



Bontsintsi Horse Safaris

About Us

Bontsintsi Horse Safaris takes you to the heart of Botswana – one of Africa's most celebrated big game safari destinations. Here, you will traverse the vast floodplains of the Okavango Delta, overnighting in mobile camps and dining in beautiful wilderness settings. Encountering majestic wildlife from horseback brings you into the present moment, where you forget about the past & leaves you not thinking of the future. Your experience is co-created with our well trained and schooled herd of horses which graze the floodplains on their off days. Expect an adventure that will restore your senses and leave you feeling truly alive.

Be awed by the African bush,
immersed as only horse-riding
allows you to be...





Bontintsi means “*immeasurable abundance*” in Setswana – Botswana’s main indigenous language. The concept of abundance has always been on our hearts. Our Lord gave us life in abundance, and so we strive to weave this into everything that we are involved in. We love to see others experience this abundance.



Our Horses

Our herd, composed of visually striking pinto (painted) horses, is uniquely adapted to this environment and its wildlife. We have always cherished painted horses for their distinct appearance and calm temperament.

By selecting horses that are gentle, brave, and serene, we ensure that both rider and wildlife remain at ease, allowing for extraordinary close-up encounters during our safaris.

Each horse in our herd has its own story, with many coming from loving previous owners. Together, they share a passion for bush adventure, offering you the rare privilege and thrill of experiencing nature as an animal among animals, only on horseback.



AVANT GARDE



NAVAJO



ELVIS BLUE



CHARMAINE



FROSTY



REAGAN



SNOWFLAKE



RUBY



MR SPECKLES



JASPER



Mission & Vision

We have a heart for people and for Africa – our mission is to create horseback safaris with heart through providing up-close and personal safaris where guests become one with nature, through excellent service, unique experiences, and servant evangelism, while serving the communities within the same area.

Serving the community, country & continent

Beyond the Safaris – the real heart is to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, we believe that it's through serving the interests of others (whether they are individuals, communities, or various business sectors) that we are able to show God's heart for people, and share His love further and wider.

We do this through Berekela Setshaba Holdings which invests into different entities that align with its same goals:

A Botswana Community Upliftment, Development & Empowerment Trust (BCCUDE Trust).

This trust acts as a holding and landlord trust while addressing the needs of the community.

Operating companies that generate the income for the vision while also providing real-life, on-the-ground training for those enrolled in the Business Academy.

A Land & Wildlife Conservation and Rehabilitation Trust (LWCR Trust), which addresses all man and nature conflicts while striving for harmonious living between man and nature.

A Management Company, KOHD (Kingdom of Heaven Discipleship Management Co. through which all discipleship, training, supervisory and support management is done.

Conceptualisers & founders

Louise and Herman love the outdoors. Louise loves horses and Herman loves the wildlife... They always wanted to combine their passions together with serving others and ultimately were called to do so in Botswana. Horse safaris are the perfect combination of their strengths and is the first of hopefully many projects in this beautiful country.

They are "people people", they love what they do and are hands-on, they give back to this land and its people. Everything they do is for the love of others, by being here you become part of this family and their vision.



Our Team



FLOOD
Guide, Stable Hand



LIFE
Groom, Poler,
Assistant Farrier



T-MAN
Groom,
Groundsman



BARUTI
Guide, Driver



KB
Waiter, Barman



EVERLD
Groundsman



HUSTLER
Guide, Maintenance



KIMMY
Housekeeper



MOS
Scully, Assistant Chef



PATRICK
Chef



REBECCA
Scully, Assistant Chef



REETILE
Housekeeper



JOE
Groundsman



CK
Storeman

Our Safaris

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with our thrilling horse-riding safari through the breathtaking Okavango Delta!



Your journey begins at our vibrant base camp, Jumbo Junction, where the excitement builds as you'll prepare to explore one of the world's most stunning wilderness areas on horseback.





From the second night, immerse yourself in the wild as you sleep under the stars at our bush camps.

Each morning, you'll ride through the heart of the Delta, encountering its diverse wildlife and awe-inspiring landscapes.



Afternoons offer a variety of exhilarating experiences – silently glide through the waters on a mokoro, cruise along the channels on a boat, or immerse yourself in nature on a guided walking safari. For those who crave more adventure, our night drives provide a chance to witness the Delta's nocturnal wonders. Don't miss this chance to experience the Delta like never before!



Join us for an unparalleled experience where the beauty of the Delta unfolds at every turn, all from the unique perspective of horseback.

Safari Packages Prices

For more information on the Safari Packages
please visit our website:

bontsintsihorsesafari.com/safari-packages

| | 4-NIGHT | | 6-NIGHT | | 8-NIGHT | |
|--------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Season | GBP £ | USD \$ | GBP £ | USD \$ | GBP £ | USD \$ |
| GREEN | £ 2 140.00 | \$ 2 680.00 | £ 4 280.00 | \$ 5 360.00 | £ 3 210.00 | \$ 4 020.00 |
| MID | £ 2 680.00 | \$ 3 360.00 | £ 5 360.00 | \$ 6 720.00 | £ 4 020.00 | \$ 5 040.00 |
| HIGH | £ 3 360.00 | \$ 4 200.00 | £ 6 720.00 | \$ 8 400.00 | £ 5 040.00 | \$ 6 300.00 |

Seasons:

- Closed (AFS) – January & February
- Green Season – December & March
- Mid Season – April, October, November
- Peak Season – May, June, July, August, September





Getting to the Okavango Delta

The main access points to the Okavango Delta are Maun and Kasane. Maun, located on the southern tip of the delta, and Kasane, on the Chobe River in the north, have international airports served by Air Botswana and Airlink from Johannesburg, South Africa.

The easiest way to reach camps and lodges in the Okavango is by light aircraft. A short flight from Maun offers breathtaking aerial views of the delta. Please note that strict luggage restrictions apply, so pack light and consult us or your agent for a useful packing list.

If you prefer to drive, a fully equipped 4x4 vehicle is necessary. Conditions can be challenging, with rough terrain, sandy tracks, water crossings, and muddy stretches during the wet season. A self-drive safari requires confidence and preparedness.



By Airplane

Seronga Airstrip is the primary Air Access.

- Public Airstrip
- Elevation: 3,240 ft / 988m
- Longitude/Latitude: 18°49'25"S 22°25'25"E
- Surface: Gravel
- Length: 1100m / 3609ft
- Direction: 12/30
- Guest will have a 25min vehicle transfer to camp.

Flying Times:

- To/from Maun: 40 minutes
- To/from Kasane: 90 minutes

Heli Pad

- Elevation: 976m
- Longitude / Latitude: 18°49'27.03"S 22°36'13.15"E
- Surface – Gravel
- Length: n/a
- Direction: n/a

Boat Transfer

Self-Drive to Sepupa. 1hr to 1,5hr boat transfer from Sepupa across the panhandle of the Okavango to Seronga, where you will be collected with a 25min transfer to camp.

Self Drive to Camp

4-5hr Drive from Maun to Shakawe, over the newly built bridge, with a 2hr dust road back south to the camp. Sign boards down to the camp.

A photograph of two riders on horseback in a savanna landscape. The rider in the foreground is on a white horse with brown patches, wearing a light blue shirt and a hat. The rider in the background is on a brown horse, wearing a purple shirt. They are riding along a dirt path that leads into a dense forest of green trees. The sky is clear and blue.

Quest Information

LOCATION

Bontsintsi Horse Safaris is situated in a remote area on the northern fringes of the Okavango Delta. The camp is located at NG12 a 120,000–hectare concession with an iconic landscape and a variety of wildlife.

GPS COORDINATES

5 18° 49'31.94 E22° 36' 21.0

Botswana's magnificent Okavango Delta consists of floodplains, savannahs, islands, a maze of lagoons and channels covering an area of over 16,000 square km in flood and shrinking to less than 9,000 square km in the dry season. Trapped in the parched Kalahari sands, the freshwater oasis attracts a variety of wildlife that depends on the permanent waters of this unique wilderness.



ELECTRICITY

Our base camp and mobile camps operate on AC 220V solar power, providing electricity day and night.

Guest accommodation is equipped with 2 x 220-volt AC plugs suitable for charging camera and video batteries. The generator is used as a backup during cloudy conditions when solar energy is insufficient.

WATER

We source water from the adjacent lagoon during the flood season and from shallow well points when the flood subsides. Our water is safe to drink as we conduct regular water tests and treat the water using activated carbon and sand filters. Our reverse osmosis system purifies water by removing pathogens and minerals, providing purified water for guests. Regular maintenance and filter replacement ensure the system's effectiveness.

Seasons

WINTER: April – September

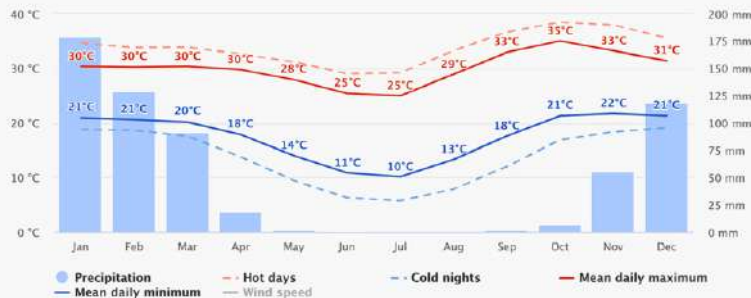
In the Okavango Delta winter occurs from April to September. Days are generally dry, sunny, clear, and cool to warm whilst in the evening temperatures can drop sharply. During the day temperatures generally reach 25 degrees Celsius and evening temperatures can be as low as 2 degrees Celsius.



SUMMER: September – April

In the Okavango Delta the summer starts with temperatures building in October and ends in March with the onset of the dry season. In October before the rains come, days are hot and dry with temperatures soaring up to 40 degrees Celsius or more. Cloud cover, coinciding with the arrival of the first rains towards the end of November or in early December, reduces the temperature considerably, albeit only for a short period. During the rainy season, which usually lasts until the end of February.

The days are hot and sunny in the mornings, with thunderstorms turning into short torrential downpours during the late afternoon. Temperatures during the day can rise to 38 degrees Celsius and nighttime temperatures can drop to around 20 degrees Celsius. Rainfall is erratic, unpredictable, and highly regional. Heavy downpours may occur in one area while 10 or 15 kilometers away there is no rain at all. Showers are often followed by sunshine.



Packing List

MOBILE HORSE SAFARIS

Please remember to take in consideration your safari dates before making your final packing decisions.

At Bontsintsi Horse Safaris you can expect to experience different kinds of 'African situations'(TIA), so it is best to pack for various conditions.

LUGGAGE

When flying to camp on a charter flight, luggage is restricted to 20kg's per person. The size of the bags is restricted to a maximum width of 30cm, height of 35cm and length of 70cm.

For the transfers to our bush camps, you can choose your suitcases. We recommend using suitcases that are water resistant or waterproof and easy to handle. No need to bring a backpack for riding, a saddlebag will be available, and each person will receive a small bag attached to the saddle for a water bottle.

GENERAL CLOTHING

Clothing should be in neutral colors (khaki, green, brown, beige, etc.) to blend in with the bush. Lightweight cotton or breathable clothes are highly recommended in the summer and daytime in winter. Wearing long sleeve shirts will be beneficial for protection against the African sun whilst riding. In the rainy season you might want to pack a raincoat. During the winter months we suggest packing thin thermal wear for the early mornings and evenings out in the bush.



Essentials for Riding

- A riding hat (preferably light-weighted)
- Riding shoes and chaps, 2 pairs of each, if possible, due to water crossings and for the rainy season
- A pair of socks and underwear for each day of riding
- Jodhpurs or long trousers (enough to have a clean pair every day or second day)
- Long sleeve cotton or technical shirts for riding

Other Essentials

(* INDICATES COMPULSORY)

- Sunscreen and lip balm*
- Broadband hat or cap or any headwear protecting you from the sun*
- Jersey, fleece, or thermal wear*
- Waterproof windbreaker or raincoat (preferably lightweight)
- T-shirts, shorts, and swimwear
- Sandals and comfortable walking shoes (closed shoes for evenings in bush to protect against scorpions)
- Insect repellent (Peaceful Sleep available at all camps)
- Toiletries*
- Head torch or flashlight*
- Binoculars
- Camera or GoPro (or a good memory...)
- Solar/battery charging bank and/or extra batteries for electronic equipment.

MEDICATIONS

Please consult your local doctor or pharmacist on malaria precautions, if you feel it is necessary, this is a malaria area. Also make sure to bring your prescription medication, allergy treatments and asthma inhalers where applicable.

There are first aid kits in the base camp and bush camps and the back-up horse with saddlebag will always have a small first aid kit for rides.



Book your safari!

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