

# Bwabwata National Park

Nambwa Tented Lodge is within the heart of KAZA, the largest conservation area in the world, uniquely situated inside the Bwabwata National Park. The Lodge offers ten luxurious tents nestled high in the majestic Jackalberry, Sausage and Knobthorn trees. Respecting the elephants' right of way, the lodge is built in exquisite comfort above the African wildlife. As night falls experience the drama and spectacle as it unfolds beneath you.

Our unquenchable desire to create the most authentic African experience takes you drifting down the unspoilt Kwando River. Explore the fauna and flora up close and personal on a bush walk or a game drive with our experienced guides. The famous Horseshoe Lagoon is the ideal spot for a sundowner after a riveting game drive. Soak up the breathtaking sunsets together with hippos and large herds of elephants silhouetted in purple hues over the water.

Nocturnal wildlife can be viewed on your drive home where a delectable meal awaits you.





## LOCATION

- · Located inside the Bwabwata National Park, in the heart of KAZA, in Namibia's Zambezi Region
- · On the banks of the Kwando River and it's floodplains
- 14 km sand road from the entrance of the park to Nambwa

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- 10 Luxury tented suites
- 3 Meru guide/pilot ensuite tents

#### RATES

Provided upon enguiry from reservations@africanmonarchlodges.com

#### TENTED SUITE DETAILS & AMENITIES

- Tented luxury suites built 4-6 meters above the ground on wooden platforms
- En-suite bathroom with shower, free standing bath tub, double hand basins and a private toilet.
- · Fans in all tents
- · 220V plug points for charging equipment
- · Hair dryer
- Outside viewing deck
- · Private Lounge
- Mosquito nets
- Personal laptop safe
- Tea and coffee station with hot water and home made biscuits delivered to your tent in the morning on request
- Complimentary in-room mineral water
- · WiFi connectivity in all guest rooms

# **SEASONS**

**Green Season:**April - June; December - March

**Peak Season:** July - November

#### LODGE AMENITIES

- · Wifi accessible at the Nambwa Tented Lodge main area
- All major credit cards accepted

#### CAMP DESCRIPTION

- The area is renowned for it's large herds of elephant and their regular visits under the walkways seemingly unperturbed by our guests who are so privileged to get that close to Africa's largest mammal.
- Nambwa Tented Lodge boasts a viewing deck and an al fresco dining area with a large seated fire pit area, which is ideal for watching game on the floodplain below.



#### **ELECTRICITY & WATER**

- Nambwa Tented Lodge operates on 220V Solar Power, 24 hours a day
- Guest accommodation is equipped with a 220-volt AC plug which is suitable for hairdryers and the recharging of camera and video batteries
- Dispensors with filtered water infused with hibiscus or fresh fruit is available in the main area.
- Mineral water is supplied to guest rooms, however the lodge water is pumped from the Kwando River and under goes rigorous UV filtration and is safe for human consumption. Regular tests are performed to ensure we meet the highest safety standards.

#### SMOKING POLICY

- Smoking is only allowed on the private, outside wooden decks that form part of each tented suite.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the bush or public guest areas or while taking part in any activity.

# **DIETARY NEEDS**

• Guests are encouraged to let us know when they make their reservations if they have any special dietary needs.

#### LAUNDRY

· Laundry service is available.

## CHILD POLICY

- We welcome children of all ages. Children should be under the control and supervision of their parents at all times.
- Children between the age of 0 and 5 will be charged 25% of the adult rate.
- Children between the ages of 6 to 11 will be charged 50% of the adult rate. Children aged 12 count as adults and are charged the full adult rate.
- Private game drives or boat cruises are compulsory for guests travelling with children under 12.

#### PAYMENT POLICY

- A 30% deposit is required at least three months prior to arrival, once a reservation is made
- Full payment of the balance is due 30 days prior to guests arrival, unless the booking is made within 14 days, in which case full payment will be required to confirm the reservation.

#### For all bookings cancelled between:

- 60 and 30 days prior to arrival 50 % of the total amount will be due;
- 29 and 15 days prior to arrival 75 % of the total amount will be due;
- 14 and 0 days prior to arrival 100 % of the total amount will be due.



# **ACTIVITIES**

Morning or Afternoon Game Drive	When dawn breaks or the afternoon shadows lengthen, our game drives depart to discover the unknown along meandering tracks within the Bwabwata National Park, ideally located within the largest conservation area in Africa.  Our guides find the perfect spot to disembark and set up the morning coffee or sundowner refreshment in true legendary African Monarch Lodge style.  Duration: 3 hours
Morning or Afternoon Boat Cruise	As the early morning suns rays reflect off the water and the boats' bow gently breaks the watery mirror eluding a rhythmic soothing sound of water against the side of the boat, our guides will steer you past varied landscapes of papyrus islands and reed floodplains and get within a respectful distance of hippos, crocodiles, other mammals and the varied bird species this area is known for. This informative, yet soulful experience on the Kwando Rivers' waterways is similar to that of the Okavango Delta.  Duration: 2.5-3 hours
Bush Walk	Walking Safaris are an incredible way to experience the bush in a more personal and energetic way.  Our local guides take great delight in sharing their ancestral repertoire of medicinal uses of the flora along the way and their tales of the wild and their upbringing in this area. It is an experience which connects and grounds any participant to our Earth.  As we are in a truly natural environment with lion, buffalo, elephants, leopard and other wildlife roaming these plains freely, we discourage guests under the age of 12.  Duration: 2-3 hours
The Sijwa Project Sustainability Tour	Embark on a boat cruise from the Lodge to Sijwa, where the Sijwa host will meet and guide you through the project. The Sijwa Project was established by African Monarch Lodges as part of its endeavor to be sustainable and give back to the community and conservation by protecting the natural resources and developing the local community through a bio-diverse economy. Take a walk through the permaculture plants and recycling workshops, where waste such as plastic, glass and cans are turned into beautiful artifacts for sale. You can also buy and plant trees from our indigenous tree nursery to offset your carbon emissions at the project.  Duration: 2.5-3 hours

Bush Breakfast or Brunch Minimum 6 Pax	Dining in the wilderness is a must when visiting Africa. There is nothing quite like savouring a meal in the serenity of nature with a symphony of bird song surrounding you while taking the time to breathe in the earth and the wafting fragrance of the surrounding trees.
	We are happy to arrange breakfasts or brunches in a remote location in the wilderness. Our Chefs take great delight in tantalizing the taste buds with their gastronomic flair catered specifically to your dietary requirements.  Duration: 2 hours
Special Sundowner Setup Minimum 6 Pax	The famous Horseshoe Lagoon, with its vast herds of elephant is the most sought after spot for a sundowner served with fresh, homemade, healthy snacks after an afternoon's game drive. The evening's warm starter is served whilst sitting barefoot in the sand soaking up the breathtaking sunsets together with hippos and large herds of elephants silhouetted over the water. Nocturnal wildlife can be viewed on your drive home where a delectable meal awaits you.  Duration: 3 hours
Romantic Picnic in the Bush Maximum 2 Pax	Nothing tops a secluded personalized picnic under the canopy of majestic trees in the wilderness. A bottle of sparkling wine and a freshly prepared organic spread from our kitchen will set the scene for a truly spectacular vintage picnic safari.  Duration: 2 hours
Fishing	As dawn breaks over the wetlands waterways, the iconic call of the African Fish Eagle lures the angler in you to climb aboard a boat to explore the Kwando Rivers' depths. With rod in hand, fish for tilapia, catfish, nembwe and the elusive tiger fish.
	With conservation and sustainability underpinning our values, we support catch and release.  Duration: 3-4 hours





# Private Activities are required for families with children younger that 12

Anyone who's been on safari knows that no two game activities are ever the same! At African Monarch Lodges we offer morning and afternoon game drives, boat cruises, morning walks as well as an extraordinary visit to our Sustainable Community Project. Activity times will vary depending on the season.

Guests traverse within the Bwabwata National Park, inside Africa's largest conservation area where it is known that around 80,000 elephants roam these plains. It is a birders paradise with 450 bird species to identify.

Please inform your guests of the below hints and tips to make the most of their time in the bush:

- A good camera, although they should take care when using a flash some of the animals aren't particularly keen.
- · Binoculars.
- Always bring sunglasses, a hat, sunblock, insect repellant and in the winter months a sweater or fleece, especially
  in the evenings.
- We provide blankets and hot water bottles in winter if it's cold, and there are also ponchos if it is raining.
- It's best to wear pale and neutral colours when on the wild experiences so not to attract the animals' attention any more than is strictly necessary!
- Closed shoes are required for bush walks.
- We do provide basic fishing tackle, but you are welcome to bring along your own. Should you loose any of our tackle it will charged additionally.

# **ACCESS BY ROAD**

- The entrance to Nambwa Tented Lodge includes 14 km of sand road. A four-wheel drive vehicle is required.
   Guests should not attempt to reach the lodge with a two-wheel drive vehicle.
- GPS coordinates are: 17°52′31. 28″S 23°19′1. 46″E
- It will take approximately 14 hours from Windhoek to Nambwa Tented Lodge by road travelling at a speed of 100 km/h.

 Road transfers are available from Vic Falls, Livingstone, Kasane and Katima Mulilo to Nambwa Tented Lodge (Rates on request)

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- · Immelman landing strip (no floats)
- Co-ordinates S 17° 46′ 500″ E 023° 18′ 300″
- · Length of runway 1300 meters
- · Directions 00927

#### DIRECTIONS

- Nambwa Tented Lodge is located approximately 1114 km northeast of Windhoek.
- To reach the lodge, visitors take the B1 from Windhoek to and until Otavi.
- · At Otavi, turn right on the B10 and go northeast until Rundu.
- At Rundu, go east on the B8 for 200 km where you will cross the Okavango River at Divundu.
- You will pass through a police checkpoint. From the Divundu checkpoint you will drive 194 km to the Park Reception Sign board on your left. You will turn right at the dirt road leading to the Park Reception.
- The park turnoff is 7 km west of Kongola and 2.3 km before you reach the police checkpoint on the bridge. If you reach the checkpoint you have gone too far.
- You should expect to drive about 14 hours from Windhoek and then another 45 min drive from the park reception.
- · 4x4 vehicles are required for the last 14 km to the lodge.
- Once you have passed through the park reception gate, follow the green concrete road signs as well as the Nambwa signs until you reach the lodge. It will take approximately 45 minutes. Remember you are now driving in one of the largest conservation areas in the world, enjoy the drive.
- For the guests who do not have 4x4, you will proceed along the B8, through the Police Checkpoint until you reach the small town of Kongola. Take a right turn onto the C49 at the Kongola Fuel Station.
- · Please contact the lodge when you reach Kongola so that a boat can be dispatched for your collection.
- Continue South along the C49 for 8.5km. You will reach the Mokolo Camp turnoff on the right hand side.
- Continue down the gravel road for 400m, take the first turn to the left and continue along this gravel road
  for another 1.17km where the road veers slightly to the left. Continue down this road for a further 987m
  until you reach The Sijwa Project in front of you.
- You do not need a 4x4 to drive along the 2.5km gravel road to The Sijwa Project.
- · Your vehicle can be parked safely at The Sijwa Project.
- If you had remembered to contact the lodge when you reached Kongola, a boat will be there for your transfer to Nambwa Tented Lodge. A transfer fee will be applicable.