

*There is a place, sacred as some might say, set within the heart of a pristine and remote landscape of red sandstone outcrops and meandering rivers, where sweeping wilds rise and fall and merge into clean horizons. The rich, natural beauty of this wilderness and its endless bio-diversity is just waiting to be appreciated by those who are fortunate enough to visit...*

# **MASHATU GAME RESERVE BOTSWANA**

## **Introduction**

Mashatu Game Reserve is one of the brightest stars in Botswana's tourism universe; our 31000 ha (76600 ac) expanse of pristine wilderness, is guardian to a diverse range of wildlife, renowned for its large elephant herds and recognised as an Important Bird Area with over 350 species recorded. Mashatu is unquestionably the adventure safari destination for energetic travellers and multi-generational families; where excellent daily sightings of all the African predators (lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, jackals and African wildcats), elephant, hyena and a vast diversity of Africa's plains game, are complemented by a choice of 4 camps.

The brand new Mashatu Euphorbia Villas, our flagship camp, welcomes guests seeking a five-star experience. Mashatu Lodge is the luxury all-suite camp and the intimate Mashatu Tent Camp is loved by those yearning for the real safari experience. Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu is a new addition to the Mashatu Portfolio of camps, providing guests an elegant tented camp experience on the banks of the Limpopo River.

It is within this unspoiled land that guests set off on mountain biking, walking, horseback safaris, photographic and film safaris, night drives, village tours or visit the world-renowned underground photographic hide. These adventure activities complement the traditional game drive safaris included in ones stay, conducted by guides with an average of 14 years' experience on Mashatu. Mashatu is the authentic Africa for guests who yearn to immerse themselves in an intimate safari holiday; a medley of landscapes, wildlife, adventure, incredible light for photography and adrenaline.

## **Unique Selling Points**

- *Unfenced between international neighbours.*
- *Low rainfall each year – NO GREEN SEASON (average of only 29 days rain a year).*
- *Eight rivers that exist on the property ensuring the best predator viewing in Botswana.*
- *Largest herds of elephant on a private reserve in Africa (31000 hectares/ 76600 acres).*
- *Adventure safaris.*
- *Extremely diverse landscapes (marshes, rocky outcrops, mopane veld, riverine thickets, rolling hills).*
- *Four very different camps and the Kgotla sleep-out.*
- *Average employment of rangers – 14 years.*
- *Complimentary Wi-Fi.*
- *60-minute flight from Lanseria Airport in Johannesburg to the international airport owned by Mashatu - Limpopo Valley Airfield.*
- *Incredible light for photography and superior 'hit rate'.*
- *Botswana as part of a South African tourism circuit.*
- *Great value – private land without park or concession fees.*

## **General Notes**

**Includes:** All accommodation, 2 safaris per day in open game viewing vehicles, or a walk and a safari each day, and all meals and snacks (one sundowner drink included per night).

**Season:** Open year-round, with a "Pay-3-Stay-4" Land of the Giants special valid for the periods 11 Jan to 30 Apr, and 1 Nov to 15 Dec, each year.

**Weather:** Warm to hot during the day all year with cool to cold nights April to August (only an average of 29 days of rain the entire year- come and enjoy the sunshine).

**Getting to Mashatu:** One hour flight from Lanseria airport in Johannesburg (complimentary road transfer from O.R. Tambo airport) to Mashatu; flights from JHB to Polokwane with SA Airlink and then a 2-hour road transfer; flights to and from Maun, Nelspruit/KMIA, MalaMala, Sabi Sands ... (subject to availability on request); private charter flights; road transfers or self-drive.

*"The wildlife, the guides, the lodges and the scenery come together to create an untamed wilderness where the parameters of a normal safari are often stretched beyond reality."  
- Quote from one of the top agents in the UK*

## Accommodation at Mashatu

### Mashatu Euphorbia Villas

- 5-star eco-luxury camp run on solar.
- 8 villas.
- No under 16-year-olds.
- Only single and twin (King) accommodation.
- Air conditioned.
- Hairdryers.
- Private, solar-heated plunge pool for each villa.
- 2 bathrooms and 2 toilets per villa (1 indoor, 1 outdoor).
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Local and imported alcohol included.
- Only 4 guests per safari vehicle.
- Villa sizes: 150m<sup>2</sup> (1600ft<sup>2</sup>)

Mashatu Euphorbia Villas is the new 5-star environmentally conscious camp, within the Mashatu Portfolio; as the flagship camp it combines luxury with conservation and sustainability, where solar energy and state of the art water processing systems ensure a harmonious blend with the African bush. It is set high up on a cliff face amongst a forest of euphorbia succulents which open up to reveal exquisite vistas of the Majale River and endless plains below.

Guests are welcomed into their own private villas with heated plunge pools overlooking the ravine below. Built with local stone as a solid structure, the villas are inspired by the curves and shape of the resident Mopane tree's pod, which is the lifeblood and main food source for many of the general game at Mashatu during the predominantly dry months of the year. The 8 secluded villas exude an earthy glamour, boasting both inside and outside showers, an inside W.C. and second "loo with a view"; spacious with numerous relaxation and 'unplug' areas, each offering an aura of natural elegance and comfort.

For ease of reference, Mashatu Euphorbia Villas has the following notable room configurations: -

- Villa 8 has a sloping ramp for wheelchair access.

All suites are made up of two  $\frac{3}{4}$  extra length beds converted to King XL.



## Accommodation at Mashatu

### Mashatu Lodge

- 4-star.
- 14 suites.
- Children of all ages are welcome - children's program available.
- Trip or quad sharing options available.
- Air conditioned.
- 220v electricity and fans.
- Hairdryers.
- 1½ bathrooms per suite.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Maximum 6 guests per vehicle.
- Suite sizes: 60m<sup>2</sup> (646ft<sup>2</sup>)

14 luxury suites lie along the camp's perimeter and are designed to allow absolute privacy and a communion with the bush and its inhabitants. Watch elephants splashing at the waterhole, listen to the lyrical melody of the woodlands kingfisher on a branch overhead and smell the grassy scent of the bushveld, all from the comfort of your suite's patio.

Each of the air-conditioned suites at Mashatu Lodge is tastefully decorated and includes impressive black and white prints of Africa's most beautiful animals. A double bed and a three-quarter bed, together with a seating area that includes a single day bed, comfortably accommodates families. The ample en-suite bathroom with both bath and shower facilities and a separate W.C. completes the well-appointed suites.

A large swimming pool is a focal point where Mashatu Lodge visitors cool down and relax between game activities. The Discovery Room is the portal through which curious visitors get a glimpse of another world – one that existed long before the appearance of man.

For ease of reference, Mashatu Lodge has the following notable room configurations: -

- Suites 1 & 2, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 are inter-leading family suites (subject to availability on request).
- Suites 3 and 4 each have a king-sized bed, ¾ bed and a day bed.

All other suites have a double bed, ¾ bed and a day bed. All the suites are to a greater or lesser extent wheelchair friendly.



## Accommodation at Mashatu

### Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu

- 4-star.
- 8 tented suites
- Children of all ages are welcome - children's program available.
- Single, twin, triple and quad options for families.
- Air-conditioning in the thatch suites only.
- 220v electricity and fans.
- Hairdryers.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Maximum 6 guests per vehicle.
- Suite sizes: 60m<sup>2</sup> (646ft<sup>2</sup>)

Eight luxury tented suites are spacious, airy and elevated. They present themselves as draped canvas walls and roofs over timber frames. Large wrap-around decks provide a relaxing outdoor space with views over the Tuli and surrounding bush. The interiors are a modern interpretation of the classic 'out of Africa' décor, with a flowing open plan design. All suites feature an island bed, lounge area, freestanding bath, large separate shower, double basin vanity area, separate W.C. and ample storage space.

A highlight at Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu is the experience of the "moving tables" - dinner and brunch in a different location for each meal. On a 2-night stay guests would experience a bush brunch or dinner, as well as private dining set up in surprise spots around the camp, or on their own patios (private dining on request). The extensive lodge gardens and grounds include a large swimming pool, waterhole, hide and walking trail. Additional activities offered exclusively at Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu are after dinner night drives, and cultural experiences / village tours (a full day's activity).

For ease of reference, Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu has the following notable room configurations: -

- Suite 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 & 10 are the luxury tented suites, with free-standing bathtubs in a separate area of each tent.
- These tented suites can have 2 single beds in the lounge area for 2 children to join their parents

All suites are made up of two  $\frac{3}{4}$  extra length beds converted to King XL. The suites are not wheelchair friendly.



## Accommodation at Mashatu

### Mashatu Tent Camp

- 3-star eco-safari styled tent camp run on solar power.
- 8 tents.
- No children under the age of 12 years old.
- Only single and twin accommodation.
- 220v electrical points provided and fans.
- Hairdryers.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Maximum 6 guests per vehicle.
- Suite sizes: 29m<sup>2</sup> (312ft<sup>2</sup>)

Eight completely private classic safari tents are tucked under the branches of enormous trees, accessible via meandering pathways. The tents themselves are spacious, comfortable and large enough that adults need not duck to move around in. Each is mounted on a concrete platform and has its own private outdoor en suite bathroom, including W.C. and shower.

The camp's plunge pool invites guests to cool off and escape the relentless heat typical of the summer months. Instant camaraderie is the norm at this unique camp. Meal times are shared without pomp and ceremony, either in the open-air thatched gazebo, or in the boma (enclosure) overlooking the floodlit, well-populated waterhole.

The sturdy and shaded hide also overlooks the waterhole, and here bush enthusiasts can sit quietly and witness animals going about their day, completely unaware that they are being watched. It is humbling indeed to be an observer, to be part of the perfect, natural world.

For ease of reference, Mashatu Tent Camp has the following notable room configurations: -

- Tent 1 has a 1:10 sloping ramp for wheelchair access, a slightly larger toilet area and a wheelchair friendly basin height. The access is also slightly wider for easier wheelchair manoeuvring.

All tents are made up of two <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> beds. Conversion to King is subject to availability on request.

