



Ngwesi Houseboat
OKAVANGO DELTA

FACTSHEET



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INTRODUCTION

Ngwesi Houseboat is ideally located in the lesser-explored, more remote area of the Okavango Delta pan handle. Boasting over 500 species of birds, this is a tranquil haven for keen birdwatchers. Tiger fishing excursions take place on the tender boats led by a fully-qualified skipper. These tender boats are also used to explore the narrow, hidden channels in the Delta. The houseboat is a fully serviced operation led by a professional skipper and highly trained staff. Spend days drifting across the on the Delta while sleeping overnight in floating accommodation. Spend languide days game spotting from the comfort of your balcony Game and spot hippo, crocodiles, possibly elephants and an array of birdlife.

AT A GLANCE

- Fishing excursion: tiger, bream, pike and catfish
- Incredible birdwatching experience
- A fully serviced operation led by a skipper and crew
- Offers a unique floating accommodation experience
- River boating

FACILITIES

- Upper and Lower Deck
- Has its own tender boats
- Licensed skipper & staff
- 4 en suite cabins, 2 with twin beds and 2 with doubles
- Rooms have sliding doors and have a view
- Guest amenities – towels, linen, hot and cold water
- Fully stocked and serviced bar
- Upper deck where dinners are served
- Dinners prepared by a chef

ACTIVITIES

- Fishing safaris: fishing safaris are led by a qualified guide who knows where to cast out. Guests can go tiger fishing, fishing for bream, pike and catfish.
- Birding: birdwatch from the comfort of the houseboat. Expect to see cormorants, kingfishers, warblers, cisticolas, coucals and rails in the waterside vegetation.
- River boating: tender boats are used for sightseeing guide trips into narrow channels.
- Picnic on an island: Ngwesi's captain will arrange for a picnic on one of the islands in the Delta
- For self-drive guests, day excursions to Tsodilo Hills (Bushmen paintings) and Mahango (a game reserve in Namibia)



LOCATION

Ngwesi Houseboat is located near the village of Seronga and can be reached by air, road or by boat transfer from Sepupa. Ngwesi is moored in Shakawe at Drotsky's Cabins from where it operates. It marks the start of the Okavango panhandle which channels the waters of the Okavango River between thick, meandering banks of papyrus for approximately 80 km before it opens up into the vast fan-shaped delta.

HOW TO GET THERE

Guests have the below options:

- 1) Arrange a light air transfer to the boat return from Maun Airport. This can be booked through our reservations office. The flight time is approximately 45 minutes.
- 2) Arrange a light air transfer to the boat from other camps in Botswana. This can be booked through our reservations office. The flight time will vary.
- 3) Self drive from Maun on well maintained tarred roads. The drive is approximately 4 hours.

RATES

No single supplements apply, however should there be less than 4 people onboard, they will need to pay for 4 people.

Season	Low	High
Period	1 Nov - 31 June '13 & '14	1 Jul - 31 Oct '13 & '14
Self-catering (boat only)	Rack US\$165 per person per night (min 4 people per night)	Rack US\$215 per person per night (min 4 people)
Catered Option (add)	Rack US\$75 per person per night (min 4 people)	Rack US\$75 per person per night (min 4 people)

CHILDREN RATES

Children under age 8 pay 50% of the adult rate. Children over 8 pay the full adult rate.



SELF-CATERING RATE - INCLUDES

The above rates are for the use of the entire boat, with crew & the use of tender boats, fishing tackle, fishing lesson & birding trips. Tea & coffee.

The boat is serviced & the crew will also prepare meals. Cash bar available for drinks and ice. Clients can supply own food.

SELF-CATERING RATE - INCLUDES

Transfers, all items of a personal nature, any item not described above

CATERED RATE - INCLUDES

As above. In addition includes full breakfast, lunch, snacks at sundown, three-course dinner, ice for beverages, tea & coffee.

CATERED RATE - EXCLUDES

Imported alcoholic drinks, transfers, all items of a personal nature, any item not described above

FUEL

Fuel usage above 100l per day will be charged at Pula 14.00 per liter. No refunds on fuel.

NOTES

- Rates are quoted in US\$.
- Rates are quoted per person per night.
- Rates are subject to change without prior notice. Rates include government taxes where applicable. If taxes increase, we reserve the right to increase the rate accordingly.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Malaria

The Okavango Delta is located in a malaria area. The wetter season is more prevalent to mosquitos; irrespective, precautions should be taken. Mosquito repellent and creams are available over the counter in pharmacies. However, you'll need to chat to your local GP about oral medication. The anti-malaria pills will depend on what current medications you are taking and what is effective in the area you are visiting.

Wildlife

Visitors are often drawn to the Delta for a fish phenomenon called the "Catfish Run", which is an event that occurs when thousands of catfish hunt on the surface of the water and vigorously thrash their bodies against the underwater plants, scaring fish out into the main river. This mass of activity creates the appearance of boiling water from a distance and has become a sought-after vision for safari goers in the area, as well as, for wading birds; such as, fish eagles, cormorants, darters, herons, kingfishers and egrets.



GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Terrestrial game spotted includes the prolific sightings of the populous lechwe antelope, uniquely adapted to a swamp environment and endemic to this area of Botswana. Predators such as lion, leopard and hyena, are common sightings, and game viewing is reputed for its quality in this regard. The endangered African wild dog also occurs in the Okavango Delta, exhibiting one of the richest pack densities in the world.

Weather

The wet season (Summer) is ideal for birdwatching. Summers have a high humidity, rainfall and can be hot. Winters are moderate, yet still warm and dry during the day. During October temperatures can soar to 40 degrees Celsius. Expect a drop in temperature during the night in winter.

Summer	Oct - Mar	33 degrees (day)
Winter	Apr - Sep	25 degrees (day)

What to Pack

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May - Oct)
- Beanie and gloves - the mornings are cold during winter