



Xugana Island Lodge Fact Sheet

Xugana Lagoon, Okavango Delta

★★★★ Star Grading

Location

- Situated on the remote and enchanting Xugana Lagoon, the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta
- Situated on a private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site
- The Okavango River rises in the highlands of Angola, yet never reaches the sea; instead its immense waters empty over the sands of the Kalahari where its great desert thirst is quenched in a wilderness of fresh water lagoons
- GPS Co-ordinates S19° 04' 02.18 E023° 06' 01.26

Seasons

- Summer: September – April
- Winter: May – August
- Closed for 1 month during the rainy season (January-March) for refurbishments and maintenance

Game Viewing

- All game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced professional guides who will navigate guests through a variety of tranquil waterways while they explore the Okavango by canoe (mokoro) and motorboat
- Guided nature walks on the various islands allow for the opportunity to track some of the larger species that inhabit this water wilderness. Bird-watching opportunities are outstanding, and fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an activity at the camp (seasonal)

Accessibility

- **Air** – Xugana airstrip is served by Safari Air charter aircraft from Maun International Airport (IATA:MUB) and Kasane Airport (IATA:BBK)



Xugana Airstrip Details

- Xugana Airstrip is privately owned and maintained by Desert & Delta Safaris. It is CAAB licenced for private use
- Airstrip GPS Co-ordinates S19° 03' 00.00 E023° 05' 18.0
- The airstrip is a CAAB licenced Class B airstrip and can accommodate aircraft up to MAUW 5700kg's (Cessna Caravan) Prior written permission must be obtained from Desert & Delta Safaris before landing and scheduled air charter landing rights are restricted to Safari Air
- Airstrip length: 1020m
- Depending on the time of year and safety restrictions on individual runways, groups may be split up due to safety reasons
- Please note there is a limit of 20kg's per person (including hand luggage) in SOFT BAGS (No hard bags or soft bags with hard wheel bases allowed e.g.: Samsonite's)

Xugana Airstrip to Xugana Island Lodge Boat Transfer

A boat transfer of approximately 20 minutes from the airstrip to the camp

Flying Times

- To/from Maun: 30 minutes
- To/from Kasane: 75 minutes
- To/from Camp Okavango: 5 minutes
- To/from Camp Moremi and Camp Xakanaxa: 15 minutes
- To/from Savute Safari Lodge: 35 minutes
- To/from Leroo La Tau: 55 minutes

Accommodation

8 large raised reed and thatch chalets consisting of:

- 8 x twin bedded chalets
- 1 x guide/pilot room

The camp can accommodate a maximum of 16 guests

Guest room details

- Luxurious thatch lagoon facing chalets with sliding glass doors and private viewing teak decks situated on the shaded fringe of the island
- En-suite bathroom comprising of a lagoon facing shower, double hand basin and toilet
- Fans in all guest rooms
- 220V Plug points for charging equipment
- A range of African bio degradable soaps, conditioning shampoo, hand wash, body lotion with insect repellent and shower caps are supplied in each room
- A hairdryer is available from the lodge reception
- Tea and coffee making facilities in each room
- Flashlight available in each room
- Gowns supplied in each room
- Umbrella's for the rainy season
- Battery operated reading lights, desk light and bathroom light at night
- Small safe for valuables
- Emergency air horn for emergency situations



Camp Description

- Hidden amongst the riverine trees of Xugana Island
- An open boma and al fresco dining area overlooks the expanse of the pristine water that makes up the permanent Delta
- The lounge, bar and dining areas are set back under an Ebony and African Mangosteen tree canopy in open sided thatched structures
- Swimming pool located within the mature gardens in the centre of the island, is a perfect place to relax
- Curio shop

Activities

- Guided nature walks
- Mokoro (canoe)
- Motorised boating trips
- Fishing for bream and tiger fish (seasonal)
- Exceptional bird watching opportunities

Suggested Daily Activity Schedule

Winter (April – September)

- 05h30 - Early morning wakeup call
- 06h00 - Light continental breakfast is served in the dining area
- 06h30 - Leave for morning activity (approximately 3-4 hours)
- 11h30 - Brunch is served at the dining area
- 15h00 - Afternoon tea is served in the beautiful open-air patio
- 15h30 - Depart for afternoon activity (approximately 3 hours)
- 18h30 - Arrive back at lodge
- 19h30 - Dinner is served at the dining area

Summer (October – March)

- 05h00 - Early morning wakeup call
- 05h30 - Light continental breakfast is served in the dining area
- 06h00 - Leave for morning activity (approximately 3-4 hours)
- 11h00 - Brunch is served at the dining area
- 15h30 - Afternoon tea is served in the beautiful open-air patio
- 16h00 - Depart for afternoon activity (approximately 3 hours)
- 19h00 - Arrive back at lodge
- 20h00 - Dinner is served at the dining area

Electricity & Water

- Xugana Island Lodge operates on AC 220V generator power which is available during the day and evening
- Guest accommodation is equipped with a 220-volt AC plug which is suitable for hairdryers and the recharging of camera and video batteries
- The generator is switched off at night and inverted 12-volt DC lighting provides room and bathroom illumination overnight



Pricing / Child Policy

- **Green Season:** December to March
- **Shoulder Season:** April to June and November
- **High Season:** July to October
- Children over the age of 6 years are welcome. Families with children aged 6-11 will be required to book private activities at an additional cost, the nature of which may be subject to the discretion of the managers or guides
- Should a family consist of two or more children, parents will need to split up and share with children in separate tents
- There are no family units available therefore one child under the age of 12 years can share with 2 adults (and a separate camper bed will be placed in tent)

Evacuation Policy

- Emergency medical evacuation cover included

Drinks Policy

- All local branded drinks are included in the nightly rate

Laundry Policy

- Laundry is done on a daily basis and inclusive in the nightly rate

Extras Payment

- Curios and tips/gratuities can be billed to the room number and settled on check out. Payment can be made by cash (ZAR, US\$, British Sterling, Euro and Pula) or the following credit cards: Visa or MasterCard

Gratuity

- Tipping at own discretion. Our suggested guideline is US\$ 10.00 per person per day for General Camp Staff which goes into a central tipping box and US\$ 10.00 per person per day to the Guide



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