

# XUDUM OKAVANGO DELTA LODGE Okavango Delta



# **BOTSWANA**



A maze of sparkling lagoons, meandering channels and overgrown islands teeming with wildlife, Botswana's Okavango Delta lies like a sparkling jewel at the heart of the Kalahari Desert. Known as the river that never finds the sea, the Delta's crystal-clear channels spread over the thirstlands of the Kalahari with their papyrus-fringed banks and fertile floating islands. Adapted for a life in and out of water, the elegant red lechwe and shy sitatunga are found in this watery wilderness. Lion, cheetah, leopard and African wild dog share the floodplains with large herds of elephant and buffalo.

Hippo inhabit the deeper channels and lagoons, while honeybadgers can be seen in broad daylight. Tall termite mounds are homes for families of dwarf and banded mongoose. Traditional mokoro (dugout canoe) rides explore the delicate details of the glistening waterways, where iridescent dragonflies, frogs of every colour and jewel-like kingfishers live in the papyrus-lined banks.

&Beyond boasts four magnificent lodges and camps in the Okavango Delta, each with its own individual charm and character: Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp, Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge, Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp and Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge.





Surrounded by a mosaic of papyrus and reed beds, &Beyond Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge lies deep within an exclusive 272 000 hectare (672 125 acre) wildlife concession. The nine playfully crafted split-level safari suites, boasting handsome tones of chocolate and ebony, feature large bathtubs and romantic al fresco showers. Each suite also includes a lofty rooftop hideout with magnificent Delta views, as well as a private plunge pool. Innovative design details featuring the artful recycling of everyday objects have been used throughout and all timber work is rough-hewn and chunky. The multi-layered guest areas boast dramatic decks with panoramic views of the surrounding wilderness, yet remain discretely within the tree line. These spaces are designed to make the experience more intimate, with inviting plump sofas ideal for total relaxation. The overall atmosphere is one of earthy glamour. Botswana basketware appears throughout the lodge and playful accents celebrate Delta icons. An interactive kitchen completes the overall experience. The well-stocked Safari Shop showcases chic outdoor gear, African art and jewellery.

#### AT A GLANCE

- 9 air-conditioned suites
- Interactive kitchen
- Outdoor and indoor showers
- Generous private plunge pools
- Safari Shop
- · Family-friendly

### WHAT SETS US APART

- Beautiful setting on the edge of a channel in the Okavango Delta, a World Heritage Site
- 272 000 hectare (672 125 acre) private concession guarantees exclusive game viewing and activities
- Sensitive off-roading practices allow close-up game sightings
- Wildlife includes elephant, large buffalo herds, tsessebe, hippo, lion, leopard, Africa wild dog and roan antelope
- Ostrich are unique to the area
- Viewing of rare species such as red lechwe and sitatunga
- Bush walks explore the intimate details of this unique habitat
- A private sala with beautiful elevated views over the Delta
- Scenic helicopter flights explore the Delta from above
- Remarkable bird-watching with 450 bird species, including Pel's Fishing Owl. Vast number of migrant birds in summer
- Wonderful setting for health and relaxation
- Seasonal water-based experiences include motorized boat, mokoro and fishing excursions

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### Included

- Twice daily game drives
- Bush walks
- Birdwatching
- Mokoro (dugout canoe) trips\*
- Motorised boat excursions \*
- Children's programme
- Fishing \*
   \*Seasonal

#### At an additional charge

- Scenic helicopter flight
- Horseback safari

#### **GUEST SAFETY**

The lodge is not fenced off and we request guests be extremely vigilant at all times. Security guards accompany guests at all times when walking around the lodge at night.

#### **ACCESS**

- Scheduled charter flight into the Okavango Delta, followed by a road and boat transfer to camp
- Airlink have a flight from Johannesburg or Cape Town to Maun
- Air Botswana have a flight from Johannesburg to Maun

## ACCOLADES



2016 - &BEYOND XUDUM OKAVANGO DELTA LODGE ACCREDITED BY FAIR TRADE TOURISM



2013 - &BEYOND XUDUM OKAVANGO DELTA LODGE EARNS THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE RATING FOR ECOTOURISM IN BOTSWANA AND HAVE 5-STAR GRADING RENEWED BY BOTSWANA TOURISM



2012 - RESORTS MAGAZINE'S TOP 100 PLACES TO STAY

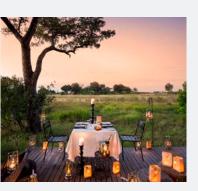


2012 - US AWAY.COM WORLD'S BEST SAFARI LODGES



"For us the best part was our time in Botswana. It was absolutely amazing. The isolation and the discoveries combined were magic. It was constant enthrallment and wonder. Xudum has the best facilities. The rooms are an absolutely treat and to come in one night and find a very hot bath drawn and waiting is great. It is all about the little touches. We were pampered without recognising it at the time. That makes it special."

Richard Benmore -&Beyond guest









# TABLE OF FACTS

NUMBER OF ROOMS	9
MAXIMUM GUESTS	18
CHILDREN	Yes - children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives, nature walks, motorised boating or mokoro activities; children aged 6 to 11 can participate in game drives at the lodge manager's discretion; children aged 12 and over can participate in games drives and motorised boating activities: children aged 16 and over can participate in nature walks and mokoro activities.
CHILDMINDING	Available at an additional cost
TRIPLES	1 (children 16 years and younger)
GUIDE'S ACCOMMODATION	Available
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to double
AIR-CONDITIONING	Yes
ROOM FANS	Yes
PRIVATE PLUNGE POOL	Yes
LODGE POOL	No
INDOOR / OUTDOOR SHOWERS	Yes
IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
TELEPHONE	No
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	30m / 98ft
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	12h00 - 14h00 / 11h00
KOSHER FOOD	Not available
POWER	220v AC Please note that the generator is generally switched off overnight; with prior notice we are able to provide 24-hour electricity for guests with special requirements

INTERNET ACCESS	Yes, wifi in guest area only
CREDIT CARDS	Visa, MasterCard
IN-ROOM MASSAGE	Yes
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Gym in a bag available on request
PRIVATE GAME DRIVE VEHICLE	Available at additional cost
WEATHER	Botswana has hot, wet summers from October to April. Winters (from May to September) are dry and cool and nights can be chilly.
RAINFALL	The rainy season is from late December to late February, sometimes continuing into March, with rain generally in the form of afternoon thundershowers; average rainfall is approximately 500mm / 20"
TEMPERATURE	Summer: Average of 18 °C to 32 °C / 64 °F to 90 °F, although temperatures can rise over 40 °C / 104 °F Winter: 8 °C to 21 °C / 46 °F to 70 °F
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	Year-round
MALARIA	The Okavango Delta is a malaria area and necessary precautions should be taken
AIRSTRIP	Varies according to seasonal rainfall
GPS COORDINATES	S 19 <sup>°</sup> 38.003′E 022 <sup>°</sup> 53.998′
LODGE CLOSURE	Open year-round

- NOTE
   Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.
- Drones are not permitted at &Beyond Reserves, camps and lodges.



{Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge}