

Fact Sheet

RIDING ABILITY: Minimum riding ability required is mastery of the basic aids, ability to post to the trot for stretches of 10 minutes at a time, to be comfortable at all paces and to be able to gallop out of trouble. It is a great advantage if you are a fit and a proficient rider.

TYPE OF HORSE: Full and part Thoroughbred, Pure Arab, Anglo Arab, American Saddle Bred. Between 14 and 17 hands. Well-schooled, responsive and even temperament. There is a wide range of horses (over 50) suitable for the competition rider to a steady hack. Every effort is made to match horse and rider.

WEIGHT LIMIT: Maximum weight is 200 lbs for a novice rider and 210 lbs for an advanced rider (15 stone or 95 kg). Guests may be required to step on the scales. A special program is available for clients over our weight limit, which offers shorter rides, game drives & walks.

High season weight Supplement: Over 200 lbs. (14 stone, or 90kg) a supplement of 50% will be charged for an extra horse. The weight limit remains 210lbs (15stone or 95kg)

SAFETY: All rides are lead by qualified profession guides. A 375 rifle is carried on all the rides. All camps and vehicles have radio communication and guides ride with a hand held radios. A demonstration is given at the beginning of the safari with a talk on how to handle big game situations.

GUIDING: All rides are lead by qualified profession guides. A keen interest is taken in birds as well as fauna & flora.

TACK: Tack is English Style and each saddle has a seatsaver for comfort. Tack is of high quality and kept in good condition. Saddles are well known makes such as Ideals, Barnsby, and Symonds. Most horses are in snaffle bridles.



ACCOMMODATION: Kujwana camp offers spacious safari tents with shower en suite (flush toilet). There are two double-bedded tents and four twin bedded tents complete with attractive furnishings, bedside tables, hanging cupboard, luggage rack, floor rug, and chairs. Moklowane has tree chalets with bucket and pulley showers and flush toilets. Fly camp has dome tents with camp beds, bedrolls with cotton sheets, duvet and towels. Long drop toilets for each tent and bucket and pulley showers with hot water. A tent personnel is on hand at all times.



MEALS: Safari cooks prepares 3 meals a day plus saddlebag picnic breakfasts and vehicle support picnic lunches. Emphasis is made on fresh vegetables and salads. Fresh bread is baked every day. Vegetarians are catered for. Light lunches, cold meats, salads and 3 course dinners served by candle light at the dining table near the campfire.

LENGTH OF THE RIDE: Between 4-6 hours in the saddle a day. This is broken by refreshment stops - picnic breakfast or lunch and a 10-minute walk for every two hours spent in the saddle. (This eases up the rider using different muscles, and helps the horse from constant pressure of the rider's weight).



TERRAIN: The Okavango Delta has been described as a water meadow. Palm islands, grassy flood plains, mopane

forests and clear streams. Highest water is normally between May to September. Many of the flood plains are full at this time and the horses wade through from island to island. The going is normally quite good and firm along the edges of the islands allowing the ride to move on at a trot and canter.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Although our priority is riding, we offer alternative activities during the afternoons that are not day rides. A 6 hour morning can be tiring so afternoons are spent at leisure with evening bird walks or mokoro rides (water levels permitting). Afternoon game drives and night spotting are also offered.

NON-RIDERS: We can accommodate non-riders but they must be booked in as such. Non-Riders have their own guide and enjoy game drives, walks and Mokoros. They move with the riding guests to the various fly camps and join non-riding activities and picnics.

CHILDREN: We do accept children but they must be strong competent riders. They should have a certificate from a pony club or qualified teacher to attest this. No adjustment in price of children.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: This is only enforced when the guest will not share a tent.

DRINKS: Iced drinks are available. Beer, bottled water, an assortment of cool drinks and limited choice of spirits. Special requests can be catered for. Cordials, tea and coffee are freely available and house wine is served with dinner.



CLOTHING: See our clothes list. Laundry can be done in camp. Light Aircraft transfers have a weight restriction of 12 - 15kg. Any extra luggage can be left with our office in Maun. Luggage for light Aircraft should be soft holdall type. Riding clothes should be in neutral, khaki or bush colours, no red or white if possible.

INSURANCE: We cover all guests for Emergency Medical Evacuation. However guests must have adequate medical Insurance.

GAME VIEWING: Game is plentiful, including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, kudu, lechwe, reedbuck, bushbuck, steenbok, impala, roan antelope, duiker, waterbuck, tsesebe, bat-eared fox, sidestriped and blackbacked jackal, African wildcat, baboon, vervet monkey, honey badger, spotted hyena, mongoose, meerkat, warthog, tortoise and ostrich; special nocturnal creatures - porcupine, aardwolf, armadillo, civet, genet, serval, spring hare; water species - hippo, crocodile, cape clawless and spotted necked otter; predators - leopard, lion, cheetah, wild dog. Safety precautions are taken when viewing any dangerous game.



HOW TO GET THERE: Air Botswana fly from either Johannesburg, Gaborone or Victoria Falls and Air Namibia from Windhoek into Maun. We can book all Air Botswana flights. We arrange transfer by light aircraft from Maun to the nearest airstrip (seat rate on our price list). Clients are collected from the airstrip and transferred by 4x4 vehicle to camp. Please remember that internal transfer light aircraft have a luggage weight restriction of 12 - 15kg.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Summer months are September to April. October, November and February are the hottest months, with temperatures varying from 12 degrees C and peaking to 38 degrees C at midday. The rains can start in October, with the occasional thundershower. December to February are the wettest months. Winter is May to the end of August. No rain. Evening and early mornings are cold. Temperature varies from 8 degrees C to 24 degrees C at midday.

INFORMATION WE REQUIRE: Age, weight, height, and riding experience of client. Drinks preferred. Any specialised diet or allergies.

INDEMNITY: Guests will be asked to sign an indemnity in camp before they ride.



MEDICAL: A medical kit is kept in the camp. Guests should take Malaria tablets.

OTHER: Guests are given personal attention and attention is paid to detail. A limited assortment of half chaps and riding gloves are kept in the camp.

Accommodation

You are collected from the nearest airfield and taken to base camp by vehicle.

Accommodation at base camp consists of comfortable tents each with veranda and en-suite bathrooms.

Kujwana Camp

Kujwana camp is situated on the Xudum river south west of chiefs Island in the Okavango Delta. The camp accommodates a maximum of 8 to 10 guests in spacious safari tent each with bathrooms en-suite (bush style). Fixed departure dates are published with a 5 and 10 night safari offering the opportunity to explore the three main river systems in this area, the Xudum, Matsebi and the Kiri river. An area of over 2500 sq.



km it is rich in wildlife and variety of fauna and flora. The areas between the three rivers contrast greatly and support different species of game and birds.

Moklowane Camp

Moklowane Camp is situated on the Matsibi River 15 km North West of Baobab Camp.

This camp consists of tree houses situated 2 metres off the ground, giving the guests a unique experience of sleeping in the open but being perfectly safe. Ablutions are on ground level with bucket and pulley showers and flush loos behind each tree house.



Kiri Fly Camp

Kiri Fly Camp is north east of Kujwana camp in the permanent water line of the delta. This camp is temporary and the site moves according to access with water levels. Deep lagoons and papyrus beds this is a good area for hippo and lechwe, as well as buffalo and other big game. The camp consists of walk in dome tents, private ablutions, mess tent etc. The term Fly camp means temporary camp easily moved (from the days when you moved your fly sheet rather than you whole tent).

PROGRAM SAMPLE FOR 10 NIGHTS

On a 10 night itinerary we work out of our base camp Kujwana. This is situated on the Xudum river in the Okavango Delta. We then use two other camps in different areas of the concession. All these camps are well situated in big game areas. They are chosen for the variety of terrain & species that favour particular areas.

This is a sample itinerary which may vary according to water levels and game movements.

Day 1 Kujwana Camp

You are met at Maun Airport by our representative & transferred by light aircraft to Xudum airstrip, a 25 minute flight. You are then transferred into the camp by vehicle which takes approximately 1 hour. (Game viewing). Lunch and an introduction talk with demo on tack advice on game viewing from horseback. This is followed by an orientation ride for approximately 1 - 2 hours.

Day 2 Kujwana Camp.

Morning game ride in the Xudum area. Wake up is 1 hour before dawn to ensure best game viewing. Wade through lush green malapos that lead you from island to -island. Surprise a timid bushbuck out his dense cover on a heavily wooded island, or enjoy the herds of Lechwe & Zebra moving through the open spaces. Return to camp for lunch. Siesta. Afternoon game drive with sunset drinks & evening night drive with a spot light.

Day 3 Kiri/Xwaapu Camp.

Ride east towards Beacon and Lion island. These are two very large islands in the area which are cut off from Kujwana by the Xwaapu river. The area is criss-crossed with game paths leading you through a chain of rain pans. This is a great contrast to the open flood plains. Mapane forests and Acacia woodlands offer a good variety of food for Kudu and Giraffe. Breeding herds of elephant enjoy the security of the dense forest and should the pans be holding water zebra, wilderbeest and buffalo will also be found. Animal tracks abound telling you of what has been and gone - or what you might still find. -Afternoon bird walk.

Day 4 Kiri/Xwaapa Camp.

Ride north east towards Moremi game reserve. This area forms seasonal marsh land and hosts a variety of exceptional bird life. Wildlife moves freely to and from the national park. Good Buffalo and Elephant country. Afternoon game drive with sunset drinks & evening night drive with a spot light.



Day 5 Kujwana Camp.

A full days ride moving from Kiri/Xwaapu to Kujwana camp. This area is on the edge of the permanent water with papyrus beds & deep lagoons. Good area for hippo & lechwe. A picnic lunch is set up on a shady island. Return to Kujwana camp in the cool of the late afternoon.

Day 6 Kujwana Camp.

A rest day for the guests riding for 10 days. There is the option to game drive, walk, mokoro or view a water hole from the hide. Afternoon ride.

Dawn game ride 2 hours for the guests riding for 5 days. Return to camp for breakfast.

Guests joining the safari do an orientation ride in the cool of the afternoon as the wildlife stirs from the heat of the day. 2 hours ride.

Day 7 Kujwana Camp.

A full morning ride exploring the western Baobab area. Small islands linked by numerous hippo channels eventually lead you onto Boabab Island. A good habitat for Cheetah and breeding grounds for Carmine Bee eaters, our Summer visitor. Boabab Island has thick riverine forest and

is a good area for elephant and buffalo (and the unexpected).
Afternoon game/night drive

Day 8 Moklowane Camp

Move from Kujwana to Moklowane camp. This is approximately 30km ride heading North West. The route moves through open floodplains and scattered islands towards the Matsebe river system. A picnic lunch is served on a shady island 2 hours ride from Moklowane camp. Arrive sunset.

Day 9 Moklowane Camp

Morning game ride. This camp is on the Matsebe river system and features wide open flood plains interspersed with Moklowane palms - favorite food of Elephant & Baboon. Good area for plains game. Afternoon: 1 - 2 hours mokoro experience (traditional dug out canoe).



Day 10 Kujwana Camp.

A full days ride from Moklowane to Kujwana with a picnic lunch along away. A 40 Km ride with 4 hours ridden in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. This ride moves through a variety of game areas fording the Xudum river at numerous hippo channels. Arrive Kujwana on sunset.



Day 11

Early morning game ride out of Kujwana camp if flight times permit. Guests leave after breakfast. One hour's game drive to the nearest airstrip for transfer by light aircraft into Maun.

NB. Reserves the right to alter the itinerary according to water levels and game movements. Mokoros (dugout Canoes) are offered as an activity depending on water levels.

10 night itinerary - on day 6 the horses are sometimes rested & other activities are offered, i.e. Mokoro with picnic lunch, game drive or bird walk.

