



PLANET BAOBAB - FACTS & INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT ABOUT PLANET BAOBAB?

An accessibly priced and family friendly adventure safari into the magnificent Kalahari Desert and Makgadikgadi Pans. The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency was filmed in Gweta – Meet the No.1 meerkats and experience something of Botswana's culture at the baobab capital of the world!

WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

All our activities are guided by experts.

Year Round:

- Get unbelievably up close and personal with the Mma Ramotswa's Meerkats.
- Tour the local village and learn about Botswana culture.
- Eat traditional Botswana food.
- See a Traditional Healer.
- Visit a local cattle post and enjoy a delicious traditional lunch.
- Visit Nxai Xini Pan to seek out ancient stone tools and fossils.
- A visit to Green's Baobab. It was under this remarkable tree that traders, missionaries and explorers such as David Livingstone (his trademark cross is carved into the tree) used to camp when crossing this part of the country.
- Do the baobab bushwalk and learn all about the largest succulents on earth!

Dry Season Only:

- Quad bike across Ntsetse and the lunar expanse of the Makgadikgadi Pans.
- Sleep out on the pans on a magical Fly Camp – and watch the planetarium show unfold overhead – with horizon to horizon stars.

Wet Season Only:

- Experience the spectacular migration of zebra and wildebeest.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

- Drive yourself to Planet Baobab.
- PB is two wheel drive accessible. Our closest village is Gweta - 200kms outside Maun – on the main road.
- We can arrange a road transfer from Maun or Gweta.
- Fly from Maun to Gweta.

WHERE WILL I STAY?

A traditionally styled Kalanga village shaded by enormous and ancient baobab trees.

- **8 Twin Bakalanga Huts** (sleep 2), with en-suite bathrooms.
- **7 Baobab Huts** (sleep 2), with en-suite bathrooms.
- **3 Family Bakalanga Huts** (sleep 4), with en-suite bathrooms.
- **6 Twin Dome Tents** (sleep 2), fully made up stretcher beds, communal ablutions.
- **Public Campsites** – with the funkier communal ablution facility in the Kalahari.
- **Overlander Campsites** – with equally funky communal ablution facilities.

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES AT PB?

- The largest, coolest and most welcoming swimming pool in the Kalahari!
- The Lonely Planet rate our bar and restaurant as "superbly funky"!
- Electricity

WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO GO?

Planet Baobab is open all year round.

The Dry Season: Winter

25th April – 31st October

The Wet Season: Summer

1st November – 24th April

Please note: All activities are weather permitting, and cannot be guaranteed.

WHAT WILL I EAT?

Uncharted Africa is renowned for menus that emphasize fresh tastes and originality. There is a choice between an original a la carte Bar Menu and three course set meals. The meals at Planet Baobab are comprised of interesting and delicious dishes from all across Africa and we are "vegetarian friendly"!

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- We welcome all ages!
- Water is a scarce resource in Botswana, so please try to conserve it where possible.
- Stay hydrated! The water in Botswana is safe to drink.
- The desert can get extremely hot in October.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Year Round

- Layers – the best way to dress on safari, due to fluctuating temperatures. We recommend cotton. Long sleeves and trousers will protect from both sun and insects. Colours should be neutral (beige, khaki, tan...).
- Fleece/warm sweater – even in summer.
- Hat – broad brimmed for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses – dark ones to cut the glare.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip salve.
- Shoes – good, sturdy closed shoes/boots and socks for walking. Flip flops/thongs for use in outdoor showers. We recommend RM Williams 'Gardener Boots', Clarks 'Desert Boots' or Timberlands.
- Head torch – handy in the evenings. We recommend Petzl.
- Binoculars – each person should have their own so as not to miss out on any sightings. We recommend Leica Ultravid 10x42 or Swarovski 10x42 WB EL.
- Camera with spare batteries, memory sticks, film, and the correct charging apparatus.
- A kiki or light sarong has a multitude of uses.
- A good book for those lazy afternoons

Summer

- Light, compact jacket (windcheater) for the rainy season.

Winter

- It gets very cold in the evenings and early mornings, and quite hot during the day – so layers are essential.
- Warm leggings – good to wear under trousers on the quads and if sleeping out on a Fly Camp.
- Hat – woollen beanie for warmth.
- Gloves – good for cool winter evenings, quad biking and sun protection.
- Scarf