

# BOTSWANA

# LITTLE MOMBO PREMIER CAMP

### **RATE SEASONS**

Festive Season:

Low Season:

High Season:

Peak Season:

High Season:

High Season:

16 December 2017 to 10 January 2018

11 January 2018 to 31 March 2018

01 April 2018 to 31 May 2018

01 June 2018 to 31 October 2018

13 June 2018 to 31 October 2018

14 June 2018 to 31 October 2018

15 June 2018 to 19 December 2018

High Season:

O1 November 2018 to 19 December 2018 Festive Season:

20 December 2018 to 10 January 2019

Low Season:

11 January 2019 to 31 March 2019

High Season:

O1 November 2018 to 19 December 2019

11 January 2019 to 31 Mary 2019

O1 April 2019 to 31 October 2019

O1 June 2019 to 31 October 2019

### **RATE BASIS**

\*FI rate includes accommodation, all meals, daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and drinks – with the exception of selected premium imported brands and champagne.

# **LOCATION**

· Northern Botswana

- Central Okavango Delta
- · On Mombo Island on the northern tip of Chief's Island
- · Moremi Game Reserve, northern area

#### **ACCESS**

# Fly-In Basis

Airstrip Name: Mombo Airstrip

Duration to Camp: Approximately 15 minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and

photographic opportunities along the way).

Airstrip Coordinates: S 19 13 Latitude E 22 47 Longitude

These GPS coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting our airstrips on

Google Earth only.

Altitude/Elevation: 3 155 feet
Runway Length: 1 000 metres
Runway Heading: 06/24

Runway Heading: 06/24 Airstrip Surface: Calcrete

Airstrip Services: Mombo Camp and Little Mombo.

Aircraft Type: Our airstrips are restricted to "At Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command discretion" to operations for aircraft types having maximum certified take-off weight (MTOW) of

operations for aircraft types having maximum certified take-off weight (MTOVV) of 5700kg or less. For more detailed information, please contact your travel consultant.

The Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command needs to sign our Indemnity, Waiver and Disclaimer policy for authorization to land at our airstrips. In addition the Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command is required to acknowledge the preferred supplier and self-fly-in information notice. Please consult your travel consultant as all procedures need to be finalized in advance.

Wilderness makes no representation whatsoever regarding the suitability of the aerodrome, its safety and/or its fitness for purposes of use by any type of aircraft under any conditions. The Company warrants that it will make enquiries with the relevant Aviation Authorities regarding the suitability of any aerodrome for any particular type of aircraft and activity. Any information provided to the Company shall not amount to or imply a representation by Wilderness as to suitability or fitness for purpose.

### **HABITAT AND WILDLIFE**

# **Mombo Concession**

The Mombo Concession comprises 45 000 hectares (111 000 acres) of the Moremi Game Reserve and is located on Chief's Island in the central Okavango Delta. In the interior of Chief's Island, mopane woodland is interspersed with belts of Kalahari sand and acacia. Towards the edges of the island, regular seasonal inundation creates shallow floodplains dotted with wild date palm islands and riverine forest. Mombo offers arguably the best big game viewing in Botswana with prolific concentrations of general game such as giraffe, zebra, warthog, red lechwe, tsessebe, wildebeest, kudu, elephant, buffalo and impala. Abundant predator sightings include lion, spotted hyaena and leopard. Chief's Island is also home to the only white and black rhino found in the Okavango Delta. The birding, a result of diverse habitats, is equally attractive.

### **Game Viewing**

The Mombo Concession is known as the "place of plenty", highlighted by the massive concentrations of plains game and predators that live here. These include all the big cats, of which lion sightings are frequent. Leopard, spotted hyaena, large herds of buffalo, elephant, giraffe, blue wildebeest, Burchell's zebra and more abound, while cheetah and wild dog can occasionally be spotted moving through the area. It is here that black and white rhino were first reintroduced into the Delta, to be seen occasionally by a lucky few.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Type – 100% Game Drives, 0% Water Activities (although guests sporadically may see water in the distance).

- Daytime game drives only (due to Moremi Game Reserve rules) in one open 4x4 Land Cruiser accommodating maximum 06 guests, allowing each guest an outside seat.
- Private activities available on request and at an additional cost (to be booked and paid for in advance). Note there is only one private vehicle which is shared between Little Mombo and Mombo Camp.
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on a game drive.
- Hot water bottles, blankets and lined ponchos are provided on winter game drives (or available on request).
- Picnic baskets can be prepared for all day excursions.
- · Best game viewing in Botswana.
- Birding (internationally recognised IBA Important Bird Area).
- Stargazing with a laser pointer.
- Scenic helicopter flights offering a birds-eye view of the ecosystem and an insight into its formation. Flights range between 30, 45 or 60 minutes (this is an optional activity at an additional cost which can be settled directly in camp). Please contact your Journey Specialist for more information.

### **CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES**

- Deep within Moremi Game Reserve, beneath huge trees on the edge of a scenic floodplain.
- Dining area is under canvas on a raised deck.
- Fire deck
- During winter months shawl blankets are provided during dinner.
- Pool.
- · Boutique.
- Gym with two stationary exercise bikes, two treadmills, a rowing machine, exercise mats, Pilates and medicine balls, skipping
  ropes, kettle bells and a range of free weights.
- Spa with two in-house beauty therapists (treatments at an additional cost, possible for in-tent massage treatments to be arranged as part of the mobile therapy service offering).
- Slide projector for research presentations.
- Traditional boma for dining under the stars.
- Connected by raised wooden deck to Mombo Camp with several shared facilities: boutique, spa, gym and pool.

# **ACCOMMODATION**

# **Number of Tents:**

Camp can accommodate 06 guests, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

03 x tents in total comprising:

- 03 x twin-bedded luxury tents each with two twin beds.
- Mattress converters are available that transform twin beds into a double bed. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

• 01 x twin-bedded tent with shared en-suite facilities (this is shared with Mombo Camp, tent of same standard as a guest tent).

### Tent Description

- Luxury canvas tent on an elevated wooden deck overlooking the surrounding game filled plains and connected with elevated wooden walkways. Entrance to the tent has a door.
- Each tent with en-suite facilities comprising double indoor shower, outdoor shower, bath, separate toilet, and double vanity basin
- Tent facilities include a private plunge pool, mosquito screen sliding doors, mosquito net, electronic safe, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities, mini-bar, lounge area, sala on deck, exercise mat and weights (02 x 1 kg and 02 x 2 kg) and charging facilities with USB ports.
- No air-conditioning, however, ceiling fans in all the tents (with the addition of a pedestal fan on request should it be needed).
- Amenities supplied in each tent; seasonal bathrobes, slippers, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellent, insect spray, mosquito coil, shower caps, vanity kit with cotton tip swabs and cotton wool pads, sewing kit, tissue dispenser, laundry bag and umbrella are supplied in each tent.

# **ELECTRICITY**

- 100% solar powered.
- 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices. Arrangements can be made for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare batteries, charging unit and adaptors).
- Solar Thermodynamic geyser.

# **EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY**

Morning wake-up and activity times vary according to the seasons, activities on offer and wildlife sightings.

- Early morning wake-up call.
- · Light breakfast before departing on the morning activity.
- Return to camp for a meal and rest period.
- Meet for afternoon tea before departing on the activity.
- Return to camp freshen up or meet for drinks, followed by dinner and thereafter, perhaps a nightcap.

# CHILD POLICY Mombo Camp and Little Mombo Children aged 13 years and older:

- Accepted at Mombo Camp in a standard twin or the family room and at Little Mombo in a standard twin. Between the ages of 13 and 16 years, children must share with an adult, however, private vehicles are not required from the age of 13 years.
- Regardless of the ages of the children, discounted child rates will not apply to the family room and standard adult rates will be charged for all four beds.
- The family room should be booked for families with young adult children or teenagers due to the design (the entrance, deck and pool are all shared, however, each tent will have their own bathroom (with the second bedroom being smaller).

## Children aged 12 years and younger:

- Parties with children 12 years and younger, may only book sole use of Little Mombo to secure sole use of a vehicle.
- Regardless of the ages of the children, discounted child rates will not apply and standard adult rates will be charged for on the
  accommodation at Little Mombo.
- Even if sole use of Little Mombo is booked for a family with children 12 years and younger, children must still be accompanied by adults in the tents.
- Mombo Camp may not be booked for children 12 years and younger.

#### **LAUNDRY FACILITIES**

Laundry services are provided on a daily basis (weather permitting) and included on the FI rate basis. A mesh laundry bag is supplied for 'smalls' so that guests may place their underwear in this bag which will be machine washed and returned in the mesh bag. Camp can provide environmentally friendly washing powder on request. Note that laundry services may be limited as a result of water shortages.

# **SMOKING POLICY**

Our Smoking Policy refers to both regular cigarettes and electronic cigarettes. Smoking in the camps/lodges is permitted in selected areas only. While not visibly marked, these areas will be identified by our by camp/lodge staff. Please note that we have a strict No Smoking Policy in our main area, vehicles and guest tents, except on the verandas. On activities a stop will be made for refreshments, at which time smokers may enjoy a cigarette. Fires are often the result of discarded cigarette butts as the dry African bush ignites very easily and the resulting flash fire/s are hazardous to both animal and plant life. While that risk is not the same for electronic cigarettes, the use of electronic cigarettes on our vehicles is similarly not allowed as this may negatively impact the experience of a fellow traveller.

### **PAYMENT FOR EXTRAS**

Botswana banks only accept US Dollars, GBP Sterling, Euro and South African Rand in cash. However, US Dollar currency prior to 2007 will not be accepted, nor damaged or marked notes. Any cash payments made to camps for curios, or gratuities to guides or staff, need to be in one of these currencies. Travellers Cheques in any of the above currencies are also acceptable.

MasterCard and Visa are usually accepted throughout Botswana, including Wilderness Safaris and Wilderness Adventures camps. Diners Club is not accepted by the banks in Botswana and, therefore, not at our camps either.

## **GRATUITY GUIDELINES**

We would like to emphasise that tipping is definitely not a requirement and should be undertaken only by choice, dependent on the service received. We have enclosed a brief guideline to assist you. You may wish to add a nominal amount ranging between US\$ 10.00 to US\$ 30.00 per day for incidentals (subject to personal budget choice) – i.e. if additional activities are booked once on your journey, if travel arrangements change for any reason, in acknowledgement of good service received in another area, etc.

- Guides and/or Specialist Guides We recommend US\$ 10.00 per guest per day.
- **General Safari Camp Staff** We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day. This should be placed in the communal tipping box to be distributed equally amongst all the staff.
- Spa Therapist We recommend US\$ 5.00 per treatment.

We recommend tipping your guide directly and making use of the gratuity box in the main area for the general camp staff.