

ACCOMMODATION IN BOTSWANA

5 RIVERS SAFARI - THE ZAMBEZI BASIN

Rates 2011/12 season.

Introduction:

The Upper Zambezi Basin is a unique and captivating region within Southern Africa and includes South Eastern Angola, Northwestern Zimbabwe, Western Zambia, Namibia's Caprivi Strip and Northern Botswana. 4 companies have co-operated to offer a unique collection of camps and lodges providing a combination of experiences previously out of reach to even the most devoted safari enthusiasts.

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The Camps and Lodges and the areas in which they operate are:

- [Ntwala Island Lodge](#) – 4 ultra luxury suites in **the Chobe Area** – offering the world's best boat based game viewing on the Chobe River & Zambezi Rivers. (Impalila Island Lodge will be used for 'overflow' of Ntwala Island guests)
- [Susuwe Island Lodge](#) – 6 Suites in **the Caprivi Strip** – home to Namibia's greatest natural bio-diversity.
- [Lagoon Camp](#) – 8 luxury tents in the **Kwando / Linyanti** – big game country with consistent wild dog and large predator sightings.
- [Lebala Camp](#) – 8 luxury tents in the **Kwando/ Linyanti** – big game country with consistent wild dog and large predator sightings.
- [Kwara Camp](#) - 8 luxury tents in the **Okavango Delta** - world's largest inland delta – wildlife and water paradise.
- [Xakanaxa Camp](#) – 12 luxury tents in the **Moremi Game Reserve** – a wildlife haven inside the Okavango delta.
- [Nxai Pan Camp](#) – 8 luxury suites in the Nxai Pan National Park (one family room) - at its best during the 5-Rivers Season.
- [Tau Pan Camp](#) - 8 luxury suites inside the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (one family room) - first official lodge inside the stunning Central Kalahari Game Reserve.
- [Stanley Safari Lodge](#) - 10 private cottages bordering the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, with a view over the spray of the Victoria Falls in a distance

(NOTE: You can click on each of following links to read more about each lodge – I suggest you do this after reading this document.)

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/NtwalaIslandLodge12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/SusuweIslandLodge12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/LagoonCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/LebalaCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/KwaraCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/XakanaxaCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/NxaiPanCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/TauPanCamp12.pdf>

<http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/StanleySafariLodge12.pdf>

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The Camps and Lodges are operated by 4 independent companies insuring that each camp retains its own individuality and charm, whilst offering guests something unique and different at each location. The largest camp - Xakanaxa sleeps 24 guests, while the smallest, Ntwala Island Lodge, sleeps 8. All accommodation is en-suite with hot and cold water and all amenities necessary for a very comfortable stay.

All properties have a central lounge, dining and bar area. Every camp or lodge boasts a swimming pool, with Susuwe Island Lodge offering a plunge pool on the deck of every suite. Some of the area's in which the camps operate are huge - the two best examples are the Kwando Concession which alone is 252 000 ha and the Kwara Concession in the Northern Okavango Delta is 175 000 ha... these are large unspoilt wilderness areas.

The Camps and Lodges combined offer a spectacular array of activities at no additional charge:

These include game cruises on Chobe River, bird watching at all locations, Afro botanical walks, fishing, day and night drives in several different eco systems, bush walks, boat based game watching on various river systems, mokoro trips and Bushman walks.

General information on the areas:

Most people have a misguided view of the Green / Secret Season (December to end March) or "Rainy Season". A lesser-known fact is that our "5-Rivers" area has just about half the amount of rainfall during the same period as does the Greater Kruger National Park. The rainfall in our area is typically in the form of quick thunderstorms, which usually last about an hour or so. The other misconception is that game or wildlife viewing is poor at this time, and difficult to see – all 5 Rivers camps and lodges are situated within prime game viewing locations and our expert rangers and trackers go to great lengths to maximise sightings. In the summer months the vegetation is a sea of green, wild flowers can be seen everywhere and all mammals and birds have their young. The bush is alive - Africa is at its most productive!!

The Offer: Valid for 1 December 2011 until 31 March 2012

- **Price \$375 per person per night. This is for all accommodation, meals, scheduled game activities, local brand drinks, laundry and park fees where applicable.**
- **(We offer a 5% discount for a booking with a minimum of 2 people having 6, 7, 8 or 9 nights booked in total using these lodges and then a 10% discount for a minimum of 2 people having 10 or more nights using these lodges – during the 5-Rivers-Special Period!!! Discount is off the US\$375 pppn rate only.)**
- Christmas surcharge of US\$45 pppn is applicable from 20 Dec until 4 Jan – for Kwara, Lagoon, Lebala, Nxai Pan, Tau Pan & Xakanaxa camps.
- **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT on accommodation!!**
- **For prices for the rest of the year – please ask us.**

Subject to the following conditions:

- Minimum 3 nights booked at one camp or lodge.
- Minimum of 4 nights at any two camps or lodges
- Flight transfers with our air charter company, at discounted rates as well! (Single travellers pay 50% surcharge on flight transfers.)



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NOTE: All rates – for lodges and transfers, are subject to change, due to world economic & fuel price fluctuations. Your final quote will have the present rates.

5 Rivers Safaris - Transfer Rates 2011/12

Rates valid 1 December 2011 to 31 March 2012

(updated 2nd May 2011)

- Camp transfer rates are on a seat basis - mostly by air, but some are by vehicle and boat as indicated.
- Quoted in US\$ **per person NETT**, and include VAT where relevant & departure taxes within Botswana
- Single supplement of 50% on given rates
- Up to 3 stops en route
- Road/boat transfer are minimum 2 pax - so if only 1 pax travelling they will need to pay for
- Luggage limited to 20kg per person including all hand luggage
- All luggage must be in soft bags
- Other passengers or staff (& freight) may also be conveyed and there may be unscheduled stops en-route to pick up or drop off other guests or staff along the way.
- Times at the convenience of the daily schedule i.e.: charter companies convenience
- Prices are subject to change without notice due to fuel, exchange rates and tax charges beyond our control
- NB: Rates do not include Visa fees where relevant
- NB: Flight transfers to LVI includes a flight over the falls
- Flight transfers LVI/BBK or onwards will require clients to pay the Livingstone departure tax locally in LVI in USD cash

NB: Rates do not include Visa fees where relevant, nor passenger departure taxes from Livingstone or Katima Mulilo

| | Maun | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Nxai | 116 | Nxai | | | | | | | | |
| Xakanaxa | 135 | 230 | Xakanaxa | | | | | | | |
| Kwara | 135 | 230 | 0(a) | Kwara | | | | | | |
| Lebala | 205 | 330 | 205 | 205 | Lebala | | | | | |
| Lagoon | 205 | 330 | 205 | 205 | 0(b) | Lagoon | | | | |
| Kasane | 285 | 330 | 330 | 330 | 230 | 230 | Kasane | | | |
| Ntwala | 344 | 470 | 375 | 375 | 285 | 285 | 0(c) | Ntwala | | |
| LVI/Stanley's | 475 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 430 | 430 | 215 | 215 | LVI | |
| Katima Mulilo | 385 | 530 | 520 | 520 | 410 | 410 | 215 | 215 | 315 | Katima |
| Susuwe - Fly | 385 | 630 | 630 | 630 | 565 | 565 | 330 | 305 | 460 | 325 Susuwe - Fly |
| Susuwe - Road | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 144 | 144 | 320 | 110 Susuwe – Road |
| Tau Pan | 165 | 230 | 285 | 285 | 375 | 375 | 520 | 575 | 585 | 536 575 610 Tau Pan |

These prices are subject to change & confirmation.

(a) By boat

(b) By road – game drive transfer – FOC if staying at both camps.

(c) By boat and road

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Flight transfers to Livingstone includes a flight over the falls. Flights out of Livingstone will require clients to pay the Zambian airport departure tax in USD cash.

The following very unique transfers are offered free of charge during 01 December 10 to 31 March 2011: (all fully reversible)

- Lagoon to Lebala – by game drive.
- Kwara Camp to Xakanaxa Camp by boat along the waterways of the Okavango Delta
- Kasane Airport to Ntwala Island Lodge

VISA'S – It is the clients responsibility to obtain their own Visa's for Zambia, Namibia &/or Botswana. Some nationalities can obtain the visa's at the border posts/airport, some countries have to get these in advance. (Go to www.visahq.com to try and see what your requirements are.)

International Access:

Direct International flight services to/from Johannesburg from a multitude of destinations. Not forgetting Windhoek connecting with Frankfurt on direct flights.

Regional Access:

Several airlines fly to local hubs from where guest are either transferred by light aircraft or by road or boat to the respective camps and lodges. The 5-Rivers Safari regional hubs are: Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Kasane, Katima Mulilo and Maun. We can assist you with these flights – do NOT book any flights until we have confirmed availability at the lodges.

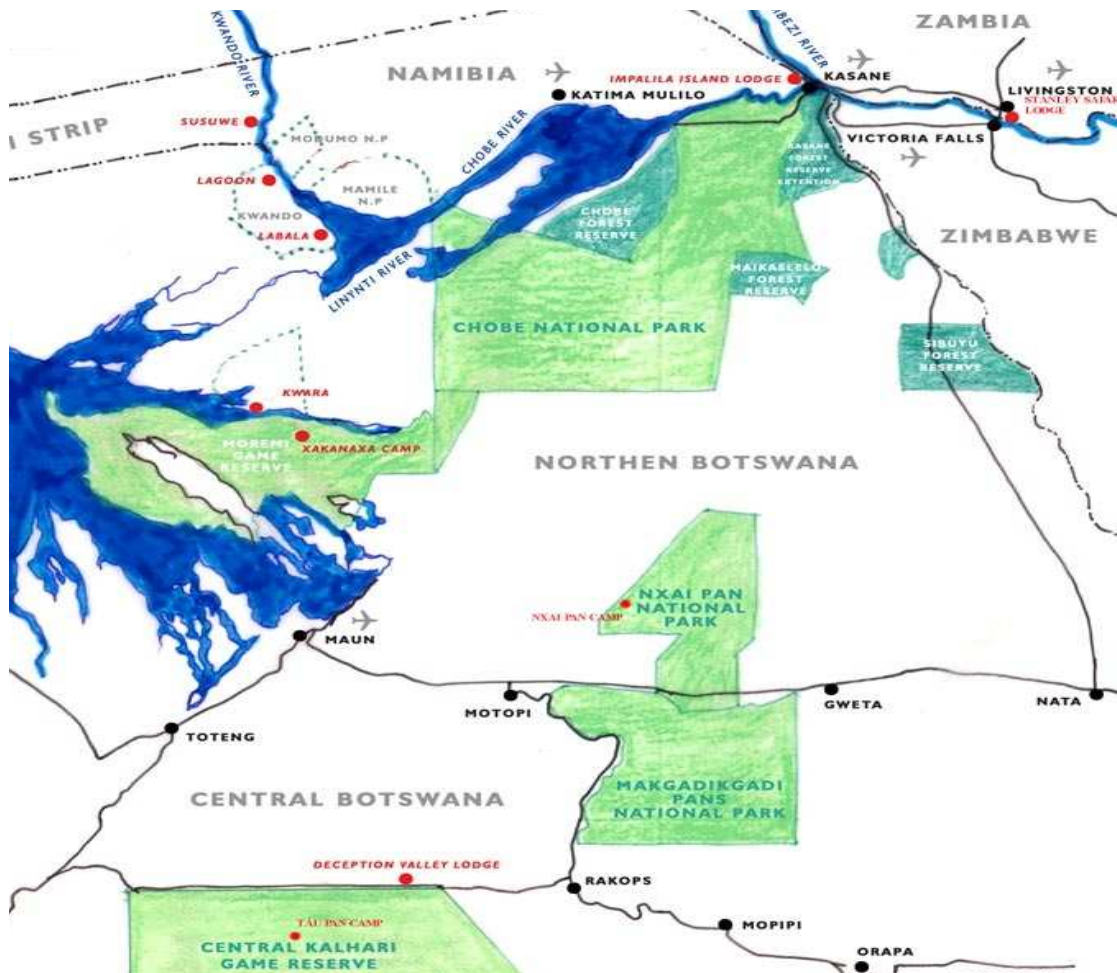
NOTE: It is easier for you, if we book EVERYTHING for you, from Johannesburg, back to Johannesburg – including the flights to/from Livingstone or Maun as we would book these according to the availability of the camps and best routing.

Further details of the majority of the above lodges on [our website](http://www.accommodationinbotswana.co.za). (www.accommodationinbotswana.co.za) OR you can click on each of the lodges names above, when connected to the internet to download a document we have compiled on each lodge.

Other lodges can be used as well, but then these other lodges normal rates will apply.

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Map showing approximate locations of the various lodges in the “5-Rivers Special”.



Typical plane used to fly you between lodges. (Known as “Botswana Taxi” of the sky!!)

NOTE: We have another special running for the same period – 1 Dec 2011 until 31 March 2012, at other lodges in Botswana. These lodges are more budget, not as luxurious, not necessary as well known so less crowded – but all offer fabulous wildlife viewing and an awesome safari experience. We call this alternative package special – the “Kalahari Summer Special”. Click on the following to download the information on it: <http://www.absafaris.co.za/pps/KalahariSummer12.pdf>

When sending us your enquiry – please give as much detail as possible. It has taken us hours of work, to compile these documents and giving you as much detail as possible about each lodge – to avoid numerous emails from you, asking questions about what is included etc. The most important information we require: Names, ages if any children, dates and preferred lodges. We can also book all your arrangements for your stay in South Africa. THANKS ☺

GUEST COMMENTS: (The following are some extracts from past clients comments, after a 5-Rivers Safari)

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***Tau Pan camp** - what a setting, and what a camp ! Stunning, top service, and a huge contrasting landscape to the others.*

*Special thanks also to **Kwara** guides - to be in the Africa's sunset in the middle of nowhere, close by three sleeping lions just couple meters from our car's wheel and three cheetahs on next hill in the same time - this is unforgettable!!!*

***Nxai Pan Lodge** was very professional, efficient and everything was as it should be. What can I say? Stunning setting.*

*The transport from and to **Livingstone** was awesome and safe, so good and comfortable. The thing I liked the most was the Microlight flight, amazing experience. I will totally recommend you to friends and family coming to Africa in the future*

*Had such a great time in Cape Town and absolutely loved **Zambia**. The **Falls** are just something spectacular! Definitely worth seeing!!!!*

***Tau Pan Camp** - The setting is really stunning and you can virtually see the curvature of the earth. Of course the food and service were very good.*

***Lagoon:** We (guide and tracker) spent almost all the 4 days tracking the 3 cheetah brothers. We had many wonderful opportunity with those beautiful cats. We saw a kill (impala), a chase (g kudu) and many more. Apart from this I saw the Lagoon pack of wild dogs (1st encounter in my life), giraffes, zebras and lots of birds.*

PACKAGES

HERE are some suggested itineraries, using a variety of combinations of camps.... These are just the summaries:

Please remember that at this time of year it is peak season for the desert so we do recommend you include a desert property (Tau Pan or Nxai Pan) in your itinerary.

- All rates are per person – twin share and are inclusive of all transfers as specified in the itineraries.
- If you have singles in your group or if you are travelling on your own – please ask us for a revised costing as there are single supplements on the flying, BUT not on the accommodation!!!
- All quotes valid for travel from **1st December 2011 to 31st March 2012**
- Where we have only Lagoon in an itinerary – we can change that to Lebala at no extra fee and vice versa
- We offer a complimentary boat transfer between Xakanaxa and Kwara if you stay at both camps
- Transfers between Lagoon and Lebala are done as a morning game drive.
- Where an itinerary finishes in Kasane – we can book a road transfer onwards to VFA or LVI for an additional \$80 per person (min2) or we can quote you for a flight –
- Where an itinerary ends in Livingstone – we have quoted on the road transfer between Kasane and Livingstone.

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- If your itinerary ends at Stanley Safari Lodge in Livingstone – they offer a complimentary transfer to Livingstone airport at the end of your stay, but will need to charge if guests fly out of Victoria Falls Airport in Zimbabwe.
- Stanley Safari Lodge “5 rivers” prices are for the open cottages only – if you would prefer the open or closed suites – please ask us for a price.
- ***Please note – if travel is between 20th DEC 11 – 4th JAN 12 – a \$45 per person per night surcharge applies for many of the lodges – as listed above on page 2.***

Remember, these are by no means all you can do in “5 rivers” – just a few of our favourites.

Itinerary 1

3 nights

Maun to Maun

3 nights Nxai Pan

\$ 1357 per person twin share

Itinerary 2

3 nights

Maun to Maun

3 nights Tau Pan

\$ 1455 per person twin share

Itinerary 3

4 nights

Maun to Maun

2 nights Nxai Pan & 2 nights Tau Pan

\$ 2011 per person twin share

Itinerary 4

7 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights Tau Pan, 2 nights Nxai Pan & 3 nights Kwara

\$ 3252 per person twin share

Itinerary 5

7 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights Nxai Pan, 2 nights Xakanaxa & 3 nights at Kwara

\$ 2973 per person twin share

Itinerary 6

7 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights at Tau Pan, 2 nights at Xakanaxa & 3 nights at Kwara

\$ 3077 per person twin share

Itinerary 7

7 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

3 nights at Kwara, 2 nights at Lagoon & 2 nights at Lebala

\$ 3037 per person twin share

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Itinerary 8

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Livingstone

2 nights each at Nxai Pan, Kwara, Lebala and Stanley's

\$ 3829 per person twin share

Itinerary 9

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Livingstone

2 nights each at Kwara, Lagoon, Lebala and Stanley's

\$ 3618 per person twin share

Itinerary 10

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Livingstone

2 nights at Xakanaxa, Kwara, Lagoon and Stanley's

\$ 3618 per person twin share

Itinerary 11

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights at Nxai Pan, Tau Pan, Lagoon and Lebala

\$ 3774 per person twin share

Itinerary 12

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Kasane

2 nights at Tau Pan, Nxai Pan, Kwara and Lebala

\$ 3908 per person twin share

Itinerary 13

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights at Xakanaxa, Kwara, Lagoon and Lebala

\$ 3393 per person twin share

Itinerary 14

8 nights (5% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights at: Tau Pan, Nxai Pan, Xakanaxa and Kwara

\$ 3608 per person twin share

Itinerary 15

10 nights (10% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Kasane

2 nights at Nxai Pan, Kwara, Lagoon, Lebala and Ntwala

\$ 4216 per person twin share

Itinerary 16

10 nights (10% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Livingstone

2 nights at: Tau Pan, Kwara, Lagoon, Lebala and Stanley's

\$ 4465 per person twin share

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Itinerary 17

10 nights (10% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Maun

2 nights at: Nxai Pan, Xakanaxa, Kwara, Lagoon and Lebala

\$ 4161 per person twin share

Itinerary 18

10 nights (10% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Kasane

2 nights at: Tau Pan, Nxai Pan, Kwara, Lagoon and Lebala.

\$ 4440 per person twin share

Itinerary 19

10 nights (10% discount off accommodation!)

Maun to Livingstone

2 nights at: Kwara, Lagoon, Lebala, Ntwala and Stanley's.

\$ 4220 per person twin share

Please note – the above prices for any of these 19 itineraries, exclude the flight TO the start of the itinerary from say Johannesburg (e.g. JNB to Maun airport) or FROM final airport (e.g. Kasane or Livingstone back to Johannesburg.)

If you are a single person, you will need to pay the single supplement on the flights = 50% of flight cost. There is no guarantee that there will be other passengers flying your route and by paying the supplement it guarantees that your flight transfer will take place, regardless if there are other passengers or not.

CHILDREN: Some of the camps have family units – these would either be two tented chalets located close to each other and joined by a walk-way, or 2 tented chalets joined by a lounge or bathroom. In most cases, the family chalets are booked ONLY for parents with young children and not parents with an adult child or a couple with one of their parents. As there is no single supplement, the adult child or couples parent will be given a single tented chalet close to the parents unit. Preference is given to the younger children family, for obvious safety & reassurance reasons.

Small Print:

- All prices are subject to change and will be confirmed when you request a booking.
- Clients are responsible for their own visa applications and arrangements.
- All accommodation is subject to availability and the routing might vary according to what is available for your dates and so the cost will be adjusted. E.g. if your requested route is Maun – Nxai Pan – Kwara – Lagoon – Maun... but for your dates this routing in that order is not possible, then we might have to book you example Maun – Lagoon - Nxai Pan – Kwara – Maun and different flight costs will affect the final pricing.
- Prices exclude accommodation/airport transfers before and after the itinerary and the flights to/from Botswana/Livingstone. Also excluded are gratuities (for Rangers/staff/drivers), curios and premium drinks.