

Conservation and Culture

Xigera Safari Lodge, located on the western edge of the Moremi Game Reserve, redefines the safari experience with a perfect blend of luxury, nature, and conservation. Every aspect of the lodge reflects Botswana's land, heritage, wildlife, and people, aiming to protect and enhance them for future generations.

The Tollman family has been part of Botswana's tourism for over 30 years. In 1995, they became the largest shareholder in Wilderness Safaris, contributing to its growth until 2008. In 2018, they began a new chapter by transforming Xigera from a modest three-star camp into an exceptional five-star lodge, focusing on service excellence, sustainability, and artistry.

A Tribute to Botswana's Majesty and Culture

Xigera's architecture reflects the Okavango Delta's natural beauty. Its rooflines echo the flight of indigenous birds, while the Water Lily Pavilion symbolizes the Delta's aquatic flora. The lodge also houses the world's largest privately owned collection of contemporary African art, with works from over 80 renowned designers, showcasing Botswana's culture and craftsmanship.

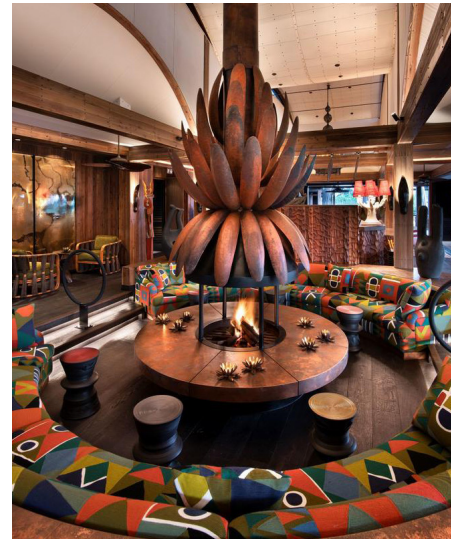
A Global Standard for Responsible Tourism

Xigera demonstrates that luxury can coexist with environmental stewardship. Key initiatives include:

- A solar power plant supplying 92% of the lodge's energy, cutting diesel use by 175,000 litres annually.
- A zero-waste philosophy and plastic-free operation.
- Conservation technology, including AI-driven research and wildlife monitoring.
- Partnerships with organizations like the Giraffe Conservation Foundation and Raptors Botswana, supporting endangered species and anti-poaching efforts.
- By embracing a low-volume, high-value tourism model, Xigera ensures the Okavango Delta remains a sanctuary for future generations and supports Botswana's reputation for conservation excellence.

Empowering People, Enriching Communities

Xigera's people-focused approach includes the Xigera Citizen Employee Trust, allowing 16% ownership by local team members, and ensuring salaries exceed industry standards with benefits like housing and medical aid. The lodge has invested over P1 million in staff training and offers programs such as leadership development, an annual guiding academy, and international exchanges. Xigera empowers the next generation of Botswana's hospitality leaders.



Tourism as a Force for Good

Xigera's influence extends through community initiatives, including:

- An \$80,000 investment in sustainable farming, education, and development in Habu Village.
- Scholarships for students in Natural Resource Management and support for local schools.
- Financial aid to the Polokong Centre for the Elderly and empowerment initiatives for women and children.
- Fundraising for local wellness programs, raising over P350,000.

The lodge has raised over \$50,000 for community and conservation efforts, reaffirming its role as a responsible tourism leader.

Elevating Botswana's Global Profile

Xigera is today a narrator of Botswana's wilderness and culture, capturing the imagination of global travellers and esteemed publications. It has been featured in award-winning documentaries and recognised by the world's leading travel authorities, recently including:

- **Condé Nast Traveler & Travel + Leisure:** World's Best Awards
- **World Spa Awards:** Botswana's Best Safari Spa
- **Skift IDEA Award:** Sustainability Excellence
- **Elite Traveller:** Top 100 Suites

Beyond accolades, the lodge's wildlife stories are legendary; leopards raising their cubs in a guest suite during construction, the resighting of cheetah in the Delta, and the iconic tree-climbing lion pride birthing nine cubs nearby. Such extraordinary moments have captivated international audiences, leading to an upcoming BBC wildlife documentary that will further showcase Botswana's conservation leadership on the world stage.



“Re tlhokomela lefatshe gore
lefatshe lere tlhokomele.”

*We take care of the Earth so that
the Earth may take care of us.*

