

TULI TRAVELLER SAFARI

Mashatu Tent Camp & Koro River Camp

TULI GAME RESERVE B O T S W A N A

EXPLORE THE BEAUTIFUL RUGGEDNESS OF A UNIQUE BOTSWANA SAFARI

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY 1

Depart Johannesburg and drive or fly to Mashatu Tent Camp in Botswana. Mashatu Tent camp

DAYS 2-3:

Mashatu Tent Camp

DAY 4:

Transfer to Koro River Camp

Koro River Camp

DAYS 5-6:

Koro River Camp

DAY 7:

Return to Johannesburg

BOTSWANA



Considered by many to be the safari capital of Africa, Botswana is vast, diverse and alluring land. Located between South Africa, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Botswana is a safari travellers delight and consists of some of the wildest and uncharted game reserves left in Africa today.

Game viewing locations are superb. Botswana is considered to be one of Africa's major success stories and is politically stable, prosperous and a world leader in wildlife conservation. A large country and with one of the lowest population densities in the world, the sense of space and remoteness is amazing.

TULI GAME RESERVE



The beautiful ruggedness and wild bushland of the Tuli is unique in Botswana. The private reserve is unfenced, extends from the Zimbabwe border for some 350 kms along the legendary Limpopo River. The itinerary is an exploration of the exclusive concessions of Mashatu and Koro within remote enclaves of the reserve.

Game viewing here is rich and varied with a unique take on specially adapted inhabitants such as bateared fox and perhaps the most endangered carnivore in Botswana, the elusive brown hyena.

The Tuli is home for the largest elephant population on private land in the world, and leopard, hyena, lions, giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, impala, kudu and eland complete the Koro cast of characters who may be encountered. Local birdlife is prolific.

DAY 1: ARRIVE AT MASHATU TENT CAMP

Access to Mashatu from Johannesburg is easy and convenient, either by air to the Limpopo Valley airfield, or a 6 hour drive. Please feel free to contact us for options and ideas, we are happy and able to arrange all your travel logistics for you.

Arrive at the lodge in the mid-afternoon in time for check-in and lunch. An afternoon game drive is highly recommended followed by dinner at the camp and overnight.

MASHATU TENT CAMP

The tented camp of the Mashatu collection is our choice of destination here ... situated within a private concession of some 30 000 hectares of the Tuli Game Reserve close to Pont Drift. The location is in the centre of the proposed Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation area, one of Southern Africa's most valuable archaeological and historical zones. A charming and secluded setting with only 8 privately set Meru tents is an ideal base camp for our safari.





Each private, shady and spacious unit is built on a cement platform with en-suite facilities. A central plunge pool, crucial for summer safaris, an open air thatch lounge and dining boma complete the camp layout. A camp completely at one with its surroundings.

A floodlit waterhole with game viewing hide (highly recommended) is the focal point and is normally active with elephant and other animals passing by to quench their thirsts.





DAYS 2 & 3: GAME VIEWING FROM MASHATU TENT CAMP

Unlimited flexibility is part of the fare, with game drives in an open 4x4, walks, and game viewing hides available. Time spent in the ground-level hide is highly recommended for photographers and animal enthusiasts - a different perspective is guaranteed!

Game drives are very productive with many elephant, antelope, giraffe, zebra and predator (lion, leopard and cheetah) encounters possible. Birdlife is fantastic and the varied area is stunning! For the adventurous at heart, bicycle activities and horseback outrides are also available. The Mashatu experience is complete!

All meals and accommodation at Mashatu Tent Camp.



DAY 4: ROAD TRANSFER TO KORO RIVER CAMP

After a morning game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to Koro River camp, further west in the Tuli Game Reserve. The drive explores the various habitats of the Tuli, bypassing the famous rock formation Solomon's Wall on the Moutlotse River. A drink stop is enjoyed on Mmamagwa Hill, an ancient settlement site and one of the reserves most spectacular lookout points.

Arrive at Koro River Camp in time for lunch and some much deserved down time. Settle into the boutique master tents and plan the afternoon activity which continues the theme of flexibility. A game drive or a spectacular sundowner where we summit a low rocky outcrop is recommended!



Return to camp for dinner and overnight.

KORO RIVER CAMP

Koro River Camp is operated by *The Africa Experience* and is their flagship camp. It is perched on the most stunning shady and undisturbed bank of the Limpopo River. Located in a remote enclave of our vast and rugged Tuli concession, the camp is a perfect and exclusive re-souling safari retreat.

From two stunning, exclusive and incomparable tented safari retreats (Koro Island Camp being the 2nd), to interactive leopard and brown hyena research projects, conservation initiatives, and community outreach inspirations, *The Africa Experience* collection ticks numerous meaningful safari boxes.

A walkway across a Limpopo backwater is your arrival point to our world at Koro. The central living and dining facility on the river is a cool and welcoming introduction, with views along the water and the islands opposite.

A tented bar and indoor lounge is the service hub, alongside a shady dining deck and sunken sitting area. Meals can be prepared at the open air boma and campfire, also an ideal venue for after dinner tales and a glass of wine, to be sure.







A smaller secluded tented chill-out lounge is an inviting space to read or relax, and an open air wellness sala on the riverbank offers rejuvenating massages and facials.

'Kgomotso's Kitchen', named after our veteran safari chef, produces superb meals; brunches, high teas, and scrumptious 3-course dinners of distinction. A curio store and camp WC completes the layout.

Seven superbly appointed master suites are constructed above ground on wooden decks and consist of a tented bedroom suite, a separate bathroom suite with shower and bath, an open air shower and a private plunge pool.

Our family unit (number 7) can accommodate 6 people, and consists of a master bedroom suite as well as two separate bedrooms as well as a separate open air bathroom and shower.

All units are located on the river and offer spectacular views of the riverine and surrounding wildlife.

DAYS 5 & 6: ACTIVITIES AT KORO

An early morning game drive or walk is highly recommended. Your party will have exclusive use of an open 4x4 game viewer which allows us considerable flexibility to locate and watch game. Return to Koro for meals and down-times.

Game driving is unlimited and we have extensive ground to use. The roads are often weathered taking us off the beaten track into some really remote country. Game walks are really the ultimate experience and allows you to take in the atmosphere of tracking on foot. Secluded springs in the area may be highly productive for elephants.





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Timbo Afrika has stablished and funds an accredited PhD level field study at Koro, focussing on the ecology of leopards and hyenas of the Tuli. This includes the highly endangered Kalahari icon, the brown hyena. We invite our guests to participate in monitoring activities and field observations. This participation is very popular and gives guests a rare look into the life of a wildlife researcher and his students.

Our deep rooted philanthropic and conservation passion has created various community development programs. A 'bee barrier' project is underway to help alleviate elephant conflict with local farmers, and wildlife education programs are supported at the Mathathane primary school. Visits to village sites outside are highly recommend

DAY 7: DEPART

After a morning activity and breakfast, you will be driven to the Platjan Border crossing and connect with a road transfer back to Johannesburg. Of course any deviations to this end point can be arranged with pleasure; including a flight back to Johannesburg from Limpopo Valley Airfield.



TSAMAYA SENTE!

Bon Voyage!

A pícture is worth a thousand words, but an experience is worth a thousand pictures!

SAFARI INCLUDES:

All accommodation and meals
House wines, local beer and soft drinks at Koro River Camp
Teas, coffees and water
Allocated soft drinks
All game viewing activities
All services as stipulated on the above itinerary

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

Road or air transfers to Mashatu and from Botswana Personal bar account Laundry Curious Gratuities Any items or services not included in the itinerary

This is a package option and should you require any changes we can design one that perfectly suits your timeline, your safari dreams and your special interests.

Koro also offers a spectacular night under the stars on a platform called "Starbeds", a unique and touching experience the platform overlooks a waterhole that frequently offers guests the chance to see and hear a variety of game drinking as the evening cools.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your requirements.