

**VUMBURA PLAINS CAMP
PREMIER CAMP**

RATE SEASONS

Festive Season:	20 December 2017 to 10 January 2018
Low Season:	11 January 2018 to 31 March 2018
High Season:	01 April 2018 to 31 May 2018
Peak Season:	01 June 2018 to 31 October 2018
High Season:	01 November 2018 to 19 December 2018
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RATE BASIS

Fully Inclusive (FI) – includes accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, all local drinks and laundry. Excluded from the rate are premium imported brands and champagne, gratuities, curio purchases and any other items of a personal nature.

LOCATION

- Okavango Delta, north side
- Borders the Moremi Wildlife Reserve
- In a private concession

ACCESS

Fly-In Basis

Airstrip Name:	Vumbura Airstrip
Duration to Camp:	Approximately 35 minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way) and 5 minutes boating into camp
Airstrip Coordinates:	S 18 57 Latitude E 22 48 Longitude These GPS coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting our airstrips on Google Earth only.
Altitude/Elevation:	3 200 feet
Runway Length:	1 000 metres
Runway Heading:	15/33
Airstrip Surface:	Calcrete
Airstrip Services:	Little Vumbura Camp and Vumbura Plains North and South
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 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

Vumbura Concession

The Vumbura area comprises 60 000 hectares (150 000 acres) in the northern Okavango Delta that includes a diverse mosaic of habitats, from permanent swamp with small palm islands to seasonally inundated floodplains, acacia woodlands, and extensive mopane and Kalahari appleleaf stands. The area is known for its scenic beauty and diversity of wildlife. In addition to large herds of elephant and buffalo in seasonally varying degrees of concentration, majestic sable antelope are a highlight here and share the plains and woodlands with zebra, wildebeest, tsessebe, impala, lechwe, kudu and giraffe. Healthy populations of lion, leopard and spotted hyaena occur, while wild dog are a particular feature and cheetah sightings occasional. Birdlife is abundant – Okavango specials such as Rosy-throated Longclaw, Black Coucal and Long-toed Lapwing are present. The concession is leased from five villages through the Okavango Community Trust in a partnership that ensures that the benefits of ecotourism are shared with rural stakeholders.

Game Viewing

The annually flooded grasslands of the Okavango Delta surrounding Vumbura Plains are locally referred to as 'melapo' and offer good seasonal viewing of elephant, giraffe, impala, sable antelope, kudu, zebra, common waterbuck and reedbuck, tsessebe, wildebeest, red lechwe and Cape buffalo. Hippo and crocodile are common in the waterways. Predators include the African wild dog, several resident prides of lion, as well as leopard, cheetah and African wildcat. Birding is exceptional all year round.

ACTIVITIES

Type – 50% game drives, 50% water activities (can vary depending on water levels)

- Vumbura Plains North: Day and night drives in 04 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers each accommodating a maximum of 07 guests, allowing each guest an outside seat.
- Vumbura Plains South: Day and night drives in 03 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers each accommodating a maximum of 07 guests, allowing each guest an outside seat.
- Private activities available on request at North and South (additional cost applicable).
- The camps have a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on a game activity.
- Hot water bottles (during winter months and on early morning game drives only), blankets and lined ponchos are provided on game drives.
- Water-based activities in 03 x 02-seater mekoro and 01 x 06-seater boat (water levels permitting) - available at North and South.
- Guided nature walks (seasonal and subject to qualified walking guide being available).
- Birding in an Internationally Recognised IBA – Important Birding Area.
- Fishing on a catch and release basis (fishing is prohibited in Botswana in January and February for fish breeding purposes). The camp has a small stock of basic rods and reels but fly fishing equipment is to be supplied by guest if required.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT ADDITIONAL COST

- Hot air ballooning (weather permitting and operational from 01 April 2018 to 14 October 2018) with guest numbers as a minimum of 02 and a maximum of 04, options of either via helicopter both ways or driven one way with a helicopter transfer the other or driven both ways. The launch site and landing site may vary according to the time of year and prevailing wind conditions. Champagne celebration on landing, with snacks, including commemorative flight certificates presented by the pilot.
- Over and above a standard balloon excursion, guests also have the option of adding on a helicopter flight – reducing travel time and adding a real WOW factor!
- Scenic helicopter flights offering a birds-eye view of the ecosystem and an insight into its formation, flights range from 30, 45 to 60 minutes. This is an optional activity at additional costs which can be settled directly in camp. Please contact your Journey Specialist for more information.

CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Each camp with its own main area, under a wooden roof, encompassing a lounge, dining and bar area on a raised wooden deck and an outdoor sunken lounge with fire deck and stargazing.
- Vumbura South main area is wheelchair accessible.
- Curio shop.
- Library.
- Traditional boma for dining under the stars.
- During winter months shawl blankets are provided during dinner.
- Spotting scope.
- Photo download centre.
- Menu of massage treatments (at an additional cost) - conducted in the privacy of the guest's tent.
- Each camp with a guest toilet in the main area.

Vumbura Plains Camp can be sold in conjunction with her sister camp, Little Vumbura. However it is necessary to note that the camp categories differ.

ACCOMMODATION - Vumbura Plains Camp comprises two smaller camps accommodating as follows:

Vumbura Plains South - Number of Tents

This camp can accommodate 12 guests plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

06 x units in total comprising:

- 06 x twin-bedded tents each with two extra lengths three quarter beds.
- A total of 06 mattress converters are available that transforms twin beds into king-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

- 02 x twin-bedded tents with two three quarter beds and shared en-suite facilities (04 beds sharing 02 bathroom - not of the same standard as a guest room)

Vumbura Plains North - Number of Tents

This camp can accommodate 16 guests and 04 children plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

08 x units in total comprising:

- 06 x twin-bedded tents each with two extra lengths three quarter beds.
- 02 x family units with two extra lengths three quarter beds in each bedroom (each unit consists of 02 bedrooms, with their own bathroom and entrance, separated by a deck). The family units do not have a sala.
- The main bedroom has a large sunken lounge and spacious showers whilst the second bedroom is smaller with standard facilities; no outdoor shower, no mini-bar and no ceiling fan.
- A total of 08 mattress converters are available that transforms twin beds into king-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

- 02 x twin-bedded tents with two three quarter beds and one shared communal facility accessed from outside the tents (04 beds sharing 01 bathroom - not of the same standard as a guest room)

Tent Description

- Luxury spacious contemporary tented rooms under thatch, on a raised deck. Both camps are connected by with elevated wooden walkways (intermittent sections may be on the ground to allow for animal movement).
- Each tent has the bed situated in the middle of the room offering view out of tent, en-suite facilities with separate toilet, outdoor shower, mosquito net, private plunge pool, indoor sunken lounge area, sala (there is no sala at the family units), tea and coffee making facilities, mini-bar, hairdryer, electronic safe and exercise mat and weights (02 x 1 kg and 02 x 2 kg)
- During winter months hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided.
- No air-conditioning, however, ceiling and pedestal fans are provided in all the rooms.
- Two way emergency radios have been fitted in the rooms and may be used by guests to contact camp management in the event of an emergency only. Said radios are on a closed circuit and inter-room communication is not available.
- 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 AND WATER

- 100% solar powered (solar panels and inverters provide electricity and hot water). A 220V generator is used for emergencies.
- 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices. Additional charging facilities (available on request) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare batteries, charging unit and adaptors).

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

- Children of 06 years and older are accommodated.
- For families travelling with children between 06 and 12 years, private activities need to be booked and paid for.
- Children between 06 and 16 years must share with an adult/s in the same room.
- The minimum age for boating activities is 06 years, while mokoro and walking activities have a minimum age of 13 years.
- For the hot air ballooning activity, the minimum age restriction is 07 years old and a parent/guardian must accompany any child under the age of 16.

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. Environmentally friendly detergent available in the rooms or can be provided on request. Note that laundry services may be 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 tented rooms (including private rooftop areas), 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. 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 reiterate that tipping is not compulsory. Please do not feel obliged to do so. Tipping should be undertaken only by choice, subject to the service received. As such, 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 Specialist Guides** – We recommend US\$ 10.00 per guest per day.
- **Mokoro Paddlers and Trackers** – We recommend that each paddler receive US\$ 5.00 per guest per day and that camp/lodge trackers receive US\$ 5.00 per guest per day.
- **The General Safari Camp Staff** – We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day for safari camps/lodges. This should be placed in the communal tipping box to be distributed equally amongst all the staff.

We recommend tipping your guide directly and making use of the gratuity box in the main area for the general camp/lodge staff. We would like to suggest that you tip only once, at the end of your stay.