

SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND SUITE

SITATUNGA PRIVATE RESERVE | NORTHERN BOTSWANA

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Situated within the upper reaches of Botswana's Okavango Delta, the newly unveiled Sitatunga Private Island Suite embodies the visionary work of Dereck Joubert, the CEO of Great Plains, and boasts interior design by Beverly Joubert, the co-founder of Great Plains.

Crafted atop an elevated, encompassing platform constructed entirely from recycled materials, this private and exclusive use two-bedroom suite offers an exclusive retreat. It forms a part of the latest water-based Réserve-Collection Safari Camp, capable of accommodating up to four adults or a family of two adults and 3 children sharing.

The design of the Sitatunga Private Island Suite weaves a narrative that pays homage to the Okavango's aquatic expanse, evoking the essence of a Robinson Crusoe-like adventure amidst surrounding waters. Echoing the indigenous fishermen's practices spanning over two centuries, who utilized reeds to fashion funnel-shaped fishing baskets and traps, Dereck Joubert ingeniously translated this tradition into the suite's structural concept. Here, the living spaces emulate tents suspended within colossal bamboo fishing baskets. The interior aesthetics harmonize with the colour palette that mirrors the Okavango's panoramic views - misty greens and sun-bleached woods.

While wood presents sustainability challenges in construction, Great Plains has impeccably navigated these concerns. The camp's development strictly refrains from utilizing freshly cut timber, relying solely on reclaimed or recycled wood sourced from prior cuts or repurposed railway lines. The Jouberts' commitment to environmental responsibility extends beyond construction, permeating all aspects of Great Plains. As such, the newly emerged Sitatunga Private Island Suite, paired with the 2 separate guest suites at Sitatunga Private Island, seamlessly integrate into the Okavango Delta's natural tapestry, invoking an evocative connection with its ancestral roots.

Diverging from the conventional Great Plains properties, this exquisite Réserve-Collection private 2-bedroom Suite pioneers ecological design benchmarks in Botswana's remote expanse. Simultaneously, it extends the epitome of hospitality and opulent accommodations, complemented by an array of captivating wilderness activities.

Described by Dereck Joubert as an extraordinary sanctuary, the Sitatunga Private Island Suite stands as a private refuge where guests can marvel at the elusive sitatunga, a rare aquatic antelope, both from the comfort of their suites or private deck while embarking on boat journeys along the nearby channels of the Okavango Delta – a focal activity. Nestled deep within the Okavango Delta, this locale thrives in avian diversity, offering a haven for birding enthusiasts. Sitatunga Private Island Suite beckons individuals, families or a small group of friends travelling together to embrace a leisurely pace, indulging in walks and tranquil river experiences. Because, like the river, it is not about the water itself but the journey.

Sitatunga Private Island Suite is a proud member of Relais & Châteaux

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CAMP FEATURES:

Total Number of Bedrooms:

The Suite is a private 2-bedroom suite and can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children sharing, in two separate en-suite bedrooms.

1 guide room with 2 three-quarter beds and a shared en-suite bathroom.

Type of Lodge

Réserve Collection Safari Camp

Lodge Season & Opening

Year Round

Ideal length of stay

2-3 Nights

CAMP CO-ORDINATES

18°54'50.7"S 22°32'34.3"E



ACCESS DIRECTIONS

For guests arriving on a scheduled or private charter fixed wing basis into Duba Plains:

- Light aircraft transfers from Kasane (1hr 25 mins) and Maun (40 min) airports to Duba Plains;
- Private Air charter access available;
- Duba Plains airstrip co-ordinates are:
S19° 1' 3.45" E22° 42' 11.90;
- Airstrip length: 1000m
- Scenic helicopter air transfer from Duba Plains to the Sitatunga Private Island Suite of approximately 10 minutes. Alternatively, guests can access the Sitatunga Private Island Suite from Duba Plains by motorised boat transfer.

For those guests arriving from further afield via helicopter, i.e. those on our "Heli the Thrillway" special offer, will arrive and depart directly from the Sitatunga Private Island Suite.

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ACTIVITIES

The Sitatunga Private Island Suite offer complete flexibility with your own private guide and boat.

Boating

The Sitatunga Private Island Suite is a predominantly water-based activity camp with wildlife and bird viewing from a powerboat.

Mokoro

Explore the Okavango Delta's permanent channels by mokoro (when water levels allow). This is truly an invigorating, yet peaceful, experience allowing for wildlife and birding viewing from a unique perspective.

Guided walks

Guided wildlife walks are available on Sitatunga Private Island. There is simply no better way to experience the magic of this unique destination.

Fishing

Tag and release fishing is available from March to December each year.

Photography

Custom-built boat offering swivel chairs specifically allowing for enhanced wildlife photographic opportunities from the water channels;

Because we focus on photographic safaris, the Sitatunga Private Island Suite has a professional camera set, including a camera body and lenses. Photos will be downloaded to a USB flash stick on guest's departure.

The Suite comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use as well.

Private activity option

Private boating and walking activities are automatically included.

Private Guides

Private guides are encouraged and welcomed.

Scenic Flight and Champagne Stop

Enjoy an aerial viewing experience with great scenery across the northern part of the Okavango Delta. Add a 15-minute champagne stop on palm island en route. Must be booked in advance and is subject to extra cost and availability.

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CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Main area centrally located indoor dining and lounge area;
- Coffee/tea station;
- Fridge with drinks of choice;
- Large wrap around deck outdoor dining space and fire pit with seating;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique (at Sitatunga Private Island Camp) selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Okavango panhandle. The Boutique also stocks the d&b clothing line: Dereck and Beverly Joubert have inspired this bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, and which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced. Visit dbexplorercollection.com for more information.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Our world-class meals are Relais & Châteaux recognised;
- All meals included and prepared by our Executive Chefs and their teams;
- All drinks and beverages are included, including imported spirits and champagnes;
- A la carte dining in the privacy of the Sitatunga Private Island Suite;
- Indoor and outdoor dining;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to meals for children - prior notice required;
- We are extremely flexible on timings.

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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- The luxurious Sitatunga Private Island Suite is a 2-bedroom private accommodation unit with private pool;
- The Suite is built on a raised, wrap around railway sleeper private deck and under light coloured canvas and thatch, offering guests a total footprint of approximately 607m²;
- Oversized double beds with mosquito nets and well as mosquito netting on all bedroom sides;
- Environmentally friendly air-conditioner over the guest's bed area;
- Writing desk in each bedroom;
- Standing fan;
- Bedrooms can be configured as double or single accommodation

Bathroom features

- Each bedroom has an en-suite bathroom with bath, indoor shower, flush loo, dressing area and double basins;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and hairdryers provided.

ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- We look forward to having children stay with us that are 6 years and older;
- The Sitatunga Private Island Suite can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;



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- Scheduled wildlife viewing activities, guided walks, and power boating, are available to guests from 6 years when accompanied by their parents or guardians. Where available, canoe and mokoro activities specifically welcome guests aged 8 years and above;
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is open with high predator densities in and around camp and there is water surrounding the camp. The camp also features raised decks, pools which are not covered;
- Great Plains Young Explorers program – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.

SPA TREATMENTS

In-room massages are available at additional cost.

FITNESS

- Yoga mat, and light weights available in the Sitatunga Private Island Suite;
- Stationary exercise bike on the deck of the Suite.

LAUNDRY

Included in nightly tariff - next day service, weather permitting.



POWER AND COMMUNICATION

Power

- The camp is solar powered with generator backup;
- The system produces 220V, 24-hour electricity to the suite and main area;
- Universal plug points in each suite.

Internet & Mobile

- Wi-Fi is available in the Sitatunga Private Island Suite;
- No mobile reception.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

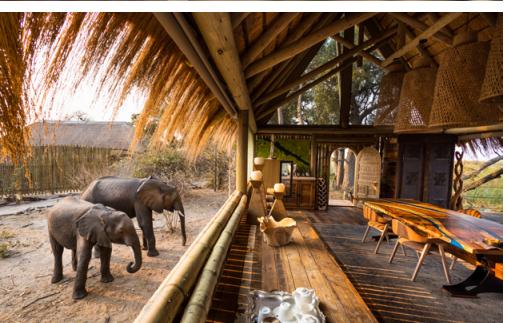
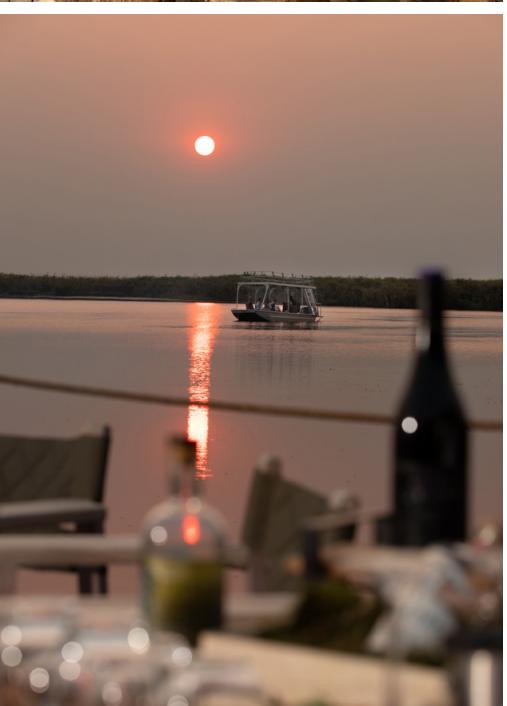
- Malaria: Minimal exposure risk– Malaria prophylaxis is recommended if guests are concerned; however, this is a remote area with little occurrence;
- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance;
- Senior staff all has first aid training;
- Nearest decent medical facility is in Maun, and then Johannesburg.

Possibility of Disabled access

The camp layout and surrounding terrain is not conducive to wheelchair bound guests.

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Safety

- This remotely located camp is raised up into the canopy of the trees and surrounded by water that does contain the likes of hippos and crocodiles;
- Fire extinguishers in the suite.

MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Provided in Sitatunga Private Island Suite.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid in Botswana Pula, US Dollars, Euro and GB Pounds - preferably in cash - to the staff member concerned who has truly exceeded expectations in terms of hospitality, service, and experience;
- Guest extras and curio sales can be settled by Visa and MasterCard credit cards (No Amex or Diners).

The Team

Lodge Owners

Great Plains Conservation

GREAT PLAINS FOUNDATION INITIATIVE Project Ranger

Through Project Ranger Great Plains supports the anti-poaching operations of NGOs across Africa. Project Ranger focuses on those on the front lines of conservation, filling critical gaps and supporting wildlife monitors, rangers, and the anti-poaching operations in Africa. Because poaching and trafficking continues to threaten wildlife across Africa and many rangers continue to be woefully under-resourced, Project Ranger's work and grant-making emphasizes ensuring rangers have the resources they need to do their best work in conservation and trafficking hotspots.

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In addition to our own programs, Great Plains Foundation keeps a list of school needs in the countries where we work. Needed items can be hand-carried by travellers, or we can help purchase them locally. To learn more or to help support students and educators as part of your trip, please reach out:

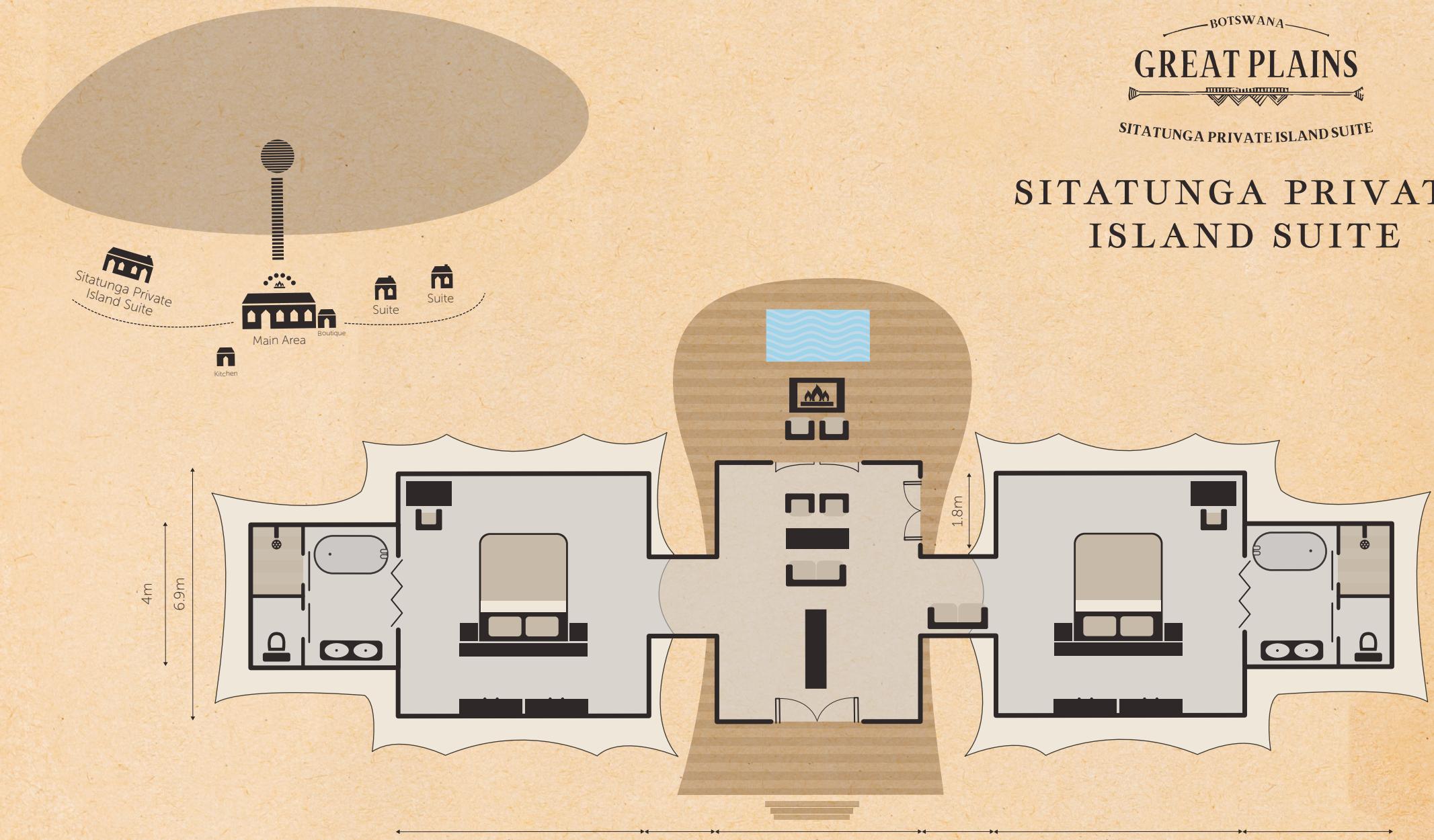
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QUICK CAMP FACTS

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ACTIVITY	ZARAFIA CAMP & THE DHOW SUITE AT ZARAFIA	SELINDA CAMP & SELINDA SUITE	DUBA PLAINS CAMP & DUBA PLAINS SUITE	SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND & SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND SUITE
Camp Classification	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection	Réserve Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Concession	Sitatunga Private Reserve
Number of Suites / Tents	4 Suites	3 Suites	5 Suites	2 Suites
Family Accommodation	The Dhow Suite at Zarafa	The Selinda Suite	The Duba Plains Suite	The Sitatunga Private Island Suite
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes (Included for Dhow Suite)	Yes (Included for Selinda Suite)	Yes (Included for Duba Plains Suite)	Private boating
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (*water level dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (*water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	Mekoro	*Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and *water lever dependent)	*Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool	Private Plunge Pool
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes (In-room only)	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	Gym & In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ACTIVITY	SELINDA EXPLORERS CAMP	OKAVANGO EXPLORERS CAMP	DUBA EXPLORERS CAMP
Camp Classification	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection	Explorers Collection
Location	Selinda Reserve	Selinda Reserve	Duba Concession
Number of Suites / Tents	3 Tents	6 Tents	5 Tents
Family Accommodation	1 Family Tent	n/a	n/a
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day and Night Safari Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Activities (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guided Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boating (water level dependent)	n/a	n/a	*Yes
Mekoro and/or Canoeing (water level dependent)	Canoeing	Canoeing	Mekoro
Fishing (Seasonal and water lever dependent)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scenic Flights and Champagne Stops	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge	Available at an additional charge
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Main Swimming Pool	n/a	Main Swimming Pool
Shower	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor
Bath	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hairdryers (low-voltage)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mosquito Nets	On All Tent Sides	Yes	Yes
Eco cooling system over bed	n/a	n/a	Yes
Fan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fitness	Yoga Mats	Yoga Mats	In-Room Equipment
Boutique on site	n/a	n/a	Yes