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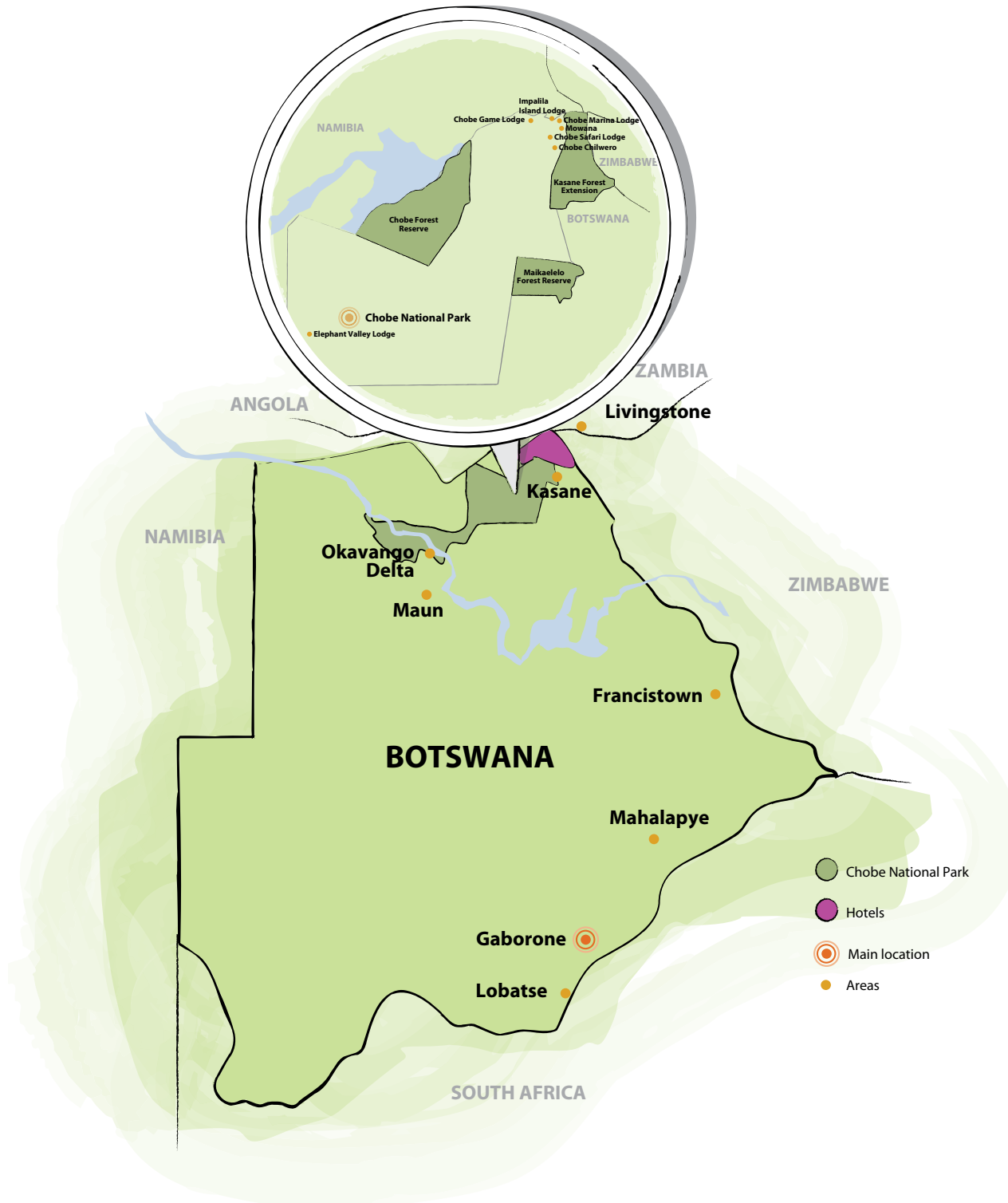
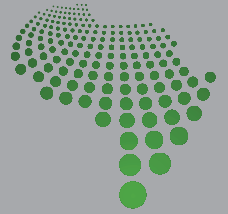


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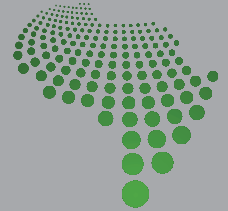
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Botswana is renowned for its environmental complexity and contrast. Its diverse terrain, wildlife, plants, birds and reptiles make this an excellent safari destination.

Situated in Northern Botswana on the Chobe River, the Chobe National Park encompasses a lush riverine system including floodplains, woodland and periodic marsh. The diversity of habitats attracts multitudinous game.

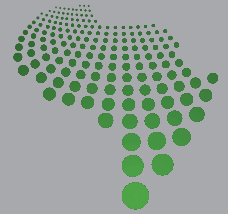


In particular, there is an impressively huge elephant population at Chobe – the largest in the world! The park is exceptionally close to the borders of Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, enabling sightseeing trips to other countries as part of your journey.

Chobe National Park is one of the most popular attractions but by no means the only reason to visit Botswana. The delta floodplains of the Okavango, the desolation of the Nxai Salt Pan or the heat seared Kalahari Desert (home to the legendary San Bushmen), are also locations worth considering when planning side trips in this region.

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## botswana weather



### Access information

Kasane borders Chobe National Park and is accessible by air and road. A charter flight from Johannesburg to Kasane International Airport is a popular option with a flight time of approximately 2.5 to 3 hours. Domestic flights from Gaborone (Botswana's Capital) or Maun (gateway to the Okavango Delta) to Kasane are also good alternatives. Kasane is only a 2 hour journey by coach and ferry from Livingstone (in Zambia) and the world famous Victoria Falls (in Zimbabwe).



### Botswana City Climate

Botswana's climate is semi-arid and is hot and dry for much of the year. The official 'rainy season' occurs during the summer months, between December and March, but rainfall can be highly erratic and regional. Heavy, localised downpours are usually immediately followed by sunshine. Summers can be exceptionally hot and humid with the rain affecting roadway access in certain areas.

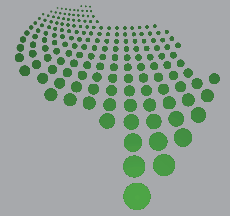
The best game viewing opportunities occur during the dry "winter" season, between April and November. During this time, large numbers of animals migrate towards water sources in the Chobe and Delta regions.

Calving season usually falls in November and December and is a great time to witness the cycle of regeneration. For avid bird watchers, the Delta is best visited during the rainy season.

Summer days can reach temperatures of between 35 and 40 degrees centigrade, sometimes higher in the weeks preceding the onset of the cooling rains. Winter skies are clear and the air at this time is exceptionally dry, giving rise to pleasant warm days but often bitterly cold nights.

During the short autumn and spring periods, i.e. April/May and September/October, the weather tends to be dry. Daytime temperatures are cooler than during summertime and the evenings warmer than in winter.

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	29.7	24.4	29.7	29.2	27.4	25.0	24.8	27.8	31.8	33.4	32.4	30.2
Min Temp °C	18.2	17.9	17.1	13.9	9.5	6.3	5.6	8.2	12.8	17.0	18.2	18.1
Rainfall mm	167.6	126.3	69.8	24.2	2.9	0	0	0.3	1.9	26.6	63.6	173.5



**Chobe Chilwero Lodge** | 5\* | 15 cottages | [www.sanctuaryretreats.com](http://www.sanctuaryretreats.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Situated on a hill above the Chobe River, Chobe Chilwero Lodge (or “place of high view”) offers exceptional vistas of the surrounding plains. The 15 luxury thatched cottages each boast luxurious bathrooms, lounges, terraces and private gardens.

**Features:**

The chalets are air conditioned and their en-suite facilities include a free-standing bath as well as both an indoor and outdoor shower. Each room comes complete with hammock overlooking the river. The main lodge has a swimming pool, for cooling off, when you are not surveying the countryside from the viewing patios that are dotted around the lounge and dining areas.

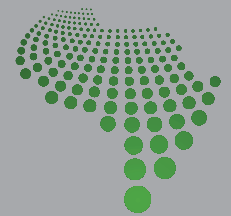
**Uniqueness for Incentives:**

Secluded and private, Chobe Chilwero is the perfect place from which to enjoy a relaxed wildlife experience whilst indulging in some preferential treatment.



**On Site Facilities:**

The onsite spa is a big drawcard for guests looking to unwind. Gourmet cuisine prepared by expert culinary staff can be savoured alongside vintage wines from the temperature-controlled cellar. A high tea on the lawn before the afternoon game drive proves to be a popular pastime. The lodge also has a library and communications centre.



**Mowana Safari Lodge** | 4\* | 115 rooms | [www.crestamarakanelo.com](http://www.crestamarakanelo.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Mowana (meaning Baobab) is a luxury lodge situated 100kms west of Victoria Falls. The lodge boasts 112 en-suite rooms and 4 suites.

All rooms overlook the Chobe River and floodplains, with glorious views of grazing game and breathtaking sunsets.

**Features:**

Lodge rooms are well equipped to suit the most discerning traveller, with satellite television, a mini-bar, air conditioning, ceiling fans, mosquito nets and tea / coffee making facilities to make you feel at home.

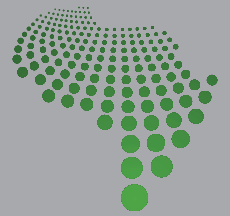
**Uniqueness for Incentive Groups:**

Variety is the key word at Mowana! There are several interesting dining and meeting venues for group functions – both indoors and outdoors. It is also an ideal base from which to embark on a large selection of activities and excursions, enabling a group to experience the beauty and wildlife of the region firsthand.



**On Site Facilities:**

So many choices! Sample a light lunch at the Poolside restaurant, partake in a themed dinner at the Boma Terrace, dine on world class cuisine at Serondella restaurant or enjoy canapés over sundowner river views at the Savuti Bar and Lounge. Conference facilities for up to 100 delegates and a 9-hole golf course enable groups to mix board meetings and club meetings with ease.



**Chobe Marina Lodge** | 4\* | 60 rooms | [www.chobemarinalodge.com](http://www.chobemarinalodge.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Located just 10 minutes from Chobe National Park, the Chobe Marina Lodge is set on the river's edge and surrounded by lush, expansive gardens. Accommodation comprising 60 rooms is provided in the form of studios, apartments, chalets or suites with private lounges.

**Features:**

The rooms are well appointed and apart from expected features such as air conditioning, ceiling fans and mini bars, there is also the added bonus of microwave ovens, room safes, tea/coffee making facilities as well as satellite television.

**Uniqueness for Incentives:**

Group educational sessions, game drives, river cruises and tracking safaris can be complemented by an array of activities such as tiger fishing competitions or an ethnic village experience. There are plenty of options to keep an incentive group happy.

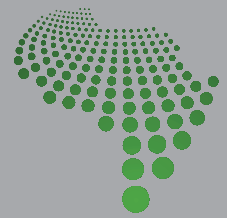
**On Site Facilities:**

Chobe Marina Lodge is popular for its assortment of bars and restaurants where good food and comprehensive service are the order of the day. Select from fine dining at Commissioner's restaurant to family dining at Makoros restaurant.



Both the Poolside and Riverside bars are comprehensively stocked for your enjoyment.

The 100-seater conference room is supported by 2 additional boardrooms, state of the art equipment and a business centre. The Cathari Health & Beauty Spa has launched a mobile spa facility to further meet the varying needs of guests in search of total relaxation and wellbeing.



**Chobe Safari Lodge** | 4\* | 76 rooms | [www.chobesafarilodge.com](http://www.chobesafarilodge.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Situated just outside Kasane village and near the entrance to the National Park, Chobe Safari Lodge is a fantastic base from which to explore the region.

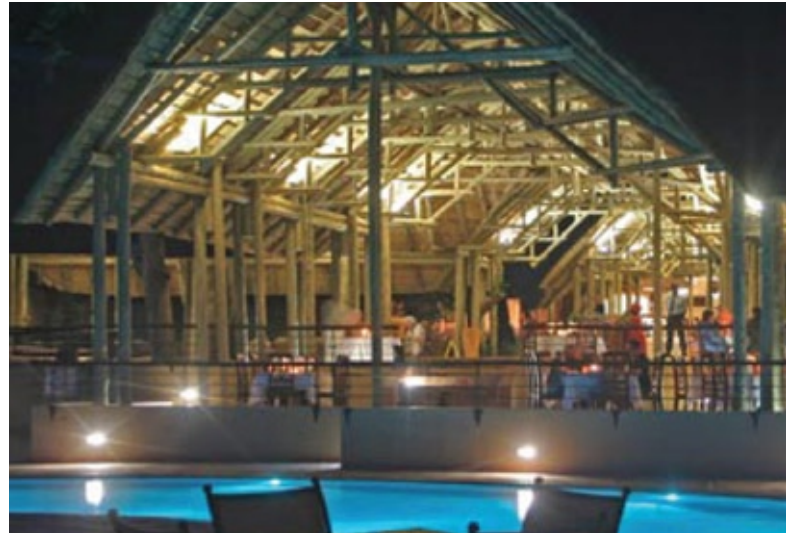
With 46 safari rooms, 22 luxury river rooms, 16 family units, 8 thatched rondavels as well as camping facilities, there is a sufficient variety of accommodation options to suit all incentive budgets.

**Features:**

The safari and river rooms are set in beautiful gardens and equipped with satellite television, a safe, telephone, air conditioning and luxury en suite bathrooms. The 8 en suite rondavel cottages are independently positioned at the river's edge and equipped with ceiling fans.

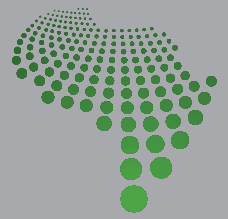
**Uniqueness for Incentives:**

Savour a starlit Pan African buffet on board one of the lodge's two boats on an unforgettable dinner cruise along the Chobe River. With the shores of two different countries on either side and the sound of the African wild as a backdrop, what could be more memorable!



**On Site Facilities:**

The lodge has a well established activity centre and can arrange game drives and private boat cruises to an Okavango day trip. After sun bathing on the pool deck or a game of squash, join the elephants for a refreshing sundowner – both the Sedudu lounge and Cocktail bar have viewing decks over the river or plains. Dinner in the newly built restaurant is a sumptuous affair – a la carte or buffet style meals with African flair. The complement of facilities is rounded off by a health & beauty salon, internet hotspots as well as 2 craft shops.



**Chobe Game Lodge** | 5\* | 48 rooms | [www.chobegamelodge.com](http://www.chobegamelodge.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Chobe Game Lodge enjoys a superb location, situated inside Chobe National Park with stunning views of the Caprivi floodplains and river.

Catering for 100 guests in total, the lodge has 44 tastefully furnished en-suite rooms and 4 elegant luxury suites, all with graceful Moorish architecture and original African artworks.

**Features:**

All rooms have secluded terraces with the suites enjoying the added benefit of private plunge pools and separate lounge areas. Complimentary mini bars, overhead fans and air-conditioning further enhance comfort levels for all guests.

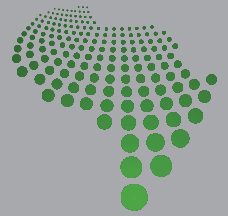
**Uniqueness for Incentive Groups:**

A river cruise that affords indescribable views of vast herds of slow moving elephant and buffalo ... the excitement of starlit drumming under Mahogany trees at the riverside Boma ... these are just two of the memorable moments you are likely to take home with you.



**On Site Facilities:**

When not relaxing poolside or enjoying a lunch at the Terrace Restaurant, the extensive reference library will help you brush up on your wildlife. The Tshwene Bar has full-sized Victorian pool tables and magnificent views to help while away your afternoon, if you are not already making use of the fully equipped conference room or catching up with the outside world in the business centre.



**Elephant Valley Lodge** | 4\* | 20 luxury tents | [www.evlodge.com](http://www.evlodge.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Situated south of the Kazangula border and adjacent to Chobe National Park, the Elephant Valley Lodge can be found in the breathtaking Lesoma Valley at the heart of the Kasane Forest Reserve.

Each of the spacious and luxurious “meru-styled” safari tent is furnished with twin beds and en-suite toilet and shower. Mod cons such as a mini safe and fan are standard. The Lodge can accommodate up to 40 guests comfortably whilst still retaining an air of relaxed privacy.

**Features:**

A prolific waterhole provides endless opportunities for close encounters of the wild kind, when not hanging out in the secluded hide sneaking further peeks. The largest colony of white backed vultures in the area occurs in the Knob Thorn forest that surrounds the camp.

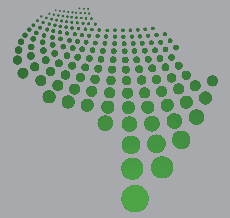
**Uniqueness for Incentive Groups:**

Spectacular sunset game drives and leisurely morning river cruises guarantee guests the opportunity to enjoy a variety of safari experiences in this unique reserve. Elephant Valley Lodge enjoys the luxury of being the only camp in the Kasane Forest Reserve, adding to the uniqueness and exclusivity of your experience.



**On Site Facilities:**

Open guest areas within a fenced perimeter and a refreshing swimming pool add to the charm of this small yet inviting safari camp.



**Impalila Island Lodge** | 5\* | 8 suites | [www.islandsinafrica.com](http://www.islandsinafrica.com)

**Quick Facts:**

Straddling the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers, Impalila Island forms the north eastern tip of Namibia. It is a stone's throw away from Chobe National Park and the physical meeting place of four countries.

**Features:**

The 8 luxuriously appointed and individually decorated log cabins of this unique lodge are each equipped with a ceiling fan and mosquito net. The en-suite rooms are raised off the ground on stilts and each room enjoys panoramic views from its private deck.

**Uniqueness for Incentives:**

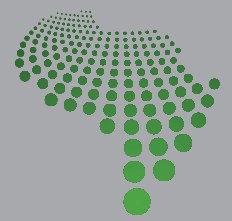
The island is a nature playground filled with adventure and activity options but it also allows for gentle reflection in seclusion. Apart from the common game viewing opportunities available in this region, there are other ways to appreciate this unique island location, including river paddling and fishing opportunities, spotting a few of Africa's rarest birds or enjoying a spot of pampered relaxation.



**On Site Facilities:**

Built beneath the canopy of an ancient baobab tree, the main complex of the lodge includes a dining area, lounge, bar, reference library, swimming pool and curio shop. Qualified staff can also facilitate guided walks on the island as an activity option.

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**Zambezi Queen** | 5\* | 14 cabins | [www.zambeziqueen.com](http://www.zambeziqueen.com)

## Quick Facts:

A luxury Africa River Safari. There can be few natural wonders as synonymous with Africa's raw wilderness as the great Chobe River. These waters divide Namibia's Caprivi Strip from Botswana's Chobe National Park, and its exotic banks boast one of the densest populations of wildlife on the African continent. Teeming with life, this National Park sprawls across some 11 000 m of lush African bush, and is home to the largest populace of elephants in the world – currently estimated at roughly 120 000. It is on this great expanse of untamed water an adventure unlike any other awaits. Why join the crowds on land-based game drives when you can experience the thrill of it all from your own private suite aboard a luxury 45 meter boat? The Zambezi Queen operates in 5-star opulence, and is all about pampering, indulgence, and superior comfort. The first and second levels of the boat incorporate 14 cabins - all of which have their own private balconies and have been tastefully furnished with either a double or two single beds. Of the 14 suites, 4 are master suites, some with their own private outdoor areas

## Features:

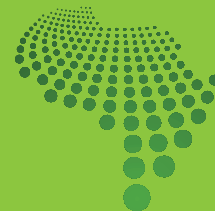
Because of the limitations regarding power, none of the suites have been fitted with air conditioning units. However, each private



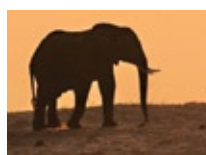
space has been designed with the African summer in mind, and clever use of shutters and ceiling fans assures respite from the summer sun. Uniquely the entire boat including the top deck, living and dining area, has mosquito screening. 2 & 3 night programmes

## On-site facilities and activities:

The top deck consists of the dining room, the lounge including a wood burning fireplace, a bar and a sunbathing area complete with private pool. The interior furnishings have been designed by one of South Africa's top designers and this can be seen by the elegant, timeless look that has been created. Also to be found in the living area is a library of books, numerous games and a telescope for studying the stars at night. Water-based game viewing on smaller boats which enables close-up viewing in an environment where the animals do not feel threatened. Tiger and bream fishing in season. Bird watching from smaller boats.

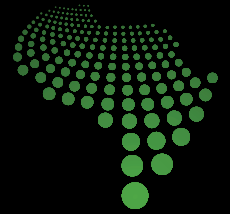


- Unsurpassed game viewing opportunities in the Chobe National Park – a exciting chance to spot all the major game species and accompanying predators from a game vehicle or river cruiser.
- Guided walks by resident professional guides – there is plenty to see whether you take a stroll in the garden at your lodge, track buck by the river or embark on a walking safari of the nearby Kasane forests.
- Day trips to the world famous heritage site of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe – simply admire the spectacular views or step up the pace with the thrill of a bungee jump or white water rafting experience.
- Visit the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve – known for its extraordinary beauty, this unique wetland paradise located deep within the Kalahari Desert is a short flight from Kasane. The diverse fauna and flora are best viewed from April to October, after the annual rains.



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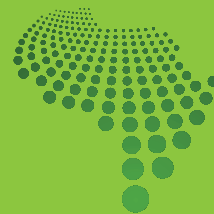
## unique activities



- Touch 4 countries in a day – with the borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia converging in this area, this excursion is a fun way to increase the stamps in your passport!
- Tackle Tigerfish in the Mamboya rapids – this top freshwater game fish is found in abundance in the Chobe River but that doesn't mean it is easy to catch!
- Paddle a makoro (dug out canoe) in the quiet backwaters of the Chobe whilst keeping an eye out for rare birds.
- Take in a natural or cultural tour – for a deeper understanding of the region, embrace a 2000 year old baobab, meet the locals at a nearby cultural village or come face to face with the animals in the reptile park.
- Enjoy a sightseeing cruise to Sedudu Island – submerged by water for several months of the year, Sedudu is a perfect location for photographic opportunities at sunset accompanied by the sights and sounds of nature.



- De-stress and pamper yourself – many of the lodges in this area have spa facilities allowing guests to indulge in a bit of relaxation whilst on safari, so that they can return to their lives fully refreshed.
- Indulge your passion for sport in the most unlikely of places – with a golf course and other sports facilities available in the area, keep fit whilst enjoying the view of Africa on your doorstep!



### Eating out!

Safari dining affords you the opportunity for a varied and enjoyable experience.

The lodges pride themselves on the inventive, high quality cuisine of their master chefs, who create delectable offerings of western fare with an African twist.

Whether you prefer a light lunch by the poolside, a tasty picnic on safari, a sumptuous five star buffet meal or a traditional themed dinner within an African reed enclosure, you are guaranteed to want to come back for seconds!

