

Kings Pool Camp
Premier Wilderness Camp

Location

- Northern Botswana
- Within the Linyanti Concession, bordered to the east by Chobe National Park.
- Overlooking the Linyanti River and Kings Pool Lagoon

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 walking activities is 12 years.

Accommodation

Number of tents:

9 guest tents in total consisting of:

- 8 x ¾ twin bedded tents
- Custom-made linen enables twin beds to be converted in a king sized bed on request in all tents.
- 1 king-size bedded tent with a ball-and-claw bath.
- 1 twin en-suite guide room which comprises 2 tented rooms sharing 1 bathroom (not the same standard as guest tents).

This camp sleeps up to 18 guests plus 2 tour leaders/guides.

Tent details:

- Luxury tented rooms with thatched roof and en suite bathroom facilities.
- Rooms built on raised saligna deck with views of lagoon.
- Plunge pool at each unit.
- Sala at each unit.
- Lounge area in each unit.
- Ceiling and stand up fans in all guest tents.
- Bathroom with separate toilet, double vanity and basin, shower and a door through to pool deck with an outside shower.
- Soaps, shampoos and insect repellent are supplied in each unit.
- Safe in each unit.
- Mini bar in each unit.
- Hairdryer in each unit.
- Swarovski binoculars available for each tent on request

Camp Description

- Large dining room, bar, lounge deck on stilted platforms.
- Swimming pool
- Curio shop
- Library
- Open air boma for dinner around campfire.
- Sunken hide at a waterhole near the camp.
- Every room has an exercise mat and weights (2 x 1kg and 2 x 2kg weights) for guest use

- Menu of massage treatments (at an additional cost) can be conducted in the privacy of the guest's tent.
- Cocktail reception available between DumaTau and Kings Pool (on request only for large groups taking over both camps).

Game Viewing

Elephant can be seen all year round but peak roughly from May till late Oct. Lion are seen regularly and it is a good area for leopard and wild dogs. Plains game is good year round but peaks in the dry months. Excellent birding especially Carmine Bee-eaters in summer and great raptors year round. Great hippo and general game viewing on the lagoon in front of camp.

Activities

- Game drives via 4 x 10-seater open 4 x 4 Land Rovers each accommodating maximum six guests, allowing all guests an outside seat (each vehicle is equipped with a tree book, a bird book, a mammal book, a pair of binoculars and Peaceful Sleep insect repellent in a centre consol on each row of seats).
- The camp has a supply of bean bags for guests to use to steady their camera while on game drive.
- Walking safaris (on request as dependant on walking guides being in camp)
- Sundowner barge trips on the Linyanti River
- Sunken hide for game viewing.
- Night Drives.
- Fishing on a catch and release basis (fishing is prohibited in Botswana in January and February for fish breeding purposes). The camp has a small stock of basic rods and reels but fly fishing equipment is to be supplied by guest if required. Kings Pool is not billed as a tigerfish destination and the species typically caught here are bream and barbel.
- As of September 2010, sleep outs are not being offered at the Kings Pool sunken hide but are possible at the DumaTau hide. A Kings Pool private vehicle must be booked and paid for, which also allows for greater flexibility re: times of departure and return. The DumaTau hide is an elevated platform, equipped with bed rolls, mosquito nets and long drop toilet. Minimum age requirement is 12 years and older.

Suggested Daily Activity Schedule

The Premier camps are very flexible with meal times/venues and activity times and thus this is an indication only.

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 are at leisure. The hide is available for midday activity.
- 16h00/15h00 Afternoon tea consisting of a selection of sweet and savoury snacks.
- 16h30/15h30 Afternoon game viewing activity – drinks and snacks will be served for sundowners during the course of the activity.
- 19h30/19h00 Return to camp (later if good game sightings).
- 20h00/19h30 Pre-dinner drinks and snacks served at the bar.
- 20h30/20h00 Three-course dinner – all courses are served at the table except on Mondays (traditional night) when the starter and dessert are served whilst the main course is buffet style.
- 21h30/21h00 Coffee and liqueurs served at the campfire.

Electricity & Water

- Camp has 220v generator-powered electricity run in the kitchen and main areas.
- 220V inverter power is used for lighting and ceiling fans in each guest tent 24hrs/day. The hairdryer, stand up fans and mini bar run off generator power and cannot be run off the inverter system.
- 220v plugs available in each tent for the charging of batteries. Hence bring spare battery, charging unit.
- Multi-national adaptors in each tent
- Plug points are available in each tent so that sleep apnoea machines may be used.
- Electrical geysers heat the water for the rooms.

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, imported drinks and tips/gratuities can be billed to the tent number and settled on check out. Payment can be effected by cash (US\$), travellers' cheques or the following credit cards: Visa or MasterCard.

Flying Times

To/from Maun 50 minutes
To/from Kasane 45 minutes
Kasane to Victoria Falls 20 minutes

Airstrip Details

Chobe 1 Airstrip which also services DumaTau, Savuti and Kings Pool camps
Airstrip coordinates: S18.31.99, E023.39.27
1000m long, compacted calcrete.
Driving time from Kings Pool is approximately 45 minutes

Kings Pool airstrip is no longer operational at all and hence the Chobe 1 Airstrip as above is now used for all access and it is licensed for heavier aircraft such as King Air's.

Gratuities Schedule

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

Guides - US\$10.00 per person per day
General Camp Staff - US\$5.00 per person per day
Specialist Guides (if applicable) - US\$10.00 per person per day