSMOSIS (RO):**

Reverse Osmosis is a process that cleans water to the extent that all pathogens, bacteria, and dissolved minerals are removed and for the most part only allows the H<sub>2</sub>O molecule to pass through the system, producing purified water. This system is in the dispensing water cooler in the dining area. This not only reduces the carbon footprint due to reduced deliveries, but also reduces the petroleum needed to produce plastic bottles as well as the amount of plastic waste. Guests can then fill their reusable bottles from these dispensing units. RO systems do require regular maintenance and depending on the quality of water require regular changing of the film that purifies the water.

## **LAUNDRY POLICY:**

Laundry is done on a daily basis and inclusive in the nightly rate.

## **GRATUITY :**

Tipping is at your own discretion.

Our suggested guideline is:

- US\$ 5.00 per person per day for General Camp Staff which goes into a central tipping box situated at the bar.
- US\$ 5 per person per day to the mokoro polers.
- US\$ 10.00 per person per day to the Guide.

It is preferred for the guests to pay the tips directly to the guides and place the general staff tip into the tipping box at the bar. We have envelopes in the office if your guide is unavailable at the time of tipping, please place the tip in an envelope with the guides name written on it and place the envelope

