

FACT SHEET





INTRODUCTION

Mboma Island Expeditions is a piece of pristine paradise located in a remote area on the tip of the game rich Moremi Game Reserve. Situated on the floodplains of the meeting point of the Delta's fresh waters and the Moremi's savannah terrain, means that Mboma is ideal for both land and water based safaris. An opportunity for guests to experience rustic luxury in a camp that promises to deliver a wild experience in the Okavango Delta.

Beautiful Mboma has 5 light Meru-style canvas tents equipped with twin beds and en suite, open-air bathrooms. Everything about this camp is eco-friendly, from the sole use of solar-power, to bucket showers, and chemical toilets. Tents are fully furnished using the finest linen and kitted out in the creature comforts from home. Decor is in perfect harmony with the surrounds - neutral tones are interrupted by bold pops of colour that reflect the colourful spirit of Botswana.

The Meru tents are joined by a network of lantern-lined pathways, and the main areas include a boma, safari dining tent and a quaint drinks trolley, all quintessential elements of a classic safari.

Mboma boasts views of the endless floodplains fringed by real fan palms. Dotted across the plains you'll notice scores of red lechwe and lumbering elephants. At night the powerful guttural roars from lions advertising their territory can often be heard echoing across the flat landscape.

There are abundant cat families in the area, which means there's a high chance of spotting a few local prides while out on game drive. Elephants are purveyors of fine water, so there's plenty of scope to witness high concentrations of elephants in the wild. Because Moremi's ecosystem are so diverse, the team at Mboma have ensured that all aspects of safaris are covered, from mokoro to boating and game drives. Stay at magical Mboma and immerse yourself in the fascinating ecosystem of this World Heritage Site.

AT A GLANCE

- Best of land based and water safaris.
- Friendly and welcoming atmosphere - expertly run.
- Endless views of the floodplains and shimmering waters in the distance.
- Easily accessible for 4 x 4 self-drivers, and also for guests flying into the Xakanaxa airstrip.
- Wooden bridges provide the crossings over the waterlogged areas.
- Designated parking area at the boat station.
- Decor is neutral with stylish pops of colour scattered throughout.
- The camp is located in one of 3 locations close to Mboma Boat Station.
- Abundant lion prides in the area, often heard at night.
- Enjoy a choice of safari options - mokoro, boating (water level dependent) and game drives.
- 5 Meru style tents built from sturdy canvas, overlooking the floodplains.
- Unfenced camp with wildlife free to roam freely throughout.
- Birder's paradise.

FACILITIES

- 5 Meru-style safari tents with en suite open-air bathrooms.
- Bucket showers, standing canvas wash basins, and chemical eco-toilets.
- Beds with swags and full linen in each tent.
- Bedside table with insect repellent and water glasses
- Solar-powered lighting in the tents.
- Two safari chairs under the small canopy forming 'veranda' at each tent.
- A dining tent with dining table, chairs, and a tea and coffee station.
- Communal tent with lounge and drinks trolley.
- A clearing with central campfire forming an open-air boma for evening relaxation.



ACTIVITIES

Guests have the option of choosing their morning activity, which includes mokoro or game drive. Boating will only take place when the water levels are high enough.

- Boat excursions around the Delta islands and through the hippo-filled channels (Dependent on water levels)
- When the water levels are high enough, boating excursions will head to the open waterways of the Okavango Delta to view the heronry.
- Game drives into the Moremi Game Reserve to see predators, which are most active in early hours of morning and late evening.
- Enjoy the reed-lined channels of the Okavango Delta in the traditional way with a guided mokoro trip. Your guide will quietly pole you through the waters in a dug-out canoe, while you keep a look out for wildlife on the banks.

A TYPICAL DAY AT MBOMA ISLAND EXPEDITIONS

Daily routines change according to guests' itineraries; however, the below is a guideline of day-to-day activities. Times will vary according to season, weather and water levels.

- **05h30** : Wake up call followed by coffee and rusks at the dining tent.
- **06h00** : Depart for the morning activity of your choice, including a coffee stop.
- **09h30** : Return to camp with hot bucket showers ready and waiting.
- **10h30** : Late breakfast/brunch is served in the dining tent, followed by free time at camp.
- **16h00** : Depart for afternoon activity.
- **18h30** : Return to camp with hot bucket showers ready and waiting.
- **19h30** : Dinner is served at camp, followed by campfire chatter and a spot of stargazing.

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

Mboma Island Expeditions is located in the most North Western end of the Moremi Game Reserve. It overlooks the floodplains of the Okavango Delta, and is surrounded by fan palms, jackleberrys, sausage trees, and the intricate waterways of the Godikwe Lagoon.

The Mboma Boat Station is the meeting point for self-drivers, who need a 4x4 to access this part of the world. The boat station is about 15km away from Third Bridge campsite and about 63km from South Gate.

It should take approximately 3 hours from South Gate and 1 hour from Third Bridge to reach Mboma Boat Station, where guests will find a signposted area to the car park. Self-drivers will leave their car at the boat station and will be transported to camp.

The closest airstrip is Xakanaxa. The camp will pick up fly-in guests.

CHILD POLICY

Regrettably, no children under 12 years old can be accommodated at Mboma Island Expeditions.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Weather

The climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods (September, October), and also very wet seasons (December -February). Winter (June, July, August) packs cold nights and mild, dry days, while November to February is hot and wet.

Temperatures in summer soar as high as 40°C bringing warm nights and humidity levels fluctuating between 50% and 80%. The average annual rainfall is 450mm and most of it falls between December and March in the form of heavy afternoon thunderstorms.



In contrast, the winter nights can drop to barely above freezing in the Delta and the desert, although daytime temperatures at this time of year are mild to warm.

Wildlife

Botswana is a wildlife paradise, with elephants roaming in high numbers, hippos occupying every waterway, buffalo gathering en masse to drink from the waterholes, zebra migrations, red lechwe bounding through rivers, giraffe touching the tree tops, and warthogs shovelling the earth.

Moremi is a known wildlife hotspot, and is a protected area of the Okavango Delta. Lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, and spotted and brown hyena, are some of the top predator species that are frequently seen.

The birdlife in Botswana is no exception to the fantastic collection of wild creatures that call this country home.

The many waterways of the Okavango Delta and Moremi create a habitat for many water birds, while raptors soar overhead, and melodious larks disguise themselves in the scrub.

Malaria

Before travelling, guests are encouraged to consult their

local doctors on anti-malarial medication and preparation, however a repellent stick or spray is effective and should be utilised.

WHAT TO PACK

The climate in Botswana brings very hot, dry periods and also very wet seasons. Winter (June, July, August) packs cold nights and mild, dry days. Depending on what time of year you travel, you will need certain essentials.

- Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves.
- Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses.
- Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings on the boat, especially in winter.
- Comfortable walking shoes are essential, as is sun protection in the form of hats, sunglasses and sun block.
- Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings.

