

**PURPOSE:** With a history steeped in elephants, Abu is the base for a pioneering rewilding elephant conservation project. Learn about the evolution of the Abu Herd, and the careful and respectful integration of its members back into the wild.

**PLACE:** The Abu Private Reserve offers exceptional Okavango Delta game-viewing in a variety of pristine habitats. Abu Camp guides are highly skilled interpreters of tracks, calls and behaviour, using these signs to reveal the secrets of the African bush. Guided walks, seasonal mekoro and boat trips take in the diversity of abundant general game roaming the 180 000 hectare (445 000 acre) reserve.

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Abu is the second-largest private wildlife management area in the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Its exceptional variety of land and water habitats are the foundation for a profusion of wildlife species – often pursued by lion, leopard and hyena, as well as smaller predators.

#### ACCESS

Airstrip Name:

Duration to Camp:

Airstrip Coordinates:

Altitude/Elevation:

Runway Length:

Runway Heading:

Airstrip Surface:

Airstrip Services:

#### FLY-IN BASIS

Abu Airstrip

Approximately 20 minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way)

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Abu Camp and Seba

**OVERVIEW:** Abu Camp is a sublime, high-end safari camp in a diverse area, offering exclusive and adventures, including seasonal water activities, which add are ideal for longer stays and immersive experiences.

**WILDLIFE:** Unlike some of the water-inundated areas of the Okavango Delta, the Abu Private Reserve varies from open grasslands to secluded island sanctuaries and papyrus-fringed channels. This variety of natural habitats allows for an abundance of general game. Giraffe, zebra, elephant, impala, tsessebe, lechwe, wildebeest, buffalo and warthog roam the reserve. Lion often move through the area too and can sometimes be heard calling at night, while hyaena and leopard are resident and so are encountered more frequently.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Day and night drives in 04 x 05-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers. Hot water bottles, blankets and lined ponchos are provided on game drives.
- Private Activities (subject to vehicle availability which needs to be booked and paid for) may be requested in advance.
- Guided nature walks (seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide).
- Water-based activities in 06 x 02 seater mokoro and 02 x 06 seater boat (both water levels permitting).
- Fishing on a catch and release basis only, with camp providing a small stock of basic rods and reels, whereas all fly fishing equipment is to be supplied by the guest/s if required. Fishing is prohibited by Botswana law in January and February due to the breeding season.
- Birding (Internationally Recognised IBA - Important Bird Area).
- Wilderness Safaris and Olympus Photo Hub experience.

#### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT AN ADDITIONAL COST

- Scenic helicopter flights ranging in duration from 30, 45 to 60 minutes - with guest numbers as a minimum 02 and a maximum up to 05 or 06 depending on the helicopter used; half day (morning or afternoon).
- Tsodilo Hills (UNESCO World Heritage Site) excursion to learn more about Botswana and the history of the San (transfer via helicopter only).

## CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Pool in main area.
- Lounge, dining and bar areas on raised wooden platforms with a tiered deck.
- All tents and main areas connected by raised wooden walkways.
- Curio corner and library.
- Gym (equipment includes a rowing machine, treadmill, stationary exercise bicycle, yoga mats and a range of free weights (between 2.5 kg and 20.0 kg).
- Campfire.
- Pizza oven.
- In-tent massage treatments (at an additional cost), entertainment area (for private dining, watching wildlife documentaries, hosting lectures).
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available for guests in The Elephant Library - including a laptop connected to the internet.
- Guest toilet in main area.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Abu's six luxurious, explorer-style tents blend seamlessly into their natural surroundings. Each has a tree-shaded deck with a private plunge pool overlooking a lagoon.

**NUMBER OF TENTS:** This camp can accommodate 12 guests in total, plus 02 guide/pilot/tour leaders on a shared accommodation basis, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

06 x tents in total comprising:

- 06 x twin-bedded tented rooms each with two three quarter beds.
- Mattress converters are available to transform twin beds into emperor-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.

Plus guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising:

- 01 x twin-bedded room with two single beds and shared en-suite facilities (not of the same standard as a guest room).

## TENT DESCRIPTION

- Unique luxury tented accommodation on a raised deck, with elevated wooden walkways (intermittent sections are on the ground to allow for animal movement).
- Amenities include: seasonal bathrobes, slippers, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellent, insect spray, mosquito coil, shower caps, vanity kit with cotton tip swabs and cotton wool pads, sewing kit, tissue dispenser, laundry bag and umbrella are supplied in each tent.
- En-suite facilities comprises an indoor shower, outdoor shower, outdoor copper bath, double basin vanity and separate toilet, canvas blinds that roll up and down for all weather conditions, writing desk and chair, plug-in mosquito repellent, during winter months an electric blanket is provided, electronic safe, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities, Olympus binoculars, mini-bar, private plunge pool, viewing deck overlooking the lagoon, exercise mat and weights (2 x 1.0 kg and 2 x 2.0 kg), multi-plugs adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access.
- No air-conditioning, however, a ceiling fan is provided in each tent.
- Two-way emergency radios to contact camp management in the event of an emergency only (radios are on a closed circuit and inter-tent communication is not available).

## ELECTRICITY AND WATER

- 100% solar-powered (solar panels and inverters provide electricity and hot water). A 220V generator is used for emergencies.
- 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices. Additional charging facilities (available on request) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare batteries, charging unit and adaptors).

**EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY:** Morning wake-up and activity times vary according to the seasons, activities on offer and wildlife sightings.

- Early morning wake-up call.
- Light breakfast before departing on the morning activity.
- Return to camp for a meal and rest period.
- Meet for afternoon tea before departing on the activity.
- Return to camp – freshen up or meet for drinks, followed by dinner and thereafter, perhaps a nightcap.

## CHILD POLICY

- The minimum age for walking (seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide) and mekoro activities (water levels permitting) is 13 years
- The minimum age for boating activities is 06 years (water levels permitting).
- Specific to game drives and boating, private activities must be booked and charged for between the ages of 06 and 12 years inclusive.

## LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Laundry is provided on a daily basis (weather permitting) and included on the FI rate basis. A mesh laundry bag is supplied for 'smalls' so that guests may place their underwear in this bag which will be machine washed and returned in the mesh bag. Environmentally friendly detergent available in the rooms or can be provided on request. Note that laundry services may be limited as a result of water shortages.

**GRATUITIES GUIDELINES:** We would like to reiterate that tipping is not compulsory and guests should not feel obliged to do so. Tipping should be undertaken only by choice, subject to the service received. In addition to the suggestions below, guests may wish to add a nominal amount for incidentals, ranging between USD 15.00 to USD 30.00 per day (subject to personal budget choice) - i.e. if additional activities are booked once on their journey, if travel arrangements change for any reason, in acknowledgement of good service received in another area, etc.

- Guide, Specialist Guide & Butler – we recommend about USD 20.00 per guest per day.
- Mokoro Poler – we recommend about USD 7.00 per guest per day.
- The General Safari Camp/Lodge Staff – we recommend about USD 20.00 per guest per day.
- Massage Therapist – we recommend about USD 5.00 per treatment.

We recommend tipping your guide/butler/poler/therapist directly. For the general camp/lodge staff, gratuities in cash may be placed either in the communal tipping box, left in an envelope with camp/lodge management or settled by credit card for further distribution.

With regards to being hosted by Camp/Lodge Management and/or Assistant Camp/Lodge Management, tipping separately for said staff is purely optional and per guests' discretion.

Where applicable, we would suggest tipping only once, at the end of a stay.