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SPECIALS

Mashatu Game Reserve, located in the northern Tuli block, is offering various Free Flight Specials:

Stay a minimum of 3 nights at Euphorbia Mashatu and receive a ONE-WAY flight free from Lanseria or to Lanseria from Limpopo Valley. Arrive / Depart: Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday; during Green (Low) & Shoulder (Mid) Season based on a minimum of 4 passengers; during Peak (High) Season, there is a minimum of 2 passengers; valid 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Stay a min of 4 nights at Euphorbia Mashatu and receive RETURN flights free to/from Lanseria. Arrive: Monday / Depart: Friday; during Green (Low) & Shoulder (Mid) Season based on minimum of 4 passengers; during Peak (High) Season the minimum is 2 passengers; valid 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Stay a min of 5 nights at Euphorbia Mashatu and receive RETURN flights free to/from Lanseria. Arrive / Depart: Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday; year-round minimum of 2 passengers applies; valid 01 January to 31 December 2024.

Stay a min of 6 nights Package – 3 nights at Tuli Safari Lodge Mashatu and 3 nights at Euphorbia Mashatu and receive RETURN flights free to/from Lanseria. Arrive: Saturday / Depart: Friday or Arrive: Sunday / Depart: Saturday or Arrive: Monday / Depart: Sunday; during Green (Low) & Shoulder (Mid) Season based on a minimum of 4 passengers; during Peak (High) Season based on a minimum of 2 passengers; valid 01 January to 31 December 2024.

T&Cs apply

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Sarah Jackson, Terri Lombard and Emily Wallington visited Wilderness and Associated Product camps in Botswana. Here is their feedback:

Selinda Camp was our first stop in Botswana. It is located within a quiet private reserve that is only shared with Selinda Explorers. Sarah said for her the view from Selinda was one of her favourites of the whole trip as it overlooked the river, and she loved that each meal was set up in a different place. She also mentioned that on their return from each game drive they were presented with different drinks which they felt was such a thoughtful touch. Terri loved that they all had the use of a Canon camera during their stay. Their guide, Joe, who was very knowledgeable, showed them how to use it and adjusted the settings where necessary. They were treated to some incredible wildlife sightings over the 2-night stay; the sundowner stop, beside wallowing hippos, was a highlight, as was the bush breakfast. There's definitely space to do more with the in-camp food experience but the food was nice and they loved the open kitchen and watching the chefs while they cooked, as well as the wine tasting and

food pairing. The rooms are very well appointed with each room having its own private plunge pool, spin bike, yoga mat, free weights, maxi bar with full sized bottles, huge bathrooms with copper bathtubs and a very effective and quiet air conditioning system. The family suite is huge and has 2 bedrooms, its own pool, and separate dining and sitting area. They all felt this property would perfectly suit honeymooners as well as older couples – those looking for a more intimate experience.



Located within the Moremi Game Reserve, **Xigera** offers boating and mokoro activities, morning and afternoon game drives (no walks or night game drives as it's in the Moremi) and a swanky spa with pool and treatment rooms. Xigera also has a meet-and-greet service at Maun Airport with their own WIFI. The sleep-out deck (Boabab Treehouse) is a great option for those who want both indoor and outdoor beds. The rooms are huge and private with separate wardrobe and sitting areas, windows with double glazing so it's very quiet, and air conditioned (scented so smells like a spa). Overall, we found Xigera amazing. Everyone knew our names on arrival. All the staff seemed extremely proud of their job and service. The food was exceptional and high tea and breakfast in particular were exquisite. We had a lion sleeping under our boardwalk and also spotted one from our veranda, which was brilliant.



Mombo and Little Mombo Camp were the highlight of our trip to Botswana. We loved the genuine welcoming and friendly vibe of the team and felt at home from the moment we arrived. Mombo is one of the top luxury lodges in the Delta, with a high level of personalised service, and Little Mombo is excellent for exclusive use, or those looking for a more intimate experience. Both camps are for high-end guests looking for luxury with abundant wildlife. Their Chief's Island location is renowned for excellent game, which is great all year round. Our guide Ant's skill when it came to tracking meant we got to see some great wildlife. There are lots of animals very close to camp; some days we had game viewing from the main area without leaving camp! The tents feature a plunge pool, a very private deck, and air con in the tents. There are two main pools and spa area between the two camps, a gym and a pizza oven. The deck was so comfy during siesta time. We also loved how they adapted the menus to our food preferences. Our Boma night was a lovely celebration of Mombo, and the Botswana feel, and it didn't feel forced or like the team was "putting on a show".



Jao Camp is an architecturally stunning camp, great for those who want a pretty camp, and great for families or couples – families can stay in one of the two colossally spacious two-bedroom villas. They also have specialist guides who can look after children, and the restaurant has a special kids' menu. Our room was exquisite and huge, with two toilets, indoor and outdoor shower, a large deck with a private pool, and localised air conditioning. There is a peaceful Bali-esque spa, a well-equipped gym and the pool is great for Instagram shots. Our guide, Mesh, taught us a little more about what he looks for when tracking and experiencing the thrill of a chase.



Jacana Camp we consider as a sweet-classic safari camp style, a lovely option for those who do not have the budget for Jao and don't need a private pool. Our rooms were all on the ground floor so we didn't have the views but the outside bathroom was a sweet touch. Rooms are accessed by pathways not boardwalks, they are well spaced out, small but comfortable, with basic but big showers, an outdoor bathtub and a small veranda. The main area has a lovely peaceful setting and big deck overlooking the plains which floods – very close to where the mokoro excursions start from.



Kwetsani was a real surprise for all of us, very tasteful rooms which felt very private, and we loved the elevated feel to them – this gives a treehouse style to the camp. Lots of elephants come in to camp hence their elevated walkways. The rooms are stylish with large decks and stunning views, and indoor and outdoor showers. The camp felt very fresh like it was recently refurbished, though it hasn't been.



Chitabe Lediba is suitable to visit all year round, and is a lower price option for those looking for good game and not worried about uber luxury accommodation. The area is renowned for predators and game viewing. The camp is a good option for families and exclusive use. Rooms are basic but comfortable. We enjoyed getting to share dinner with some of the other guests in camp and hear some of their stories. Our guide, Goodman, was full of tales of safaris and former guests' experiences.

