



WildExpeditions

KARANGOMA

Info Sheet





AT A GLANCE

COUNTRY: Botswana
REGION: Okavango Delta
OPERATIONAL: 12 months (January - December)
COORDINATES: 18°44'49"S 22°58'00"E
TYPE OF CAMP: Tented
NO. OF ROOMS: 6 en-suite luxury tents (1 family room)
EN-SUITE: Indoor and outdoor shower; flush toilet
POWER: 100% solar
WATER: Filtered water available
PLUGS: Type G & Type D
MAX. GUESTS: 14



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Safari drives
D/N
- 
Guided walks
- 
Boat trips
- 
Mekoro trips
- 
Bird watching
- 
In room safe
- 
Mosquito Nets
- 
Ceiling fans
- 8+**
Children 8 and older welcome
- 
Swimming pool
- 
Limited laundry service
- 
Wifi
- 
No credit card facility

OVERVIEW

Located in the northern section of NG12, with roughly 30 000ha of traversing area, Karangoma boasts a beautiful and productive overlap of Botswana's northern woodlands (mopane and teak) with a mosaic of floodplains, lagoons and channels typical of the Okavango Delta. Bisecting the area is the arterial Makwegqana Channel, a crystal clear distributary of the Okavango that ultimately becomes the Selinda Spillway.

The camp itself is located on a forested peninsula reaching out into the seasonally inundated floodplains. Karangoma means "drum beating, ancestral healing, or when one is ill, cure dancing". Today it is a connection with nature that is the most important healer.

PURPOSE

A partnership with local elder Olatotse Sarefo from a nearby Bukakhwe San village, Karangoma is firmly rooted in its purpose of engaging rural communities in the value chain of ecotourism and of celebrating traditional skills ranging from the world-renowned tracking ability of the San to the appreciation for traditional instruments and music of the Bukakhwe people. In addition, a core endeavour is the mitigation of human-wildlife conflict through a collaboration with the community and a local conservation NGO. The innovative cattle herding techniques and scientifically sophisticated early warning system using satellite collars placed on lions by this NGO mean that local farmers on this northern edge of the Okavango now rarely lose cattle to stock-raiding lions.





SCHEDULED AIR ACCESS

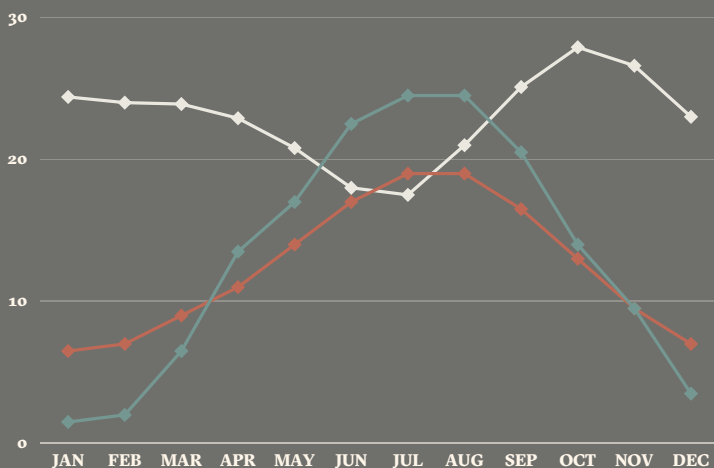
Seat rate on scheduled light aircraft transfers between Maun and the Vumbura Airstrip (Wilderness Air; 25 mins) followed by a short helicopter flight (10-12 mins) directly to camp.

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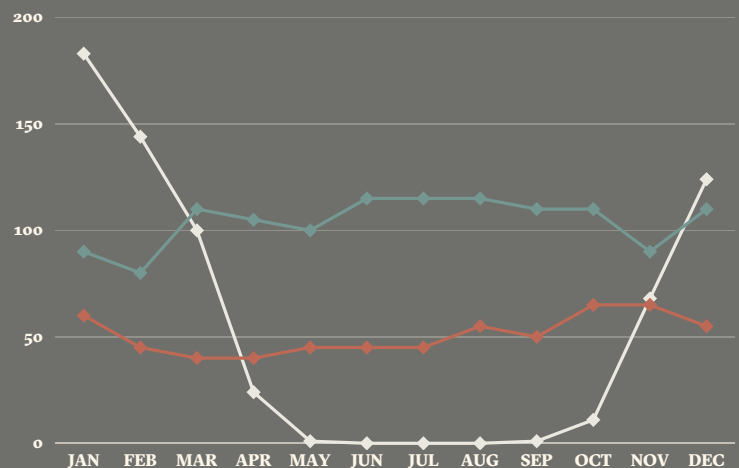
MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMP(°C)	24.4	24	23.9	22.9	20.8	18	17.5	21	25.1	27.9	26.6	25
RAIN (mm)	183	144	100	24	1	0	0	0	1	11	68	124

Botswana shares much in common with the savannahs of southern Africa in that the warmer, wetter months fall over the southern hemisphere summer, while the drier, cooler months cover the middle of the year over the winter. Where northern Botswana, and specifically the Okavango Delta, is different though is that it is blessed over those dry months by the arrival of the floodwaters of the Okavango that inundate seasonal floodplains and create verdant pastures just when resources are at their lowest ebb elsewhere. Mammals, birds and other creatures adapt their seasonal cycles to this phenomenon and as such each season has something special and unique about it.

Temperature (°C) compared to **New York** & **London**



Rainfall (mm) compared to **New York** & **London**





CHARISMATIC SPECIES

Mammals

- Savannah elephant
- Plains zebra
- African lion
- Cape buffalo
- Tsessebe
- Red lechwe

Birds

- African fish eagle
- Southern ground hornbill
- Common ostrich
- Saddle-billed stork
- Swallow-tailed bee-eater



Currency

The local currency is the Botswana Pula (BWP). You may bring any currency with you, but the easiest currencies to exchange are US Dollars, Euro and GBP. We recommend you bring enough USD, Euro or GBP to cover any unpaid expenses at the lodge as there are no credit card facilities. Expect change to be in BWP.

Gratuities / Tipping

Tipping is not obligatory and is entirely at the discretion of the guest. The below are guidelines only.

- Guides and specialist guides - between USD \$15 - \$20 per guest per day
- General lodge staff - USD\$5 - \$10 per guest per day

OUR FOOTPRINT

LEASE FEES:

Annual lease fees are paid to the relevant Botswana authorities, which monies help provide funding that enable the continued existence of these areas as wilderness and wildlife sanctuaries.

CONSERVATION FOCUS:

In the Karangoma context by far the most important component of conservation is the local rural community who live with wildlife and who pay the costs of doing so, regularly losing either crops to elephants or livestock to lions and other predators. Together with a local NGO we hope to introduce innovative herding and veterinary techniques to reduce stock loss and improve herd health.

COMMUNITY FOCUS:

Karangoma partners with the Bukakhwe San community of Gudigwa, focusing on positive impacts like revenue sharing, community employment, training, and hosting eco-clubs for children. Future plans include celebrating and compensating traditional Bukakhwe skills like wildlife tracking and preserving traditional instrument making and playing.