

**Jao Camp**  
**Premier Wilderness Camp**

**Location**

In the private Jao Concession.  
Bordering the Moremi Game Reserve.

**Seasons / Child Policy**

**Festive Season:** 16 December 2010 to 06 January 2011 & 20 December 2011 to 06 January 2012

**Low Season:** 07 January 2011 to 31 March 2011

**Shoulder Season:** 01 April 2011 to 14 June 2011 & 01 November 2011 to 19 December 2011

**High season:** 15 June 2011 to 31 October 2011

Children of 6 years and older are accommodated however private activities need to be booked and paid for. The minimum age for boating activities is 6 years, while mekoro and walking activities have a minimum age of 12 years.

**Accommodation**

Number of tented rooms:

9 tents in total consisting of:

- 6 x ¾ twin bedded tents
- 1 x family room – accommodates 4 guests comfortably but can accommodate 5 guests on request
- 2 x king-size bedded tents
- Custom-made linen enables twin beds to be converted in a king sized bed on request.
- 1 x twin guides tent (smaller than guest tent)

This camp can accommodate 18 guests + 1 tour leader.

Room details:

Via raised walkways from the main communal area.

Luxury canvas cottages, raised off-ground on decks, wooden doors, thatch roof.

En-suite facilities with bath, his and hers basins, indoor shower, outdoor shower, slippers and gowns for guests.

Each room has a veranda with spectacular vistas over the floodplains.

Outdoor sala under thatch

Fans in all guest rooms.

Soap, shampoos and insect repellents are supplied in rooms.

Safe in each tent.

**Camp Description**

- Dining room, bar and lounge under thatch, raised on decks, overlooking the floodplains.
- Curio shop.
- Landscape view from lounge and dining area.
- Kgotla (boma) for dining under the stars (weather permitting).
- Library.
- Evening campfire.
- Two plunge pools.
- Wine cellar.
- Slide projector available.
- Spa (“Under the Leaves Safari Retreat”)

- Gym equipped with an elliptical cross trainer, rowing machine, stationary bike, work-out mats, exercise ball, rubber bands and free weights.
- An entertainment room furnished as a lounge and dining area which is suitable for private dining, a children's entertainment area, for playing board games, watching wildlife documentaries or for hosting lectures.

### **Game Viewing**

During the flood from April to September, lechwe are plentiful and lion follow them. Elephant numbers peak from August to November. Plains game is evident and there are good leopard sightings. Hunda Island offers a wide variety of different animals and is a must at least once if accessible. Birdlife is excellent – especially during the summer months.

### **Activities**

30% game drives and 70% water activities (very much dependant on flood levels and time of year). In the summer month's activities tend more towards game drives, whereas in the winter months mainly water-based activities are offered.)

- Land game drives in 5 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Rovers each accommodating maximum 7 guests, allowing all guests an outside seat (each vehicle is equipped with a tree, bird and mammal books, binoculars and Peaceful Sleep insect repellent).
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on game drive.
- Full day game drives and picnics on Hunda Island – a 45min boat ride away from Jao Camp – dependent on water levels, mainly during the peak flood season.
- Night drives (depending on flood levels.)
- Private activities available on request.
- Game walks.
- Water game viewing in 10 x 2-seater mokoro
- 2 x 8 seater boat used in the waterways to the east of camp.
- Fishing on a catch and release basis year round except January and February when fishing is barred by law for breeding. We offer spinner rods and a small range of lures. Fly fishing equipment to be supplied by guest if required.
- A raised hide located about 20 minutes from camp (which can be used for sleep outs – max 4 people at a time; equipped with a long-drop loo).

### **Suggested Daily Activity Schedule**

Summer/winter

- 05h00/06h00 Wake up call. Light continental breakfast of cereals, tea/coffee/juices and pastries served in the dining area.
- 05h30/06h30 Depart on morning activity, returning to camp at approximately 10h00.
- 10h00/11h00 Brunch consisting of a selection of breakfast and lunch dishes.  
From now until afternoon tea, guests will be at leisure. Maybe make use of the spa!
- 16h00/15h00 Afternoon tea consisting of a selection of sweet and savoury snacks.
- 16h30/15h30 Afternoon game viewing activity – drinks and snacks served for sundowners during the course of the activity.
- 19h30/19h00 Return to camp (later if good game sightings).
- 19h30/20h00 Pre-dinner drinks and snacks served at the lounge.
- 20h30/20h00 Three-course dinner, which is plated.
- 21h30/21h00 Cheese, coffee and liqueurs served at the campfire.

### **Electricity and Water**

- Camp has 220v generator powered electricity that runs 7hrs per day when guests are out on activities. When guests return from activities, generators generally switch off (for peace in camp).

- 220v plug points available in each tent for charging of video battery only. Hence bring spare battery and charging unit.
- Solar panels provide power for hairdryers which are provided in rooms.
- Battery power is used for lighting and fans in each guest tent 24hrs/day.
- Plug points are available in each tent so that sleep apnoea machines may be used.
- Solar-heated water.

#### **Drinks Policy**

All drinks are included in the nightly tariff, with the exception of premium wines and champagne, and premium liqueurs and spirits.

#### **Laundry Policy**

Laundry is done on a daily basis and is inclusive in the nightly tariff.

#### **Extras Payment**

Curios, massages and/or imported drinks billed to the tent number (and tips/gratuities if requested by the guest) and settled on check out. Payment can be made by cash (US\$), travellers' cheques or the following credit cards: Visa or Master Card.

#### **Flying Times**

- To/from Maun 35 minutes
- To/from Kasane 1 hr 25 minutes
- Kasane to Victoria Falls 20 minutes

#### **Airstrip Details**

Jao airstrip is located 10 minutes' drive from camp.

Airstrip coordinates: S19.18.59, E022.35.20 and 1100 metres/

Licensed for heavier aircraft up to 5700kg MAUW (maximum all up weight), can take King Airs (all types).

Airstrip services Jao, Kwetsani and Jacana camps.

#### **Gratuity Schedule**

The following is the suggested gratuity schedule only and is subject to service standard:

Guides - US\$10.00 per person per day

General Camp Staff - US\$5.00 per person per day

Mokoro Paddlers - US\$5.00 per person per day

Specialist Guides (if applicable) - US\$10.00 per person per day