



Thamalakane River Lodge is ideally located an easy 20-minute drive from Maun Airport en route to the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is a secluded haven of tranquility nestled in a grove of mature riverine trees on the bank of the Thamalakane River.

The rambling lodge has an idyllic setting and is committed to service excellence.

ACCOMMODATION

Character en-suite stone chalets, some with private splash pools are positioned in the shade of the riverine forest, overlooking the river. All chalets and common areas have terraces that take advantage of the serene 180 degree view of the riverbanks lined with fluttering reeds visited by an ever changing array of water fowl and birds. It is a delightful place to come home to after a day spent exploring.

In room tea and coffee stations are offered and we supply 2 bottles of mineral water daily. Rooms are well ventilated with a unique “skylight type” wall.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

1 x Lilac Breasted Roller, Honeymoon suite - Private splash pool, bath en suite, his and her basins, outdoor shower – private dining on request

2 x Fish Eagle chalets – spacious stone and thatch en suite chalets with private splash pools. En suite bathrooms consist of shower, toilet, vanity slab with his and her hand basin.

Sleeping 2 adults on double or twin beds, 1 child can be accommodated on a mattress on the floor or on a single bed.

Rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, ceiling fans and mosquito nets.

3 x Jacana chalets – spacious stone and thatch en-suite chalets, sleeping 2 adults on double or twin beds, 1 child can be accommodated on a mattress on the floor or on a single bed.

Rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, ceiling fans and mosquito nets.

2 x King Fisher family units.– consisting of 2 bedrooms sharing one bathroom.

One bedroom accommodates 2 adults in either twin or double beds and the other bedroom sleeps 2 children on twin beds.

These units’ lounge areas overlook the river. The bathrooms consist of shower, toilet, vanity slab with his and her hand basin.

10 x Babbler chalets - sleeping 2 adults on double or twin beds, 1 child can be accommodated on a mattress on the floor. The spacious chalet interiors have a feature stone wall with an en-suite bathroom consisting of a shower, hand-basin and toilet.

Rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, ceiling fans and mosquito nets.

Guides accommodation - 3 x Guinea Fowl tents – sleeps 2 singles. Ablutions are shared, with his and her facilities including showers with hot and cold running water.

DINING

The restaurant is a rambling thatch and wood structure with magnificent views of the Thamalakane River. Dusk is spectacular, with the sun setting the river ablaze as it slowly dips behind the trees.

The widely acclaimed restaurant offers a formal dining area where exceptional ala carte meals are served from an ever changing menu, including treats from locally grown product.

Full English breakfasts are included in the rates.

Thamalakane Restaurant offers an extensive, well priced wine list. It is fast being recognized as the best dining experience in Maun.

BAR

The expansive bar counter is deeply shaded and overlooks the restaurant. It has a horseshoe-shaped stone base topped by a thick slab of polished exotic wood and is surrounded by tall wrought iron ladder-back chairs.

On either side of the bar, intimate groupings of rattan sofas and armchairs with natural canvas cushions are gathered around square coffee tables on thick oriental rugs. Toss pillows are made of local textiles, color-coordinated to the rust and deep red tones of the rugs.

BOMA

Thamalakane also has an option of a character boma evening. This is a fenced flagstone terrace with an open air cooking area overlooking the river.

LIBRARY

The library is in a quiet corner of the lounge. It's three overstuffed rolled-armed sofas angled around a wrought iron and slate coffee table is an especially cozy spot to settle with a book and a cool drink. An ancient wooden mokoro hangs horizontally against the stone wall and provides an interesting sculptural shelf to store reading material.

THE TERRACE

Beyond the dining room, square teak tables and armchairs are arranged around a tree-shaded flagstone terrace overlooking the river. The terrace is a popular spot for relaxed al fresco meals and sundowner drinks.

POOL

In the center of a well-kept lawn, a 20 by 20 foot (six by six meter) free form swimming pool is surrounded by lounge chairs with natural canvas cushions. Under matching canvas umbrellas, teak folding chairs are arranged around a slate-topped coffee table providing additional seating. The attentive bar staff are also prompt at delivering drinks and snacks, and constantly replenish the supply of pool towels.

The pool overlooks the river and has inviting hammocks hanging under a character gazebo.

Lounging poolside, bird-spotting and reading are favorite activities around the lodge.

IN ROOM SPA FACILITIES

Massages, facials and manicure/pedicure treatments are available "in room".

CURIO SHOP

A small curio shop is on site for guests enjoyment.

CONFERENCING IN THE DELTA

A conference venue is available for both day and overnight conferences, seating up to 50 delegates, boardroom style.

Please contact us for our attractive conference package rates.

ACTIVITIES

Birding opportunities abound at the lodge and if you wish to explore the Maun area, or venture further afield into the Moremi or the Delta, we are able to arrange all these for your guests with "pick ups" from the lodge.

We are perfectly positioned to explore some of Botswana's "must see" attractions:

Traveling time from Thamalakane to:

Moremi Day Trip

Travelling time to the Moremi: 1hour 30 minutes

Trips are undertaken in 4x4 game viewing vehicles.

Guests are picked up at the lodge and enjoy a full day in the Moremi Game Reserve.

Meals and soft drinks are included in this day trip.

Boro Poler Trust – 40 minutes (Mokoro trips on the Delta)

Guests are picked up at the lodge and transferred to Boro Poler station where they embark on a guided walk and a Mokoro adventure.

Meals and soft drinks are included in this day trip.

Lake Ngami Bird Watching

Travelling time to Lake Ngami: 1 hour

Trips are undertaken in 4x4 game viewing vehicles.

Meals and soft drinks are included in this day trip.

Maun Game Park – 15 minutes (bush walks with varied antelope species)

Cultural village – 10 minutes - visit the nearby village of the local Bayei tribe and explore the cultural and domestic aspects of village life

Maun - Travelling time to Maun: 15 minutes

Almost all tourists entering the Okavango do so through Maun, situated at the gateway to the Delta and Moremi Game Reserve. Maun is the tourism capital of Botswana and the administrative centre of Ngamiland. It is also the headquarters of countless safari and air-charter operations whose signs and offices dot almost every intersection, particularly towards the airport.

Since the town's establishment in 1915 as the tribal capital of the Batawana people, Maun has had a rough and ready reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town servicing the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. But with the growth of the tourism industry and the completion of the tar road from Nata in the early 1990s, Maun has developed rapidly, losing much of its old frontier town character. It is now home to over 30,000 people.

Regular supplies of almost everything can be bought in Maun, and the town boasts several good shopping centres, filling stations, as well as car and four-wheel-drive vehicle hire. The Maun Airport, which was officially opened in 1996 after extensive renovations, is - if one counts the light aircraft charters to the various Delta camps - one of the busiest airports in Southern Africa.

The name Maun is derived from the San word "maung", which means "the place of short reeds". The village began in 1915 as the capital for the Tawana people. The capital was moved from Toteng after glorious victory over Ndebele King Lobengula.

This metropolis is now spread out along the wide banks of the timeless Thamalakane River where red lechwe can still be seen grazing next to local donkeys, goats and cattle.

Areas of interest in and around Maun include the small Maun Game Reserve which covers just 8km² of woodland. It follows the Thamalakane riverbank upstream from the Best Western Riley's Hotel and includes the original "Place of Reeds" from which the town takes its name. The reserve is open every day and is traversed by numerous walking trails for which a small entrance. Various cultural tours can be arranged, where one would have the opportunity of learning more about the customs of the locals.

DIRECTIONS:

From Maun take the Shorobe road towards Moremi Game Reserve. 19kms from Maun turn left at the sign and the lodge is 700 mts off the road.

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