

# SITATUNGA PRIVATE ISLAND

SITATUNGA PRIVATE RESERVE | NORTHERN BOTSWANA

**Sitatunga Private Island in Botswana's Okavango Delta has been designed by Dereck Joubert, CEO of Great Plains with interiors by Beverly Joubert, co-founder of Great Plains.**

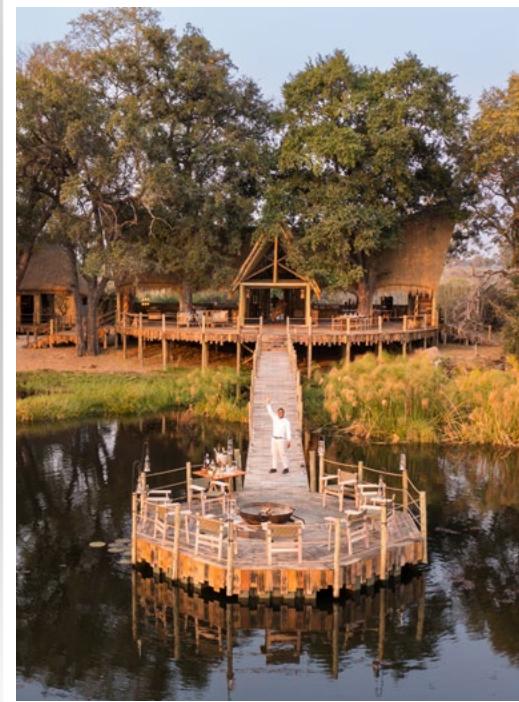
Built on a raised, wrap-around railway sleeper wood decking, Sitatunga Private Island can accommodate up to eight guests as part of Great Plains' latest Okavango Delta water-based Réserve-Collection Safari Camp.

Sitatunga's design tells the story of the Okavango, a camp surrounded by water referenced to a Robinson Crusoe experience, and one that has had indigenous fishermen in the region for over 200 years. Those fishermen designed and used fishing baskets and traps made from reeds in the shape of a funnel so Dereck Joubert took this reference and designed the suites as tents hanging inside of giant bamboo fisherman baskets. The interiors, as a result, draw on a colour range that you can see by looking out at the Okavango, misty greens, and light-bleached woods.

Wood is one of the more challenging elements when constructing a camp from a sustainability perspective. So, Great Plains built this camp with no new cut wood, using only recycled or reclaimed wood from old cuts or abandoned railway lines. But sustainability goes deeper than that. We have removed plastics from our world almost entirely and that extends to the building and design process at Great Plains. Sitatunga Private Island seamlessly blends into the natural landscape of the Okavango Delta, conjuring a strong image of its ancestral origins.

Sitatunga Private Island is a proud member of Relais & Châteaux and is unlike any other Great Plains property. The exquisite Réserve-Collection camp is pushing the eco-design boundary in a remote region in Botswana whilst also offering the highest level of hospitality and accommodation with incredible activities to enjoy in the wilderness.

"Sitatunga Private Island is an extraordinary place. It is a private island and is one of the few locations where one can still see sitatunga, the rare aquatic antelope from camp and by boat, which is the main activity here in addition to walking. It is deep Okavango Delta and, as such, is rich in birding. Sitatunga is the perfect camp to slow down in, to walk, to get on the very-soothing water. Get on the river. Let its pace determine yours, give yourself to it and find silent moments on your safari. Because like the river, it is not about the water itself but the journey." - Dereck Joubert, CEO of Great Plains



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## CAMP FEATURES:

Sitatunga Private Island can accommodate a maximum of 4 guests (excluding the Sitatunga Private Island Suite).

## Total Number of Bedrooms:

2 Double or twin configuration suites;

A separate 2-bedroom Sitatunga Private Island Suite is available for guests to reserve;

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°54'49.8"S 22°32'34.0"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 Sitatunga Private Island of approximately 10 minutes. Alternatively, guests can access Sitatunga Private Island 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 Sitatunga Private Island.

## ACTIVITIES

With a maximum of just 4 guests, Sitatunga Private Island offers complete flexibility.

## Boating

Sitatunga Private Island is a predominantly water-based activity camp with wildlife and bird viewing from flat-bottomed motorised boats.

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## Mekoro

Explore the Okavango Delta's permanent channels by mokoro (when water levels allow). This is truly a refreshing yet peaceful experience allowing for wildlife and bird 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, each suite has a professional camera set, including a camera body and lenses. Photos are downloaded to a USB flash stick on the guest's departure.

Each suite also comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use.



## Private activity option

Private boating and walking activities are available for more flexibility at extra cost, not compulsory for families travelling with children.

## 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 a palm island en route. Must be booked in advance and is subject to extra cost and availability.

## CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Main area with lounge and dining;
- Coffee/tea station;
- Outdoor fire pit;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique sells 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: a Dereck and Beverly Joubert-inspired, bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced.

Visit [dbexplorercollection.com](http://dbexplorercollection.com) for more information.

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## 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;
- Group meals and/or individual tables, a la carte (menu options);
- Indoor and outdoor dining;
- Private dining on guest's private verandah available on request;
- All dietary requirements are catered for, from regular to vegan to meals for children; prior notice is required;
- We are extremely flexible on meal timings.

## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

### Bedroom features

- Large, tented and thatched suites;
- Wooden decking with large, private verandah;
- Unique, wooden Bayei fishing basket inspired design covers the lounge area of the guest's suite;
- Guest's private lounge, bedroom and ensuite bathroom all joined;
- Each of the 2 suites has an outdoor seating area and private swimming pool;
- Bar fridge with drinks of choice;
- Tea/Coffee station;
- Mosquito netting on all tent sides and over beds;
- Writing desk;
- Standing fan;

- Solar-powered, environmentally friendly air-conditioning system over the bed;
- Either twin or double bed configuration;
- In addition to the 2 suites, the Sitatunga Private Island Suite is a 2-bedroom private accommodation unit with a private pool - a separate fact sheet is available.

### Bathroom features

- Each suite 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

- Children are accommodated from a minimum age of 6 years;
- Triples for children sharing with adults can be arranged upon request;
- 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;
- Child rates are applicable for up to one child 15 and younger sharing with two adults in a suite;
- Children 16 and older will pay applicable adult rates and be accommodated in a separate suite;



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- Families will be combined with other guests on activities;
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is raised up into the canopy of the trees and surrounded by water. The camp also has 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 at an additional cost.

## FITNESS

- Yoga mat and light weights available in each suite;
- Stationary exercise bike on the deck of each suite.

## LAUNDRY

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

## POWER AND COMMUNICATION

### Power

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



## Internet & Mobile

- Wi-Fi is available in each suite;
- No mobile reception.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Health

- Malaria: Medium exposure risk – Malaria prophylaxis is recommended if guests are concerned;
- 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.

### 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 every suite

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## MONEY MATTERS

### Safes

Provided in every 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 card (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.

[www.greatplainsfoundation.com/project-ranger](http://www.greatplainsfoundation.com/project-ranger)

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:

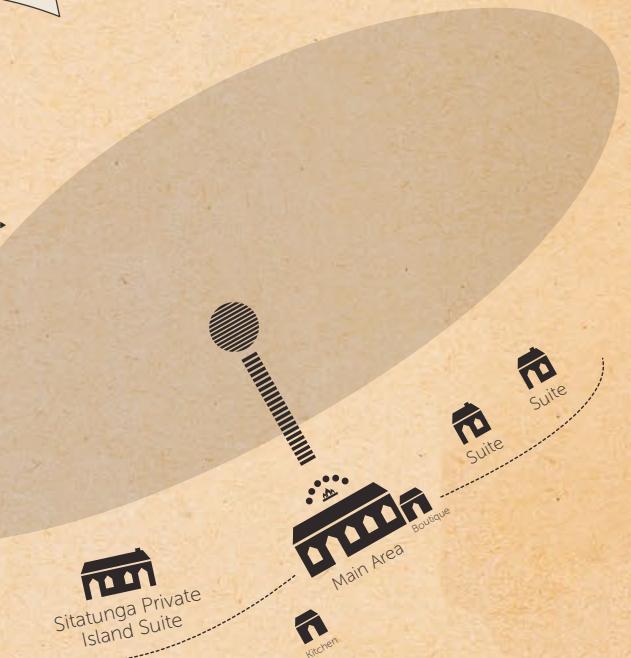
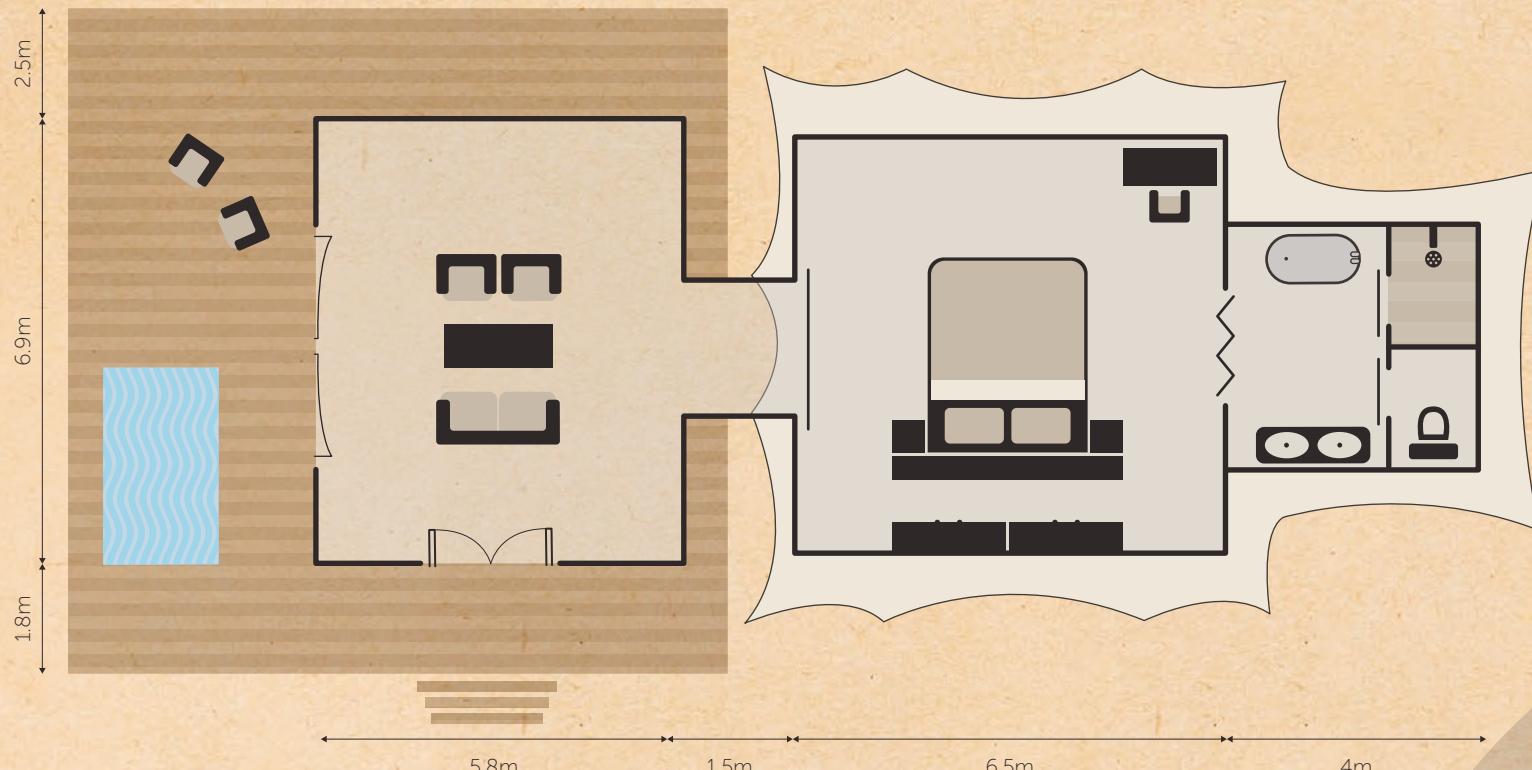
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## GUEST SUITE



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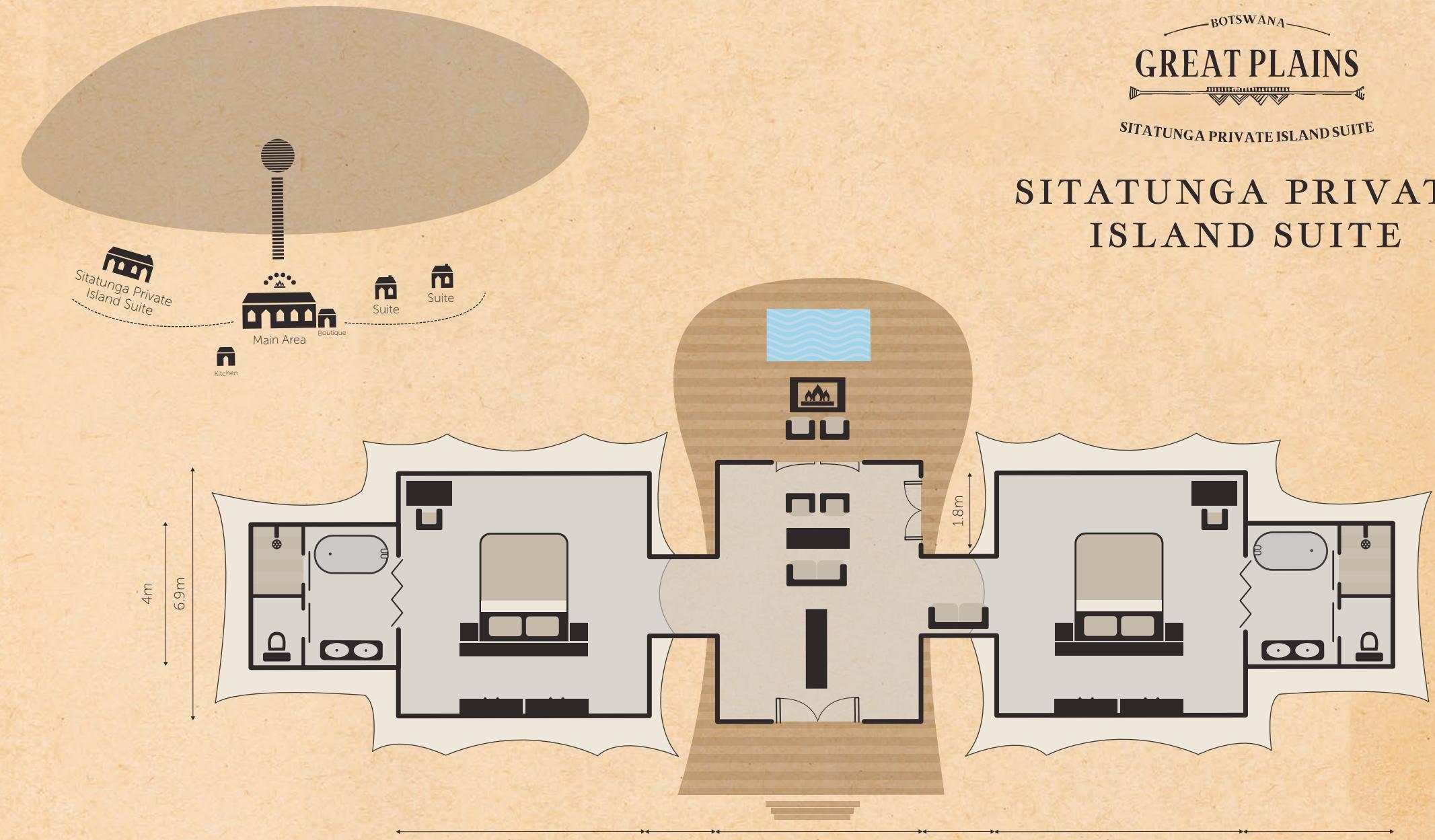
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## QUICK CAMP FACTS

### BOTSWANA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	ZARAFÀ CAMP & THE DHOW SUITE AT ZARAFÀ	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
Over-bed air-conditioning	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
Over-bed air-conditioning	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