

SELINDA SUITE

SELINDA RESERVE | NORTHERN BOTSWANA

GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS

ESTABLISHED IN 1981

Set in one of the most pristine wilderness areas left on our planet, Selinda Camp rests on the banks of the Selinda Spillway, as it enters the Linyanti River.

The private 130,000-hectare Selinda Reserve boasts elephants by the thousands, regular sightings of the Selinda pack of African wild dogs as well as the famous Selinda Lion Pride recently featured in the National Geographic film "Birth of a Pride" by Dereck and Beverly Joubert. The area has a sense of remoteness, a true spirit of Africa, and is a great example of Botswana bush embodying a variety of species and rare animals.

Selinda, a Relais and Châteaux member, represents the meeting place of three cultures; European, Mokololo and Bayei and is themed to resemble that of the thatched village of Sangwali. Spears, shields and an African version of Robinson Crusoe is the enduring theme through the camp, and its architectural design elements center around water, air, earth and fire, all of which ground the design. Selinda's design pays homage first and foremost to Water, with splashes of blue and crystal-clear swimming pools offering views over the equally immaculate Selinda Spillway to ease your arrival, usually by boat.

The afternoon breeze that ripples the endless sea of nearby grasses is a tribute to Air. Earth is represented in the cornucopia of home-grown meals lovingly prepared in our kitchens, fresh from the earth, and the bright flames of our evening Fire complete the ethos of being in harmony with nature's natural elements. There is in some cultures a fifth element, 'metal', which is also incorporated into the design.

In addition to the three main suites, the Selinda Suite (like its fellow Dhow Suite at Zarafa and the Duba Plains Suite), consists of a two-bedroom tented suite. The Selinda Suite operates exclusively, as guests enjoy their own private vehicle, safari guide, chef, manager/butler and entrance to their residence.

The safari drives, walks, boating, tracking, birding and other bespoke viewing activities are designed to place you in front of the best wildlife the area has to offer for a unique one on one life changing experience, from leopards to elephants and hippos and aim to tick off as many as the 200 or more bird species in the area.



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CAMP FEATURES:

Total Number of Bedrooms:

The Selinda Suite is a private 2-bedroom suite and can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children sharing, in two separate en-suite bedrooms.

Type of Lodge

Réserve Collection Safari Camp

Lodge Season & Opening

Year Round

Ideal length of stay

3 - 4 Nights

CAMP CO-ORDINATES

18°32'1"S , 23°31'19"E

ACCESS DIRECTIONS

- Light aircraft transfers from Kasane (55 mins) and Maun (45 min) airports;
- Private Air charter access available;
- The Selinda Suite is a 60-minute drive or a 40 minute boat ride from its airstrip;
- Airstrip Co-ordinates: 18°34'41.9"S 23°29'16.8"E;
- Airstrip length: 1000m

ACTIVITIES

The Selinda Suite offer complete flexibility with your own private guide and vehicle.



Safari drives

Early morning, late afternoon/ evening or even full-day safari drives occur in some of the most luxurious wildlife-viewing vehicles. Each Toyota Land Cruiser is open-sided, canopied, and customised for photographers with fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, and multi-plug invertors, all in keeping with the origins of Dereck & Beverly Joubert as National Geographic photographers. Our vehicles also have fridges stocked with drinks and snacks, ready for longer days out if the wildlife viewing is exciting and just too hard to leave.

Every day is different on safari. Safari Drives often start at sunrise, returning to camp for a late breakfast and departing again mid-afternoon after tea before returning just after sunset. However, guests can often spend the entire day out in the veld with a packed breakfast, lunch, and beverages if they wish. Our safaris will often continue into the night in search of nocturnal species. Night drives are incredibly prolific, and while they take patience, sightings commonly include lesser-known nocturnal mammals and even lion and hyena hunts.

Our schedule is flexible, and guests are encouraged to create their own itinerary according to their interests with guidance and recommendations from our professional guides.

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Guided walks

If stretching one's legs and getting a feel for Africa by foot is the guest's preference, then it's possible to arrange morning walks with a licensed, armed guide. There is simply no better way to experience the magic of this unique destination.

Boating

Selinda is primarily a land-based activity camp; however, boating is possible on the Selinda Spillway in one of the camp's powerboats, water level dependent.

Fishing

You can toss the bait with some rod/reel fishing from March to December each year, water level dependent.

Photography

- The Selinda Suite offers a custom-built Land cruiser specially designed for our conditions and photography (fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, multi-plug invertors). The Cruiser is fully stocked with drinks and snacks;
- The Suite has a professional camera set, including two camera bodies with two 100-400mm lenses and one wide angle lens. Photos will be downloaded to a storage device on guest's departure. Each bedroom also comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use.

Private vehicle option

Available as standard.

Private Guides

Private guides are encouraged and welcomed.

Scenic Flight and Champagne Stop

Enjoy an aerial viewing experience with great scenery across the Linyanti/Savuti and Selinda Spillway. Add a 15-minute champagne stop on palm island en route. Must be booked in advance and is subject to extra cost and availability.

CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Large thatched main area with a lounge and large dining area;
- Coffee/tea station;
- Fridge with drinks of choice;
- Fire pit and seating;
- The Suite has an outdoor seating area and private swimming pool;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique (at Selinda Camp) selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Okavango panhandle. The Boutique also stocks the d&b clothing line: Dereck and Beverly Joubert have inspired this bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, and which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced. Visit www.greatplainsconservation.com/safariboutique

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Our world-class meals are Relais & Châteaux recognised;
- All meals included and prepared by our Executive Chefs and their teams;
- All drinks and beverages are included, including imported spirits and champagnes;
- A la carte dining in the privacy of the Selinda Suite;
- Indoor and outdoor dining;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children; prior notice required.
- We are extremely flexible on timings. Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norm due to very active safari drives, often delivered to the bush!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- Large tented Suite under thatch on raised, wooden decking with large, private verandah;
- Mosquito netting on all tent sides and over beds;
- Standing fan;
- Solar powered, environmentally friendly air-conditioning system over the bed;
- Bedrooms can be configured as double or single accommodation.

Bathroom features

- Each bedroom in the suite has an en-suite bathroom with copper tub, indoor showers, flush loo, dressing area and double basins;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and hairdryers provided.

ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- We look forward to having children stay with us that are 6 years and older;
- The Selinda Suite can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;
- Scheduled wildlife viewing activities, including safari drives, guided walks, and power boating, are available to guests from 6 years when accompanied by their parents or guardians. Where available, canoe and mokoro activities specifically welcome guests aged 8 years and above;
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is open with high predator densities in and around camp and there is water surrounding camp. The camp also has raised decks, pools which are not covered;
- Great Plains Young Explorers program – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.



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SPA

The Spa at Selinda Camp is a relaxing and inviting space, located privately above the wine cellar. All treatments and ingredients used in your spa treatments were personally chosen by Dereck and Beverly Joubert in conjunction with Spacology. Spa treatments are at an additional cost.

FITNESS

- Yoga mat, light weights available in the Selinda Suite;
- Stationary exercise bike.

LAUNDRY

Included in nightly tariff - next day service, weather permitting;

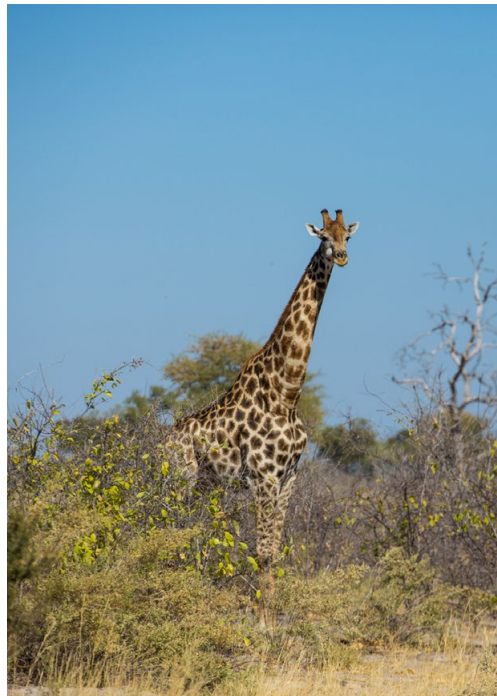
POWER AND COMMUNICATION

Power

- The camp is run by a Tesla solar system with generator back-up;
- The system produces 220V, 24-hour electricity to the suites and main area;
- Universal plug points in each suite.

Internet & Mobile

- Wi-fi available in guest suites;
- No mobile signal.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

- Malaria: Minimal exposure risk– Malaria prophylaxis are recommended if guests are concerned; however, this is a remote area with little occurrence;
- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance;
- Senior staff all has first aid training;
- Nearest decent medical facility is in Maun, and then Johannesburg.

Possibility of Disabled access

The Suite layout is not conducive to wheelchair bound guests due to dirt pathways, stairs and uneven terrain.

Safety

- This remotely located camp is unfenced to wild animals that do move through the property especially at night;
- Fire extinguishers in The Selinda Suite.

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MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Provided in every bedroom.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid by credit card or in Botswana Pula, South African Rands, US Dollars (2004 bills or later only) or GB Pounds;
- Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted (No Amex or Diners).

The Team

Lodge Owners

Great Plains Conservation

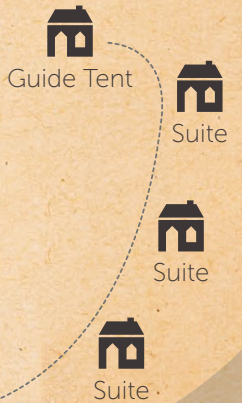
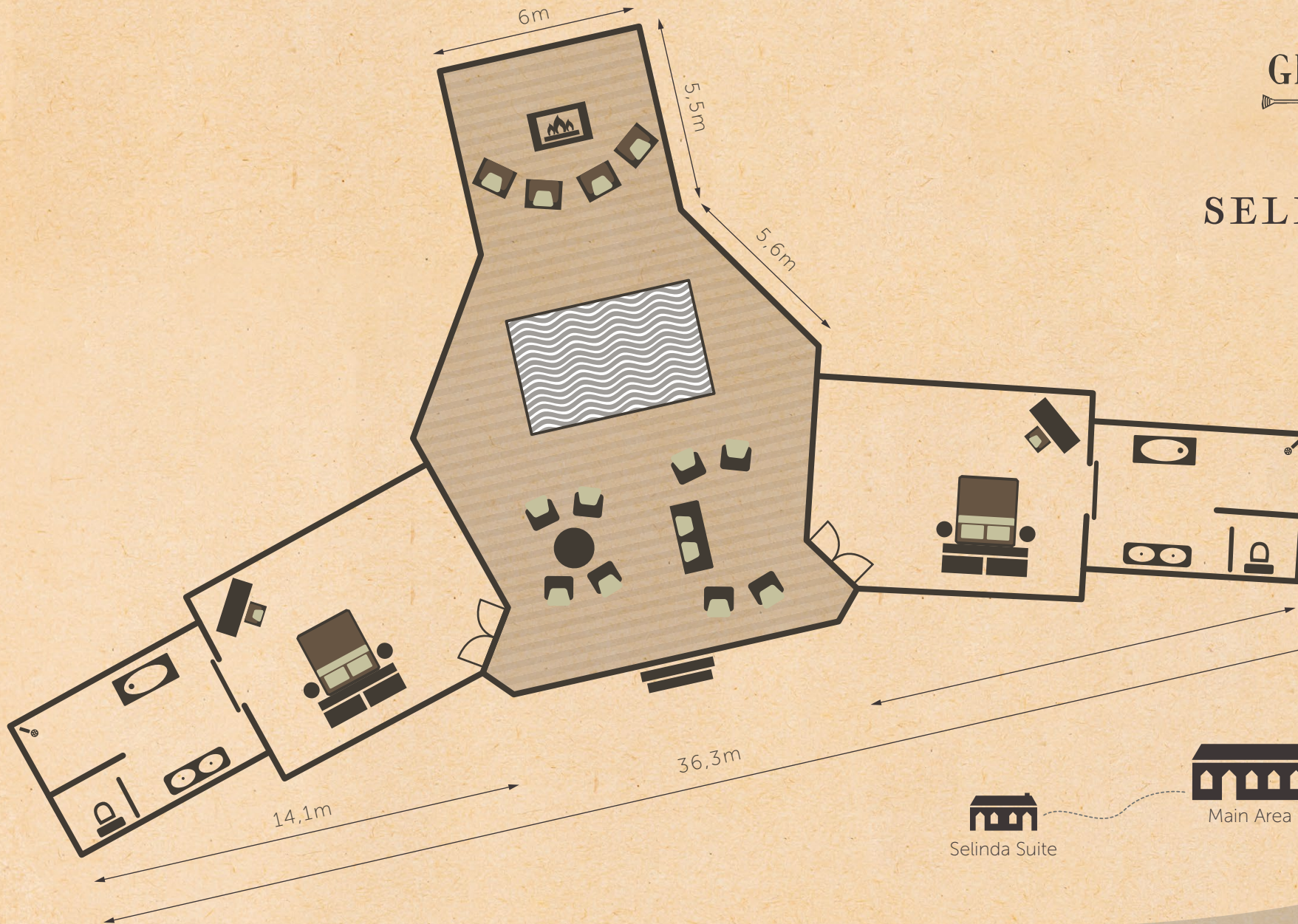
FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

Solar Mamas

The Great Plains Foundation's Solar Mamas developed the Solar Mama initiative to address the lack of economic opportunities and electricity deficit in remote villages bordering Botswana's Okavango Delta. Nine Solar Mamas left their villages in Botswana to attend a six-month solar power training program in India through Barefoot College International. They each returned home with the skills to build, install and maintain solar home lightings systems. These Solar mamas are empowered to establish and run a business and provide sustainable energy for their community. The project's current phase aims to supply equipment for the Solar Mamas to electrify rural households in this remote region where only 35% of homes are electrified, thereby improving the quality of life in our surrounding communities. Learn more at www.greatplainsfoundation.com

In addition to our own programs Great Plains Foundation keeps a list of school needs in the countries where we work. Needed items can be hand-carried by travelers or we can help purchase them locally. To learn more or to help support students and educators as part of your trip please reach out info@greatplainsfoundation.com

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Namibia

Bwabwata National Park

Mudumu National Park

Kasane

Chobe Forest Reserve

Selinda Explorers Camp

Selinda Camp & Selinda Suite

Zarafa Camp & The Dhow Suite at Zarafa

Chobe National Park

Selinda Spillway

Okavango Explorers Camp

Sitatunga Private Island & Sitatunga Private Island Suite

Duba Explorers Camp

Duba Plains & Duba Plains Suite

Moremi Game Reserve
Okavango Delta

Botswana

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BOTSWANA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	ZARAFA CAMP & THE DHOW SUITE AT ZARAFA	SELINDA CAMP & SELINDA SUITE	DUBA PLAINS CAMP & DUBA PLAINS SUITE	SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND & SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND SUITE
Camp Classification	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Plains Concession	Sitatunga Private Reserve
Size of concession / reserve	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	33 000 Hectares / 81 500 Acres	Not relevant
Number of Suites / Tents	4 Suites	3 Suites	5 Suites	2 Suites
Family Accommodation	The Dhow Suite at Zarafa	The Selinda Suite	The Duba Plains Suite	The Sitatunga Private Island Suite
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes (Included for Dhow Suite)	Yes (Included for Selinda Suite)	Yes (Included for Duba Plains Suite)	Private boating
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (*water level dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (*water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	Mekoro	*Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and *water lever dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes (In-room only)	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	Gym & In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ACTIVITY	SELINDA EXPLORERS CAMP	OKAVANGO EXPLORERS CAMP	DUBA EXPLORERS CAMP
Camp Classification	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Plains Concession
Size of concession / reserve	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	130 000 Hectares / 321 237 Acres	33 000 Hectares / 81 500 Acres
Number of Suites / Tents	3 Tents	6 Tents	5 Tents
Family Accommodation	1 Family Tent	n/a	n/a
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes	n/a	Yes
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (water level dependent)	Canoeing	Canoeing	Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and water lever dependent)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Main Swimming Pool	n/a	Main Swimming Pool
Shower	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor
Bath	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mosquito Nets	On All Tent Sides	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fitness	Yoga Mats	Yoga Mats	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	n/a	n/a	Yes