



KHWAI RIVER VIEW

Tented Camp

ACTIVITIES

Game Drives Khwai Concession

The Khwai Concession offers some of the most rewarding game viewing in northern Botswana. Situated just north of the Moremi Game Reserve, this area is a true wildlife sanctuary, defined by the Khwai River, which acts as a permanent water source, drawing in a vast array of animals.

The Experience

A game drive in Khwai is an intimate and exhilarating journey into the African bush. Traveling in open-sided 4x4 safari vehicles, you will traverse diverse habitats—from lush riverine forests and open floodplains to dry Mopane woodlands. Our experienced local guides, many of whom are Bayei people with generations of knowledge about the area, are experts at tracking and interpreting animal behavior, ensuring a rich and informative experience.

Expected Sightings

Khwai is renowned for its predators. It is an excellent place to spot lion, leopard, cheetah, and the highly endangered African Wild Dog. Elephant herds are frequently seen traversing the area, often drinking from or crossing the Khwai River. You can also expect to encounter large numbers of buffalo, various antelope species (such as Red Lechwe, Tsessebe, Kudu, and Impala), giraffe, zebra, and smaller mammals. The area is also a spectacular destination for birdwatching.

Practical Details

- **Duration:** Approximately 3 to 4 hours, depending on sightings.
- **Vehicle:** Open-sided 4x4 safari vehicle.
- **Inclusions:** Drinks and snacks are provided during the drive.

Morning Drive: The early hours offer the best chances for spotting active predators as they conclude their nightly hunts. The light is soft and beautiful for photography.

- **Summer:** 07h00
- **Winter:** 07h30

Afternoon Drive: This drive runs into the late afternoon, concluding as the sun sets. It's an ideal time to see animals coming to water and is often combined with a brief spotlight drive on the journey to camp to seek out nocturnal species.

- **Summer:** 15h00
- **Winter:** 14h00

What to Bring: Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, camera.

We take along: Tea, coffee, water, cold drinks, local beer, gin & tonic for sundowners.



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Moremi Day Trip

Moremi Game Reserve, nestled in the eastern corner of the Okavango Delta in Botswana, offers an unparalleled safari experience. A day trip with a private, expert guide transforms this journey from a simple game drive into an intimate, educational, and highly personalized exploration of one of Africa's most biodiverse wildernesses.

Your day begins with an early morning departure. As you approach the Moremi gates at Khwai, your guide handles all necessary park entry formalities while explaining the conservation efforts underway. Once inside, the guide immediately begins "reading the book of the bush"—looking for fresh tracks, listening for alarm calls, and utilizing their deep knowledge of animal behavior to predict movement.

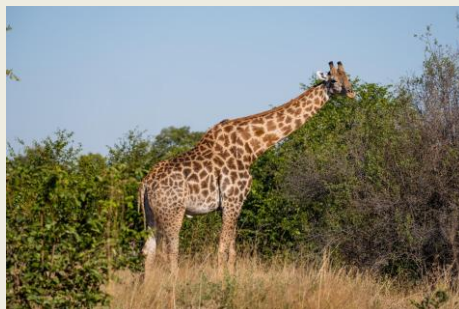
The early morning hours, bathed in the soft, golden light, are the most magical and productive for viewing.

- **Focus on Waterways:** Moremi's diverse landscape includes mopane woodland, permanent lagoons, and floodplains. Your guide strategically navigates these areas. The permanent waterways and floodplains are magnets for red lechwe, hippos, and a vast array of water birds.
- **Predator Tracking:** This is the prime time for lion, leopard, and cheetah sightings. Your guide uses local radio networks (respectfully and discreetly) and their tracking expertise to locate these elusive predators, often offering insight into the specific pride dynamics or territorial behavior being observed.
- **Picnic Lunch:** Your guide finds a safe, scenic location, often overlooking a quiet lagoon or under the shade of an acacia tree—for a bush picnic lunch.
- **Off-Vehicle Learning:** During the break, the guide might share detailed information about the Okavango Delta ecosystem, demonstrate tracking techniques, or discuss the local cultures (like the BaSarwa San people) that traditionally lived in the area. This time allows for in-depth questions and personal discussions.

A light, wholesome lunch & drinks will be enjoyed at a scenic picnic spot within the reserve, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the African wilderness. After lunch, continue your exploration through this extraordinary landscape before returning to the Lodge in the late afternoon — memories of Moremi's magic forever etched in your mind.

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Mokoro Excursion

An Authentic Water Safari Experience

A mokoro excursion in Khwai offers one of the most serene and intimate ways to explore the waterways bordering the Moremi Game Reserve. The mokoro is a traditional dug-out canoe, historically used by the local people for fishing and transport, and is perfectly suited for gliding silently through the shallow channels of the Okavango Delta.

The excursion typically begins in the early morning or late afternoon, as these are the best times for wildlife viewing and offer cooler temperatures. You will be greeted by your *poler*, usually a local resident from the Khwai community, who expertly guides the mokoro using a long pole (*ngashi*) to push off the riverbed.

Silence and Serenity

Unlike a motorized boat, the mokoro moves almost silently, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the sounds of the African wilderness—the chirping of reed frogs, the call of a fish eagle, or the gentle rustling of the reeds. The low perspective from the water brings you close to the smaller details often missed on a vehicle safari.

While mokoros operate in safe, shallow areas, the Khwai river system is teeming with life.

- **Aquatic Life:** You may spot tiny, brightly coloured frogs, terrapins basking on logs, and a wide variety of fish.
- **Birds:** The Khwai region is a birdwatcher's paradise. Expect to see vibrant kingfishers, African Jacanas (often called 'Jesus birds' for walking on water lilies), various herons, and storks.
- **Larger Wildlife:** While rarely a concern in the shallow waters, you might see elephants drinking at the water's edge, red lechwe wading through the reeds, or even an elusive sitatunga antelope. Hippos and crocodiles are usually spotted from a safe distance as the polers are expertly trained to avoid deep water and known hippo/croc areas.

Capacity: Each mokoro usually seats two guests plus the poler.

What to Bring: Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, camera.

We take along: Tea, coffee and water. (mornings)

Water, cold drinks, local beer, gin & tonic for sundowners (afternoons)



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Khwai Village Cultural Walk

A Journey into Community and Conservation

Welcome to Khwai Village, a unique community nestled on the banks of the Khwai River, where the commitment to wildlife conservation and the preservation of rich cultural heritage go hand in hand. This cultural walk offers an intimate look into the daily life, traditions, and pioneering conservation efforts of the local people, primarily the *Batswana* and the *Basarwa* (San) communities.

Overview of the Experience

Your walk will be guided by local community members, offering unparalleled insight into the history, economy, and social structure of Khwai. This is not just a tour; it is an opportunity for authentic cultural exchange and a chance to understand the crucial role community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) plays in this part of Botswana.

Highlights of the Walk

- **Traditional settlement & daily life:** Visit a traditional homestead (motse) and learn about local architecture, cooking methods, and the structure of family life. See how local crafts are made.
- **Local Knowledge & Flora/Fauna:** Your guide will point out medicinal plants, traditional food sources, and explain the tracking techniques used by the *Basarwa* people.
- **Education & Future:** Visit the local primary school or clinic (time permitting) to understand the community's investment in its future.





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View the Okavango Delta from the Air by HELICOPTER or FIXED WING AEROPLANE

The Magic of an Okavango Delta Scenic Flight

Prepare for an experience that transcends the ordinary scenic flight over the magnificent Okavango Delta. Often described as the "Jewel of the Kalahari," the Delta is an expansive, inland river system where the Okavango River disappears into the sands of Botswana, creating a lush, kaleidoscopic wilderness teeming with life.

The Aerial Perspective

From the moment our light aircraft lifts off, you will gain a perspective simply unattainable from the ground. Look down upon the intricate web of waterways, channels, lagoons, and islands that form this unique ecosystem. The Delta transforms into a massive, shimmering mosaic, constantly shifting and evolving.



A Wildlife Spectacle

This bird's-eye view offers unparalleled opportunities for game viewing. Large herds of elephants, which look like moving boulders from above, can often be seen navigating the permanent waterways or congregating beneath the shade of acacia trees. Spot buffalos wallowing in the mud, giraffes moving gracefully across open plains, and, if you are lucky, the tell-tale splashes of hippos in the deep pools. The flight provides a stunning demonstration of the sheer density and diversity of life sustained by this annual flood.



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Photography and Memories

Be sure to have your camera ready. The contrast between the emerald green floodplains, the deep blue channels, and the golden savanna is breathtaking. The light is particularly stunning during the early morning or late afternoon flights, casting long shadows and intensifying the vibrant colors below. This flight is more than just transportation; it is a profound photographic safari and a chance to capture the Okavango's immense beauty in a single frame.

Doors-Off Scenic Flights - Okavango Delta (minimum 2 clients)

- 30 minutes flight
- 45 minutes flight
- 1 hour flight

NOTES

- All flights are private and offer guided narration from our experienced pilots for truly personalised experience.
- Doors are removed for an entirely unrestricted view, perfect for wildlife sightings and photography.
- Standard rates listed are based on our Robinson 3-seater helicopter. Our Bell 4-&5-seater machines are available on request and may incur an additional cost dependent on availability. Please request upgrade at the inquiry stage for families or groups travelling together.
- Scenic flights are conducted any time of day, keen photographers prefer early morning or late afternoon, others prefer flying in the siesta period, so activities are not missed. Helicopter Horizons liaises times directly with camp.



2 hours Scenic Flight - FLOODPLAINS TO PANHANDLE

Doors off scenic flight plus private island picnic and champagne experience.

This scenic helicopter experience is unbeatable in its scale and possibilities, allowing guests to experience one of the world's greatest natural phenomena. From seasonable floodplains right to permanent waterways, witness the total stretch of this incredible inland Delta before it disperses over the Kalahari Desert. Your private scenic is primarily driven to finding as many incredible animals as this ancient landscape allows over incredible sweeping vistas of the full Okavango Delta, responsible for breathing life into this part of Africa.

NOTES:

- Experience can be scheduled anytime of the day
- Total duration is 2.5 hours. Two hours of scenic flight time with an additional 30 min remote picnic stop midway through flight.
- Includes scenic flight, picnic & champagne.

