

MANKWE TENTED RETREAT, GREATER MOREMI – FACT SHEET

LOCATION:

Mankwe Tented Retreat is located on the eastern edge of the Okavango Delta, renowned World Heritage Site in Botswana. Mankwe lies just east of the Moremi Game Reserve Border, while Chobe National Park is slightly north from the Retreat, and Maun is approximately two hours south, by road. The lodge is nestled in a prime location in its own 85 000 hectare concession. This is a prestigious territory in the wild wonderland of Botswana, where the lack of fences allows for free-roaming wildlife, resident lions, an abundance of elephants, and incomprehensible room to explore.

GPS CO-ORDINATES:

Mankwe Tented Retreat, Greater Moremi - S19 21 46.38 E23 53 46.43

DIRECTIONS:

Mankwe Tented Retreat is located only 92km from Maun, and is easily and affordably accessed by self-drivers from Maun Airport. Alternatively, a road transfer from the airport to the lodge can be arranged.

From Maun Airport

Self-drivers travelling from Maun Airport will exit Maun, following the tar road in the direction of Mababe on the Seretse Khama road. Head north through the town on this road - it curves east and crosses the Thamalakane River, and then comes to a traffic circle. Take the first exit heading towards Shorobe. From the traffic circle, when heading North, its 27km to Shorobe. As you go through Shorobe you will leave the tar road and go on to a gravel road to Mawana Gate (Buffalo veterinary fence), which is roughly 18 kms. From the gate proceed straight until you reach the “fork” in the road. Keep right and follow the road to Sankuyo Village, which is roughly 25kms. From Sankuyo to the Mankwe turn off on your left hand side it is 5.5 km. Turn left, and follow the road to the lodge which is approximately 2km.

From South Gate

Coming from South Gate, drive back towards the Buffalo gate - if you reach buffalo gate you have gone too far. Before you reach buffalo gate, turn left and follow the main road for 25km to Sankuyo village. Mankwe Tented Retreat is signposted on the left hand side of the road, 5.5 km out of Sankuyo.

WHEN TO TRAVEL:

The ideal time to visit our Greater Moremi safari lodge, located on the border of Chobe National Park and Moremi Game Reserve, is from July to October. During the dry season, wildlife viewing is unparalleled, with daytime temperatures averaging a pleasant 26°C. As evenings can dip below 10°C, we recommend packing a warm jacket for those cool nights under the stars.

From September to October, temperatures can climb much higher sometimes reaching 40°C, creating an authentic African summer experience. This warmth enhances the safari adventure, so be sure to stay hydrated and embrace the golden light perfect for photography.

Between November and March, the landscape transforms with the arrival of rain. This season is a vibrant time to witness the wonders of new life, from baby animals to breeding and migratory birds, against a backdrop of lush greenery.

ACCOMMODATION:

Mankwe Tented Retreat has 10 Meru-style tented suites sleeping a total of 20 guests. Each tent has king-sized beds that can be split into twin beds, and have been erected on raised wooden platforms, which extend onto private decks with a view of the bush, with a touch of class. The tall mopane trees provide mottled shade to every tent, while a canvas canopy roofs the deck and outdoor furniture. The tented suites exude a fusion of bushveld delights with Scandinavian style with their sophisticated log cabin feel.

THE MAIN AREA:

Our lodge facilities include a beautiful thatched-roof lounge, wildlife library, games, and dining area, as well as two swimming pools with bars, sun-recliners, and private lounging nooks which offer a serene space to unwind.

SOLAR POWER AND USE OF ENERGY:

All geysers are solar powered. The entire lodge is off the National grid and is powered using only solar generated power, connected to an inverter and batteries. A back-up generator is used only in extreme situations to top up the batteries. As an eco-lodge, staff make a concerted effort to keep lights switched off where possible.

FOOD:

We try as far as possible to support the local market and farms to get fresh produce to the lodge. This will facilitate empowering the local farmers in a continuous and sustainable way.

GUEST AMENITIES:

All guest amenities including shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotion, foam bath, liquid gel and soaps are sourced from eco-friendly suppliers, who are endorsed by Beauty without Cruelty, and where possible, use organic ingredients which are biodegradable.

WATER SUPPLY:

Water at our lodge is sourced from an underground borehole, which is safe for activities like showering and filling our swimming pool. For drinking, we provide bottled water sourced from Aquaright to ensure the highest quality for our guests. Municipal water from Maun is used for cooking to meet safety and quality standards.

All greywater and effluent from the lodge are treated using an advanced Aerated Treatment Plant. This system incorporates aeration and UV lights in the final tank, effectively treating the water before it is safely returned to the environment, reflecting our commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

Game Drive:

Mankwe offers game drives within Moremi Game Reserve, the Chobe Corridor, Khwai Concession and their private concession in Botswana. Situated in the heart of the Botswana wilderness, the lodge attracts regular

visits from elephants, buffalo, lions, leopards, and wild dogs. Its prime location offers front-row seats to the dynamic African Bushveld and excellent birding opportunities. Guests can enjoy morning, afternoon, and thrilling after-dark spotlight game drives within the concession.

Night Drive:

Night safaris offer a fascinating glimpse into the secretive world of nocturnal wildlife. These two-hour drives provide a rare chance to spot nocturnal species, including owls and predators that are rarely seen during the day, unveiling a whole new side of the wilderness.

Mokoro Excursion:

The lifeline that is the Khwai River makes the area a wild haven as this stable water source also lies along a seasonal animal migratory route. A mokoro experience in Khwai, floating down the river in a dugout canoe, brings another perspective to Botswana’s wildlife wonders. Mokoros, traditionally crafted from hardwood tree trunks, have long served as a vital mode of transportation across the waterways of the Okavango Delta. In recent times, however, their purpose has transformed, as these very mokoros have found a new role in fostering sustainable tourism.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE:

Xakanxa Boat Trip:

Experience birdwatching and game viewing from a whole new perspective and enjoy the gentle tranquillity of a boat cruise in the Okavango Delta in Botswana, which is our playground. Moremi Game Reserve is part of the Okavango Delta, so depending on the season, it offers a great deal of water-related game viewing. Look out for leopard and African wild dog, as well as hippo, crocodile, lion, red lechwe, waterbuck, impala, and an abundance of birds.

Helicopter Experience:

Take to the skies on a helicopter experience in Khwai for the quintessential Botswana safari and get an entirely different vantage point over this unique wilderness area. The breathtaking world of the Okavango Delta is a multi-faceted marvel of nature, witnessed in vibrant detail from above.

Soaring through the air up to 1000 feet on your Khwai helicopter experience will uncover the true vastness of the Okavango Delta on one of Africa’s last remaining wetland excursions. Permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons, and incredible wildlife sightings offer great photographic opportunities. You can also include a special champagne stop on your helicopter experience in Khwai. Land on a deserted palm island, pop the cork and enjoy the astonishing views while discovering more about the Delta.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Tent Facilities:	
1. How many tents are there?	10 Meru-styled tented suites.
2. What view do the tents have?	All tents have a bush view.
3. How many people can occupy 1 tent?	Double/Twin (2 Adults and 2 children).
4. Is there a family tent for children?	No. Additional beds can be added for up to 2 children.

5. Do tents have electricity?	Yes (solar-powered).
6. Is there internet in the tents?	No.
7. What are the tents facilities?	King size bed, en suite bathroom with shower, hot water bottle in winter, fan, mosquito repellent emergency air horn, rechargeable torches, charging station and safe.
8. Is there a fridge in the tent?	No.
9. Are there laundry services available?	Yes.
10. What time does room service clean?	When guests are on game drives.

Main Area:	
1. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Outside and inside, Boma dinner. Private dinner can be arranged on the deck.
2. Does the lodge have a pool?	Yes (2 pools).
3. Is there a bar?	Yes.

Activities:	
4. What activities are available?	Game drive (full day, half day and night drives). Mokoro excursion. Okavango Delta Boat Trip. Helicopter experience.
5. How long are the full day and half day game drives?	Full day game drive: 7-8 hours Half day game drive: 3 - 4 hours Night drive: +- 2 hours
6. Are drinks and snacks provided on game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives. Lunch is served on full day drives - at +-13:00 at a picnic spot.
7. Are children allowed on game activities and what is the age limit?	Yes, from +7 years for game drives (children under 7 years is permitted by sole discretion of management and the guide and a private vehicle will need to be booked); +6 years for Mokoro Excursion
8. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Elephants, Leopard, Lion, Warthog, variety of birds, Buffalo, Painted Dog, Jackal, Giraffe, Hares, Hyena, Mongoose, Civet, Genets, Honey Badger, Monkey, Bat-eared fox, Zebra, Pangolin, a variety of antelope.

Other Info:	
9. Can I Self-Drive to the lodge?	Yes.
10. When is the best time to visit?	From May to November.

11. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter.
12. Can we charge phones?	Yes, charging station in main area as well as in each suite, adapter available.
13. Check-in & Check-out Times	Check in: From 2pm / Check out: By 10am Earlier check in or late check out must be prearranged.
14. Mobility/Accessibility: Are we geared for Disabilities (Wheelchairs etc.)	No.
15. Can guest walk to their rooms alone?	Guests are escorted to their rooms at night, by a guide/camp staff.
16. Is there a fence around the lodge?	We have an Elephant fence in place, specifically designed to deter large game animals from accessing the premises.
17. Is there a spa?	Yes.